

BEARPARK PARISH COUNCIL

At a remote meeting of **Bearpark Parish Council** held on **Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present:

Councillor R Briggs in the Chair.

Councillors O Edwards, R Kemp, M Wilson and P Wilson and M Wright.

20/41 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

20/42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to any items of business on the agenda.

20/43 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

20/44 POLICE REPORT

Councillor M Wilson informed the Council that there were no issues to report.

20/45 REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no representations from the public.

20/46 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor M Wilson provided an update from Durham County Council. There was nothing major to report as the Council would soon be entering the pre-election period prior to the elections. A brief update was provided regarding the Coronavirus statistics for the area and the gradual reopening of Council facilities including leisure centres.

20/47 FINANCE REPORT

The Council considered the monthly financial report which detailed the current bank balances, payments made since the last meeting and payments to be made.

20/48 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council re-considered the following planning application given that some concerns had been made by local residents through the planning portal:

Ref. No: DM/21/00274/FPA

Change of use of first floor from residential flat to beauty salon separate from ground floor Living Accommodation 1 South View Terrace Bearpark Durham DH7 7DE

The Council discussed the application and spoke positively about job creation, higher footfall, developing retail and their support for a local business. The Council did wish to explore the concerns expressed by local residents regarding parking and wished to seek the views of the case officer.

Resolved

- i. That general support for the application be noted; and
- ii. That the Clerk contact the Planning case officer to address the concerns made by local residents regarding parking at the location.

20/49 CLERKS REPORT

(i) Remote Meetings

The Clerk informed the Council that the Government had indicated that the remote meeting legislation would not be extended, however, a challenge had been made regarding this matter through the High Court. A decision would be expected in late April 2021

Resolved

That the information be noted.

(ii) Elections 2021

The Clerk reminded the Council of the deadline for submission of nomination forms.

Resolved

That the information be noted.

(iii) Easter Egg and Bunny Hunt 2021

The Clerk informed the Council that he had devised a Easter Egg and Bunny Hunt in conjunction with Cllrs M Wilson and R Kemp. Volunteers were sought to place knitted eggs and bunnies in locations throughout the village. The Clerk also sought agreement from the Council to spend up to £100 on easter eggs for the completion

Resolved

That the Council authorise the associated spend and the Clerk to coordinate volunteers and finalise arrangements.

20/50 VILLAGE MATTERS

There were no matters raised.

20/51 ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

There were no additional items of interest raised.

20/52 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place remotely on Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 7 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.