

## WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Tillage Hall on Friday 20 March at 2.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs Bull, Gilzean, Grant, Rabbett, Seamarks, B Williams, J Williams, J Williamson, M Williamson, Wright

**Apologies:** Cllrs Bavester, Howlett, B Johnson, P Johnson

**In Attendance:** S Mason – Clerk, County Cllr Bradnam, District Cllr Rippeth

### 19/236 OPEN FORUM

A member from the Waterbeach Covic19 Mutual Aid Group introduced the group and explained how they were co-ordinating the community effort in the parish. This was a fast moving initiative as it looked like support would need to be in place for some time ahead.

### 19/237 CORONAVIRUS MATTERS

a. Business Continuity –

It was **AGREED** to extend the delegation of Council decisions to the Clerk during any period of restricted activity declared by the Government or NALC or where the Parish Council agrees local circumstances make it necessary to protect the public, councillors and staff, in respect of the Covid-19 virus. Such delegation to enable the Council to carry out its functions.

**Proposed: Cllr J Williamson Seconded: Cllr Wright In favour: 7 Against: 2 Abstentions: 2**

The Clerk had tabled a paper. The following decisions were **AGREED**:

To purchase an upgraded photocopier/scanner at a cost of £997

To cancel the Fair in April

To defer a decision on whether the Colts could move the beer festival to the August bank holiday weekend but given their first refusal should things be back to normal by then

To close both WPC buildings to sports club users to comply with Government requirements until such time they are relaxed

To purchase a rolling monthly subscription to Zoom e-conferencing facility

**Proposed: Cllr Rabbett Seconded: Seamarks Unanimous**

It was **AGREED** that until July at the earliest, meetings only take place where necessary business/decisions are required and cannot be postponed or delegated to the Clerk.

That such meetings should only take place if new legislation is introduced to permit these.

**Proposed: Cllr M Williamson Seconded: Cllr Bull In favour: 8 Against: 2**

Waterbeach Mutual Aid Group

Cllr Bull declared an interest as a family member is one of the group co-ordinators.

It was **AGREED** to set aside £5,000 from WPC reserves to respond to requests for help endorsed by one or more of the statutory or voluntary agencies leading the community response.

**Proposed: Cllr Bull Seconded: Cllr Rabbett Unanimous**