

## Minute No. 241

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Minutes of the Virtual **Ordinary Business** meeting of Rochford Parish Council held on Monday, 11 May 2020 via Zoom

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**Attendance:** Cllrs C Lord, M Powell, A Prosser and P Ward, M Culling

**Apologies:** None Given

**In Attendance:** Clerk – C Powell

1) **Apologies:** None

2) **Declarations of Interest:** No Changes

3) **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Read and agreed minute note 240 – To be signed at a face to face meeting

4) **Progress Reports for information**

**Speeding** – Clerk wrote to John Campion with regard to the speeding in the village. She explained to him about the lack of speed checks and the lack of money to purchase speed warning cameras etc.

John Campion's office has replied and a grant form has been received. The clerk to continue to investigate funding etc

**Smart Water Campaign** – Covid 19 has prevented this to be continued at the present time.

**Telephone Box** – Email received from Mr Jones saying he had cleared the telephone box of ivy etc inside and out. He reported on the condition and gave a couple of ideas of how it could be used, ie, information centre, plant/book swap

Clerk to reply to Mr Jones to thank him and discuss future options.

**Defibrillator Signage** – The council was presented with prices of two defibrillator signs.

Clerk to get 2 no arrowed signs (£24 plus VAT each) to be put at the end of Dunstan's Lane and one 'available here' sign (£8 plus VAT each) for outside the hall.

Clerk to make up small laminated signs for the lanes.

5) **Finance**

Annual Governance Statements 2019/20 were accepted by the council and proposed by Cllr C Lord, and seconded by Cllr M Powell.

Accounting Statements 2019/20 were accepted by the council and proposed by Cllr C Lord and seconded by Cllr A Prosser.

CALC membership of £162.30 is due and agreed by the council to be paid.

- 6) Item 6 was taken off agenda due to it being an item for the annual parish council meeting.

7) **Lengthsman**

Lengthsman's rate has increased to £14 per hour. Clerk to calculate based on the previous year whether the increased rate could potentially take us over budget.

Council's agreement with WCC has been signed and returned to WCC.

Risk Assessment re Covid 19 has been completed and accepted by WCC, so the lengthsman can begin his duties again.

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Clerk to ask the lengthsman if it has now been done.

WCC have replied with a generic reply to all reported items, that they have a back log and are working through all reported problems.

8) **Planning**

Mole End – Chairman to look into this when Covid 19 safe

9) **Code of Conduct**

Rochford Parish Council accepts the Code of Conduct, it was proposed by Cllr C Lord and seconded by Cllr M Powell.

10) **General Data Protection Regulations**

Compliance with GDPR will continue.

11) **Insurance Renewal**

Clerk confirmed that the insurance had been renewed with AXA insurance and all policies had been received.

## 12) Highways Reporting

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CLlr Ward has previously reported to WCC the speed limit sign on St Dunstan's lane having been damaged back when the weather was wet. Markings had been made on the roadside but these have now gone and the repair not taken out.

Clerk to chase up WCC.

## 13) Correspondence

None received

## 14) Councillor's reports & items for future agenda

- Smart Water
- Speeding
- Telephone Box
- Defibrillator signage for the village
- Clerk to thank the group of individuals in the village that have worked so hard during Covid19 to support, make & supply goods to locals and NHS etc.

## 15) Date of next meeting & future meetings – All meetings start at 8pm

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.