ST STEPHEN PARISH COUNCIL

Bricket Wood, Chiswell Green and Park Street

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Minutes of the Full Council Extra-ordinary Meeting

held on Tuesday 21 February 2023 at 7.30pm

at Parish Centre, St Stephen Suite, Station Road, Bricket Wood, Herts, AL2 3PJ

Present: Councillors

Wendy Berriman Dorothy Kerry David Parry

Bill Pryce Daniel Spelman Nicholas Tyndale **David Yates**

Also present: Sue Hake, Clerk Nuala Webb on behalf of St Albans Fight the Freight

2223/148 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Whittaker, Hilton, Skelton, and Doyle No apologies received from Cllr Brannen

2223/149 To receive declarations of interest and dispensations

- a) To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda
- b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests
- c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.
- None received

2223/150 Public Participation – to receive petitions, comments and guestions

To welcome public participation in accordance with the Public Speaking Policy None

2223/151 To receive reports from representatives of St Albans District Council and Hertfordshire County Council

To invite the St Stephen and Park Street District and County Councillors to briefly update Members on Parish related issues

None received

To invite St Stephen Parish Councillors to briefly update on Parish related items None received

2223/152 a To agree the format and wording for the grant application form and policy to support legal actions being taken by community organisations

Resolved: Cllr Pryce proposed agreement of the minor amendment to the grant application policy, seconded Cllr Kerry Agreed

Motion Carried

2223/152b To agree the expedient payment of up to £10k from reserves in the current financial year to support the local community organisation taking legal action to oppose the rail freight terminal subject to completion of the grant application form

Resolved: Cllr Parry proposed the agreement for the expedient payment of up to £10k from the Reserves in the current financial year to support the local community organisation taking legal action to oppose the rail freight terminal subject to completion of the grant application form, seconded Cllr Kerry Agreed

Motion Carried

Payment up to £10k on receipt of the completed application form

Resolved: Cllr Pryce proposed agreement of delegated authority to members of the Finance Committee to approve the grant payment of up to £10k on receipt of the completed grant application form, seconded Cllr Parry

Agreed

Motion Carried

Action: Clerk to forward grant application form to Nuala Webb for completion

2223/153 To consider the request from CIIr Yates to forward his Council emails to his personal email address and agree any actions required taking into consideration independent advice received by the Clerk against this action

> The Clerk confirmed advice had been obtained from various agencies who all advised against forwarding emails to councillors personal email addresses due to data protection and GDPR concerns, The Clerk informed councillors the IT providers have confirmed they are able to purchase a different license to set up an option to send a notification email to the councillor's personal email when an email was received into the councillor's email inbox Cllr Yates explained this was not what he wanted and that he is requesting copies of his councillor email to be sent to his personal email address

> After significant discussion it was agreed further information and clarification was required **Resolved**: Cllr Kerry proposed the Clerk and Cllr Yates hold a three way conversation with the IT provider to clarify and confirm the exact requirements of the email request from Cllr Yates and to identify the concerns for emails being sent to personal email addresses, seconded Cllr Berriman Motion Carried

Agreed

2223/154 Reports: Finance, Policy and Resources

a. To agree up to £2500 virement from Greenwood Park Pavilion Maintenance budget to the Street furniture budget to be used for the installation of a box and battery system to the Chiswell Green Clock

Resolved: Cllr Yates proposed a virement up to £2500 virement from Greenwood Park Pavilion Maintenance budget to the Street Furniture budget to be used for the installation of a box and battery backup system for the Chiswell Green Clock, seconded Cllr Berriman

Agreed

Motion Carried

b. To agree the transfer of £90,000 from the Unity Trust savings account to the current account

Resolved: Cllr Kerry proposed agreement for the transfer of £90,000 from the Unity Trust savings account to the current account, seconded Cllr Berriman Motion Carried Agreed

2223/155 Clerk's Report

No further items to report

2223/156 Future Agenda Items-Reports to be provided to the Clerk by Monday 6 March 23 Item 153 to be followed up at the next meeting

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed: