Minutes of the Council meeting held on:

**Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 6.30pm**

In Udimore Community Hall.

Note: The meeting due to be held on the 21st July 2021 had been postponed as the Council was not quorate.

Public Time: A member of the public stated that her house windows were being damaged by loose stones coming from potholes that had not been repaired due to them not meeting the minimum size requirements for repair. This also affects Churchfield Cottages. She also stated that the footpath between Church Lane and the Kings Head was in a poor condition due to usage by farm machinery, and there is no pavement outside her house.

Present: Cllr. G. Quinnell, Cllr. G. Rothery, Cllr. A. Hart, Cllr. C. Maynard (County).

1. **Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. R. Mair.

1. **Disclosures of Interest**.

There were none.

1. **Reports from District and County Councillors.**

As County Councillor, Cllr. Maynard reported that he had had several people contact him regarding overgrown hedges which he has discussed with the Highways Steward who has confirmed that the landowners have been contacted. He suggested that he, the Chairman and the Highways Steward walk through the Parish to identify any problems and suggest solutions. He stated that Highways complaints make up the majority of his mailbox and that extra money has been allocated, although it is recognized that not all roads could be ‘perfect’ as that would be too expensive, the weather has been having an effect on road surfaces. The County are looking at a new Highways contract and how to get best value from their funding. He also reported that Rother are having considerable difficulties with Planning and have restructured and employed external agents to try to improve the situation.

1. **Minutes from the previous meeting.**

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th April 2021.

1. **Traffic.**
2. **Traffic Calming**. It was suggested that the Council could do a feasibility study but to be aware that any works may be expensive.
3. **Potholes.** It is hoped that the “walk through” will identify any potholes including those that do not satisfy the criteria for repair but nevertheless cause cars to throw up loose stones, thus damaging windows.
4. **Noise.** It has been reported that the current noise detecting machines may not be entirely effective.
5. **Speeding.** It was considered that speeding is a problem in the rush hours during the week and that noise from motorbikes creates a nuisance at weekends. It was suggested that Brian Banks or Ian Tingley (County) be asked for advice. The Clerk is to ask Inspector Varrell to consider providing some speed checks and noise checks if possible. The Council could consider having a speed check carried out and it is hoped that the walk through will identify an appropriate site.
6. **Planning.**

**RR/2021/1742/P** White Fox Lodge.

The Council supported the application and felt that the building should be refurbished.

1. **Finance.**
2. **Audit.** It was resolved to accept the Audit Report.
3. **Bank Statement.** It was resolved to accept the Bank Statements for June July and August.
4. **Bank Reconciliation.** The Council resolved to accept the Bank Reconciliations for July and August.
5. **Payment Schedule.** The Council resolved to accept the Payment Schedule for the period to 15th September:





1. **Budget v. Spend.** It was noted this was on target.
2. **AGAR.**
3. **AGAR Section 1** was noted and signed by the Chair.
4. **Exercise of Public Rights.** It was noted that this had been completed.
5. **Insurance Renewal.** It was agreed to renew the Insurance with the current company using BHIB.
6. **Internet Banking Signatures.** No Councillors had competed the mandates as yet.
7. **Budget 22/23.** A provisional budget was presented by the Clerk for approval at the next Council meeting.
8. **VAT Claim .** A Claim for £187.17 has been submitted to HMRC.
9. **Playground.**
   1. **Update on the Situation by the Chair.** The Chair reported that all the necessary repairs had been carried out and the Playground had its RoSPA inspection with no reds, some amber and some green. The climbing frame is showing signs of wear and tear and may need replacing in the future. The Playground is now open.
   2. **Consider Grants for Work.** No grants were required for the repairs.
   3. **Monthly safety Checks.** These are now being caried out and the Clerk requested a copy for his files.
10. **Correspondence to the Clerk.**

**Defibrillators.** It was agreed to purchase 2 defibrillators.

1. **Items for inclusion in the next meeting Agenda.**

There were none.

1. **Additional Item.** It was agreed that the Standing Orders should be amended such that in the event that a meeting is inquorate, authority is delegated to the Clerk.
2. **Date of Next Meeting.**

17th November 2021 6.30pm at the Village Hall

The meeting was closed at 8.00pm.

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Signature of Chair.