

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON FRIDAY 20TH March 2020 at 7.00 p.m.
IN LANGLEY METHODIST CHURCH HALL

PRESENT

Councillors: T Whiskard (Vice Chairman), M Horrox, B Griffiths, J Sinclair Smith and D Fosbrook.

Also present: None.

Councillor T Whiskard chaired the meeting.

90/20 APOLOGIES

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **approve** apologies received from Councillors A Waller (Chairman), G Barber, M Bhatia, R Chamberlain, J Flitcroft, M Eardley and E Jones and the Parish Clerk.

91/20 DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None reported.

92/20 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

93/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** the report from the Staffing & Standards Committee that met on 17th March and to **approve** their recommendations to increase salary for the Clerk from SCP 9 - SCP 11 to take effect from April 2020.

94/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **note** the establishment of a local Covid-19 support group in the Parish.

95/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** to provide appropriate support for administration costs to the local Covid-19 support group.

96/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **approve** the adoption of High Consequence Infectious Disease Policy.

97/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** the activation of the High Consequence Infectious Disease policy.

98/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 9th April 2020 commencing at 7.30 p.m. in St. James Church Hall, Sutton.

The Meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 7.24 p.m.

Cllr report to Sutton Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting 20th March 2020

Covid-19 Volunteers

An informal meeting of Langley residents, including Rev. John Harries, was held on Sunday 15th March to discuss how the local community could support each other, particularly those who will need to self-isolate and have no family or friends they can call on.

Tim Whiskard and Jane Sinclair Smith attended the meeting as local residents, but both felt that this was an initiative which should be supported by the Council in whatever way was appropriate. A letter was sent out to every household in the Parish asking if people needed help or could volunteer. The response has been considerable. As of 19th March there were 79 volunteers across the Parish with 9 households asking for help – these numbers are likely to change over time. There are 3 volunteer co-ordinators, who are themselves just volunteers, one for Sutton, Langley and Lyme Green. There is a central number to ring 07783 313982 and people on the volunteer “steering group” take it in turns to have the phone.

They take messages and pass these on to the relevant village coordinator – Higher Sutton and the rural areas have been leafleted too and are included. Guidance has been written for the volunteers to help keep them, and those who they are helping, as safe as possible.

The Council has no powers to provide any adult care services, but the volunteers are to be commended and the proposed resolution is to agree the provision of appropriate support within the council powers available, which may include for instance the cost of the top ups for the phone.

Cllr Sinclair Smith

20/3/20