

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2020 ON LINE VIA GO TO MEETING

PRESENT: Councillors Barbara Hinds (Chair), Gwyneth Bullock, Jean Fairbrother, Ashley Griffiths, Chris Jones (County Councillor), Norman Jones (Vice Chair), Michael Khan, Mary Southall, Mike Walker, Brian Ward and David Wisinger.

Peter Richmond: Clerk and Financial Officer
One member of the public.

20/77 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

No matters were raised

20/78 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies for non-attendance were not received from Councillors Bob James and Alex Lewis.

20/79 CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations were submitted at the beginning of the meeting.

20/80 CHAIR'S REPORT AND ACTIONS SINCE 20th JULY 2020

The Chair advised that she had not attended any meetings since the previous Council meeting on 20th July 2020.

The Clerk referred to the following planning applications received by Council for observations on 17th August 2020.

061575 - Erection of New Dwelling to the rear at land to the rear of 7 Manor Road, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2SB.

061576 - New Vehicular Entrance, Demolition of Garage and side extension, new rear extension at 7 Manor Road, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2SB.

In view of the urgency to respond the Chief Officer (Planning, Environment & Economy) the Clerk sought the views of members of Council on 27th August 2020 regarding the following response to the said planning applications.

“Council is very concerned about the nature of the proposed development which clearly constitutes an infill / backland development

Through successive developments of this character Manor Road would radically be altered for the worse and may eventually result in cramped forms of development which would greatly reduce the outlook and landscape amenity currently afforded to existing dwellings in this area. The insertion of a narrow awkward access drive to serve the land to the rear of 7 Manor Road will greatly disrupt the street scene and affect adjoining properties through the noise and visual intrusion of traffic movements. The nearness of the proposed development to existing properties will also detrimentally affect them through noise and visual intrusion

Council understands that the proposed development would not be in line with the County's Planning Strategy as it does not sit within a settlement boundary and is part of the open countryside.

Council urges that the above planning applications be refused.

I also understand that local residents adjacent to 7 Manor Road have already submitted their objections."

No objections to the response was received from members of Council and the Chair endorsed the response which was sent on 28th August 2020

RESOLVED – that the –

- i) report be noted.
- ii) Chair's action in agreeing to the response to the above planning applications being sent to Chief Officer (Planning, Environment & Economy) be endorsed.

20/81 CONTINUATION OF ON LINE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to recent communications circulated to members of Council.

It is the responsibility of each council (as with other organisations): (i) to consider the regulations issued by the Welsh Government, together with the published general guidance; (ii) to weigh these up in relation to their local and individual circumstances; and (iii) to decide themselves as to the safest and most practical way for them to meet.

The Clerk advised that the Headteacher of Sealand Primary School has advised that previously she said she wouldn't be able to consider allowing Council meetings at the school at least until the end of October. However, she has now said it will be some time before we are able to resume meetings at the school. We will only be able to do that once we are back to normal operation within the school and the Headteacher said she can't see that happening for some time.

At the moment the school are not allowing any visitors on site unless urgent and governing body meetings have not been resumed.

Although you mention the hall - this is in use as a staff base as staff have to segregate into bubbles for their breaks. It wouldn't be feasible under current Risk Assessment to bring a large group of adults into our bases with the potential for infection to the school community. Plus, we couldn't open to public either. Our cleaning processes alone are complex without additional need due to visitors. We are working under very tight guidelines to maintain and protect school opening.

The school is shut down to all but essential visitors and all areas of the school are in use as 'protective bubble bases' either for staff or pupils. There won't be any parent teacher evenings or Christmas events and we aren't even allowing parents in the building unless it's an exceptional circumstance.

RESOLVED – that –

- i) the report be noted.
- ii) Council will continue holding its meetings on line and will keep under review as and when further Covid advice has been issued.

20/82 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 20th JULY 2020

RESOLVED - that –

- i) the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 20th July 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
- ii) Clerk should visit the Chair to obtain a signed copy of the said minutes for record retention.

20/83 CHAIR'S FUND 2020/21

The Clerk reminded Council that the agreed spend for the Chair's Fund for the 2020/21 financial year is £800.00. No payments have been made in the current financial year.

Payments being made under expenditure powers - Ancillary Power Local Government Act 1972 (S11).

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

20/84 POLICE ISSUES

Inspector Gareth Cust had been invited to attend the meeting but is unable to attend.

1. Riverbank cycle path - Shotton to Chester (in particular by the Railway Bridge / John Summers old offices) – Drugs Problem.

Inspector Gareth Cust has previously advised that the police will patrol in order to disrupt as much as possible. The Inspector has asked that councillors or residents

should report any matters as they happen so that the Police can target their response and be more effective.

2. Drugs Problem –Garden City

The County Councillor has previously advised that the Police have indicated that they will provide additional patrols.

3. Community Speed Watch – Seahill Road, Foxes Lane and Welsh Road.

John Morris advised on 25th July 2020 that it has been decided that CSW activities can resume in the North Wales Police area from Monday 27th July, 2020.

Councillor Mike Walker advised that speed watches will be held this week and interested members of Council should contact him.

4. CCTV and laptop –The Council's inoperative CCTV attached to a lighting column o/s 12 Farm Road, Garden City was removed by the County Council on Monday 17th August 2020 and is currently in store at the Alltami Depot.

5. Additional report made at the May 2020 meeting about a van in the ditch on Green Lane East. Inspector Gareth advised on 22nd July 2020 that Officers are aware of the location and the issue so monitoring will be ongoing. He was glad we were able to get Officers quickly to the issue that Councillor Walker reported. Council is correct in regards to vehicles using a bridleway unless there is a reason for a mechanically propelled vehicle to use the exemptions are access to private premises along the bridleway, maintenance etc. Bearing in mind the vehicle has stone on board was it accessing the bridleway to carry out work?

6. Problems of serious anti-social behaviour were highlighted by the County Councillor in her email to Inspector Gareth Cust on 19th September 2020. A gang of youths are congregating outside Spar in Garden City, every evening, from 6pm until late. They are rude, intimidating and often causing damage to Council property. They have recently damaged the nearby traffic lights. They also have damaged the new flats in Sealand Avenue and were abusive to a family who have recently moved in. There is also a person who stands near the entrance to Spar, begging for money. Apparently last night these kids were filming him and shouting abuse at him. The Spar staff went out to speak to them but received abuse. Many of the customers are getting angry and many are scared. The Inspector has been asked to discuss with the Spar manager. This ASB has been happening for months. These youths are causing trouble all over the Garden City Estate. They are known to the police, Clwyd Alyn and FCC, so a partnership meeting needs to be called to discuss the situation. The County Councillor was promised last year that these families were on warnings and something would be done. Residents have had enough of this dreadful behaviour.

After the July 2020 meeting Claire Hanard at the County Council was advised that

youths are breaking into the Youth Centre on Sandy Lane and requesting that the County Council should install appropriate security to prevent this illegal access. A reply has not been received.

RESOLVED – that –

- i) the reports be noted.
- ii) Inspector Gareth Cust be informed that the Council is very concerned about the on-going anti-social behaviour at Garden City and the urgent need for regular and continuing Police action /patrols to reduce the problems and requests the provision of a dispersal order.

Council seeks clarification of the telephone number that should be used to report ASB incidents.

Council requests a reply from the Inspector outlining current and future action that will be provided to take action about this serious ASB.

The communication to the Inspector should be copied to Arfon Jones – Police and Crime Commissioner for Wales – OPCC@nthwales.pnn.police.uk

- iii) Inspector Gareth Cust be asked to advise whether North Wales Police would like to take ownership of the removed CCTV.

20/85 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES.

a) Underpass - Foxes Lane

At the May 2020 meeting of Council, the Clerk advised that Mark Middleton said that the photos show evidence of staining in the carriageway channels and on the carriageway where dampness has lingered. If an additional gully were to be installed close to the end of the footway channel the water issuing from the footway channel could discharge directly into the new gully. This would reduce the presence of surface water in the channel and hence reduce or eliminate the unsightly appearance of damp on the carriageway. Is this something Flintshire County Council could action.

Wayne Jones has previously advised that there is no more that can be done which has previously been said. Regarding the gully this was looked at as a possibility but due to Covid 19 all non-urgent works have been stopped until further notice and to be honest where the water is coming out of the ground does not affect pedestrians as it is on the other side of the road. Wayne was going to speak to Mark Middleton to see what he wants to do – a reply has been requested from Wayne but not yet received.

Following the July 2020 meeting Wayne Jones and Mark Middleton were asked to advise on

progress on the issue as reported by Wayne Jones. Replies are still awaited. Council understands that both officers are currently off work.

RESOLVED – that Paul Edwards and Ian Bushell be asked to advise on progress on the issue as reported by Wayne Jones.

b) Ferry Lane Footbridge – Noise Nuisance

The Clerk reported that Mark Middleton has advised that after considering the alternatives proposed by his consultant engineer, he proposes to submit a Capital bid for permanent bracing of the railings along the span of the bridge. The idea of a wind tunnel was suggested but he does not think that this will replicate the reported conditions at this location.

Temporary bracing has shown that vibration of the railings is reduced.

Mark will ask John Griffiths to obtain some quotes for additional temp bracing as the west side up to a maximum cost from Mark's maintenance budget in order to further reduce noise.

Any works would be subject to successful bids and would be part of a tendered process.

RESOLVED – that Ian Bushell be asked to advise on progress on the issues as previously outlined by Mark Middleton.

c) Car Sales – Sealand Road / St. Bartholomew's Court

It was reported that the car sales are open and lighting is still an issue for local residents.

RESOLVED – that Mark Harris be again asked to advise on the current planning situation for this location and to respond to the Council's concerns that lighting is creating a nuisance for residents at St. Bartholomew's Court.

d) Land opposite St. Bartholomew's Church – The Spinney

RESOLVED –the matter be deferred.

e) Deeside Lane

The County Councillor referred to the enforcement notice that has recently been issued.

RESOLVED –the report be noted.

f) Car Park – Welsh Road (Griffiths Pharmacy)

RESOLVED –the Ian Bushell / Paul Edwards be asked to provide an update on the proposed car parking provision at this location.

g) Speed Limit Review – Ferry Lane – 30 mph

The Clerk advised that Claire Parry will inform Council when further information on the review is available.

RESOLVED – that Claire Parry be asked if there is an update regarding the need for a 30mph speed limit to applied to Ferry Lane.

h) Dandy’s Top Soil – Sealand Road

The Clerk referenced the report provided at the June 2019 meeting as provided by Karl Slater. Following previous meetings, the Clerk has emailed Karl Slater requesting an update. A reply has not been received.

The County Councillor advised that Dandy’s Top Soil are now renting out large storage containers from the Sealand Rd site.

RESOLVED – that Karl Slater at Flintshire County Council be asked to provide an update report regarding this site.

i) Sealand Ditches – Site Meeting and Detailed Report

The Clerk reported that he had received an update from Neil Parry on 17th September 2020.

Neil confirmed that he has undertaken an inspection about a fortnight ago the day after heavy rainfall. He did have some concerns that the culvert under Seahill Road was totally submerged and it is his intention to undertake a further inspection and then again express his concerns to the Environment Agency. There was certainly less weed in the watercourse adjacent to the football pitches than on his previous inspection but he considered that water levels were higher than he would have expected at this time of the year.

Neil did inspect the watercourse that Church Cottages discharges into running alongside Sealand Road but this watercourse was dry and where it then runs alongside Deeside Lane that was dry also which does make a meaningful assessment somewhat difficult.

If Councillors do have any particular areas of concern, they should contact Neil and he will undertake inspections of those areas on his next site visit which he will undertake after heavy rainfall.

Councillors Mike Walker and Dave Wisinger advised that they will email Neil Parry individually and will copy in the County Councillor and the Clerk.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

j) Pot Holes – Manor Road and Sealand Avenue.

The various potholes have been reported to StreetScene.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

k) Sealand Play Areas

Matched Funding Scheme – 2019/20 – Play Equipment – Riverside Park

Richard Roberts informed Council that the play equipment was scheduled for delivery in early August, the installation will be w/c 10th August 2020 and that the work will only close one half of the play area, so that the rest of the play area is usable.

The County Councillor advised that CCTV has been installed near to the play area.

Reopening of the Play Areas

Richard Roberts has shared with Council a public safety sign which is being produced to coincide with the opening of play areas starting from Tuesday/Wednesday this week with a view to all play areas being open by 25th July 2020. The email was circulated to all members of Council on 16th July 2020.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

l) Keep Wales Tidy Project

Wayne Jones has previously advised that there is no update due to Covid 19.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

m) Vehicle being driven on to grass verge at Meadow View, Sealand Manor

Clara Owen, Neighbourhood Housing Officer advised on 28th August 2020 copy email sent to Councillor Mary Southall sorry there is no update from Capital Works since our last correspondence when they advised they would put the area on the list for consideration for future parking schemes.

We have sought advice from the Flintshire's Legal Services Team with regards to the driving and parking on the grassed area and await instruction.

RESOLVED – that Clara Owen be asked to provide a progress report.

n) Airfields Development Site

Katie H. Jones from Flintshire County Council informed Council that she was confused as the two access roads onto the Airfields site have already been constructed. The first being the

commercial spine road constructed by Welsh Government which will service the commercial element of the Airfields site and link into the Former Corus Site. She understands an application is being progressed by Welsh Government for the next phase of the commercial road, but this is all within the Airfields site and not opening out onto the existing highway network as a new junction or access point.

The second access onto the Airfields site is the residential spine road, this has been constructed by the landowner's contractors and is servicing the Countryside Properties development as currently under construction and the future residential phases of the Airfields site. Both access points are accessed off Welsh Road. Neither of these access roads are open to the public (construction traffic only) at present, though the commercial road is likely to open first once the Amazon distribution centre is operational, then the residential spine road once the show houses are complete for viewing with respect to Covid regulations. These access points together with the internal road arrangement were agreed at outline stage in 2013 and have since and continue to be monitored as the Airfields site together with the former Corus site (neighbouring site) cumulatively will have an impact on the existing highway network both county and trunk road. This impact has already been acknowledged at outline stage for which the Council conditioned a number of offsite highway works that would be required to mitigate, these works are in discussion between the landowners and Welsh Government as the majority impact on the A494 (trunk road) which is not under the control of Flintshire County Council.

The Former Corus site will have a single access point off Welsh Road, which is proposed to be improved as part of the phase 1 enabling works development approved under ref 058868. The internal road arrangement within the former Corus site would be serviced by this access point and link with the commercial spine road phases being provided by Welsh Government into the Airfields site.

RESOLVED – that the –

- i) report be noted
- ii) said email from Katie H. Jones be copied to Councillor Bob James who raised his concern at the July 2020 meeting of Council – and also copied to all other members of Council.

o) Sustrans Cycleway – Chester to Deeside – Overgrown Grass and Bushes.

The Clerk advised that he had no further information to report on.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

p) Motorcycle/ Quad bike track- Pochins fields

The County Councillor advised that a motorcycle/ quad bike track has recently appeared on the Pochins fields (Airfields development site) at the rear of Brookside. She has contacted Tom Creer at Legat Owen, as there has been no planning application for this and the

residents are not happy, as these bikes are arriving at the site via the Garden City industrial estate on Sealand Avenue. Karl Slater has been asked to investigate and report on the matter.

RESOLVED – that the –

- i) report be noted.
- ii) Tom Creer at Legat Owen be asked to provide his comments on this matter.

20/86 COUNCIL'S STREET LIGHTING

The Clerk advised that all of the Council's 80 street lights are working.

Council has for the 2020/21 financial year agreed to upgrade and have adopted the following lights 9 lights - 107 and 108 on Stafford Road, 110 to 113 on Maplewood Avenue ,116 to 118 on Queens Road and 119 to 120 at Dee Road. Jamie Bennett from Flintshire County Council has advised that the work has now started. The cost being 11 x £2150 = £23,650.

The council's lighting stock will reduce from 80 to 69 at 1st April 2021 with an aim to reduce to 60 at 1st April 2022. The 2021/22 lighting improvement programme should be aimed at the Riverside Park lights

The Clerk reminded Council that at the February 2020 meeting minute Ref 19/250 ii) it resolved that the Financial Regulations should be suspended with regard to securing three written estimates that should not apply with regard to the Council's required street lighting maintenance and adoption contract. The Clerk advised that he has agreed the new lighting contract with Jamie Bennett copied in the Chair and Vice Chair and is now awaiting a hard copy from FCC for signature.

On Saturday 15th August 2020 column no 14 at Ferry Lane was hit and pushed to the ground by a Royal Mail vehicle. The site was made safe by the County Council on Monday 17th August 2020. Royal Mail have accepted responsibility and will paying for all costs incurred in replacing the said column. A replacement column has been installed and FCC has invoice Royal Mail for the cost of all works in making the site safe and installing the replacement column.

RESOLVED – that –

- i) the report be noted.
- ii) Council re states that the Financial Regulations should be suspended with regard to securing three written estimates that should not apply with regard to the Council's required street lighting maintenance and adoption contract and that the Clerk is authorised to sign the said contract.

20/87 **SECTION 137 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**
PAYMENT OF GRANTS

The Clerk advised that Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits each Community or Town Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure. Community and Town Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes

The Clerk advised that appropriate sum for the S137 Expenditure Limit for the purpose of Section 137 (4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the calculation of the Free Resource Base is based on the local population taken from the current electoral role.

The amount per elector is £8.32 and this applies to the 2020/21 financial year. The recently issued electoral role from Flintshire County Council at January 2020 indicates a total of 2168 (Sealand East 879 and Sealand West 1289). For the 2020/21 financial year the maximum expenditure is $2132 \times £8.32 = £17,738.24$. Allocated spend is £2,500 for grants and £2,800 for school milk. Total £5,300

Spent to prior to the meeting and for authorisation at the meeting £165.00 for school milk and £1,150.00 on grants.

The expenditure on free school milk comes under well-being (Local Government Act 2000, Sections (1-5) - this power is again restricted again by the S137 limit £8.32 in 2020/21.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

20/88 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk advised on the planning applications have been received from Flintshire County Council.

061473 - Erection of single storey storage building at Unit 110, Tenth Avenue, Sealand, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2UA

061575 - Erection of New Dwelling to the rear at land to the rear of 7 Manor Road, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2SB

Note response to the above planning application covered under by minute 20/80

061576 - New Vehicular Entrance, Demolition of Garage and side extension, new rear extension at 7 Manor Road, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2SB

Note response to the above planning application covered under by minute 20/80

061585 - Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval. (059635) at former Corus Garden City site, Garden City, Dees

061596 - Display of new signage at Williams Trailers, Fourth Avenue, Deeside Industrial Park, Deeside, CH5 2NR

061638 - Erection of two storey and single storey extensions to dwelling at 68 Sealand Road, Sealand, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2RJ

061694 - Display of 1 no Pole sign at Ifor Williams Trailers Fourth Avenue, Deeside Industrial Park, Deeside, CH5 2NR

RESOLVED – that no objections be raised in respect of the reported planning applications.

20/89 NALC NATIONAL PAY AWARD

The Clerk referenced back to the September 2019 meeting of Council Minute 19/125 when council resolved that the Clerk’s contractual hours be increased to 14 hours per week with effect from 1st September 2019.

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new pay scales for 2020/21 to be implemented from 1 April 2020. The provided Annex lists the new pay scales for clerks and other employees employed under the terms of the model contract including SCPs 50 and above. These calculations have been checked by the ALCC and are based on the changes agreed by the NJC. These should be applied from 1 April 2020

The Clerk is contracted for a normal working week of 14 hours and the NJC salary points being 14 to 17. He is on point 17. The current and new rates of pay are -

SCP	1 st April 2019 £ per annum	1 st April 2020 £ per annum
14	£22,462	£23,080
15	£22,911	£23,541
16	£23,369	£24,012
17	£23,836	£24,491

From 1st April 2020 point 17 increased from £23,836 to £24,491 - £24,491 - 14/37 hours = £9,266 – increase from £9,019. £247 pa - £20.58 per month. The payment from April to September 2020 of 6 months has been added to the September 2020 pay calculation.

Note - the Clerk also receives in the 2020/21 financial year a payment agreed by Council of £1,650. This is to cover costs incurred wholly, exclusively and necessary in the performance of the office of the Clerk to the Council. This covers the essential use of the Clerk’s private telephone, mobile phone, the following equipment not purchased by Council - dedicated computer, dedicated laptop, independent back up devices, broadband line, scanner, office

storage and a contribution towards the heating and lighting cost for maintaining a room dedicated as an office. This payment is combined with the Clerk's salary and paid through PAYE. Combined with the increased salary of £9266 produces a total of £10,916

RESOLVED – that –

- i) the report be noted
- ii) Council approves the outlined increase in the Clerk's salary from £9,019 to £9,266 with effect from 1st April 2020.

20/90 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk advised on the following cheques dated 16th March 2020 that have now been presented or cancelled -

- 003338 - £40.00 – ICO – paid in on 1st September 2020
- 003341 - £50.00 – Calendar Girls Bingo – paid in on 27th August 2020
- 003342 - £50.00 – Sealand and Queensferry Memory Café – payment cancelled

RESOLVED: - that

- i) the under mentioned accounts be approved for payment.
- ii) the Clerk will now arrange with three members of Council for the cheques to be signed.
- iii) it be noted that the Lloyds Bank charges for the period as previously notified to Council – £5 per month.

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	Vat Code	Expenditure Powers
003373	Jolora Ltd	Quarterly Web Maintenance Charges – August to October 2020.	£576.00	£96.00	294456859	Local Govt Act 1972 (S142)
003374	P. Richmond	Salary etc. – September 2020	£771.99			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003375	HMRC	PR – Income Tax £403.60 and NI £38.30 September 2020	£441.90			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
Total Spend			£1,789.89	£96.00		

20/91 INCOME

The Clerk advised that Council had received the following income –

Lloyds Bank	Interest payment	£1.79
Flintshire County Council	Second Precept payment	£19,000.00
003342 - £50.00 – 16 th March 2020 – Sealand and Queensferry Memory Café – payment cancelled	Payment / income adjustment	£50.00
Total		£19,051.79

RESOLVED – that the income be noted.

20/92 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised that some general correspondence had been emailed to members of council which did not need reporting at the meeting.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

20/93 FRIENDS OF SEALAND – FIGTREE PROJECT – ST. BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCH

Councillor Brian Ward reported on recent progress.

Following information provided by Brian on 22nd September 2020

The project is drawing to a close.

- final work has to be done on the kitchen
- the glasswork should be in this week
- the oil tank will be delivered today.

We are anticipating beginning using the church in October, but everything will depend on final checks.

Re funerals, please look on website to details as to how to contact Rev Alex. We have a new website.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

20/94 PROVISION OF BENCHES AT STONELEIGH CLOSE – GARDEN CITY

The County Councillor advised on progress in having the benches installed.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

20/95 **REPORT – ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN – 2019/20**

RESOLVED – that the matter be deferred pending the Clerk’s next update.

20/96 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 8th NOVEMBER 2020**
ST. BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCH

The Clerk advised that he has ordered 4 wreaths from Colin Sargeant – Council, Royal British Legion, Merchant Navy and St. Bartholomew’s Church. Councillor Norman Jones has agreed to collect.

With regard to the street light poppies Colin has advised that the British legion are not issuing any of these this year.

Council has about 28 remaining from last year. Councillor Mike Walker and Bob James have agreed to install in line with 2019.

Jennifer Watson has advised that the church is in talks with DECA about this year's Remembrance Service in Sealand.

Originally, they had been planning two events; one at St Bart's on 8th November 2020 and one at DECA on Armistice Day but that has all gone by the by. They are now considering the possibility of holding a short outdoor service, with wreath laying being the focus, at the Centenary Garden at MOD Sealand.

If DECA permission is granted we would need to follow strict MOD guidelines which include a maximum number of 30 in attendance and no refreshments being served.

Bearing this in mind we have drawn up a draft attendance list - single representations from each of the key organisations in Sealand (those who usually lay wreaths) plus the chairs of Sealand CC and Queensferry CC and a representative of each uniformed group. There will obviously be wriggle room as some organisations may not be able to take part.

Our next meeting with DECA is planned for Friday 18th September. Once a decision has been made as to whether we can go ahead or not I will be in touch.

Councillor Norman Jones (Vice Chair) and Mike Walker will attend the Remembrance Service to represent Council.

RESOLVED: - that the report be noted.

20/97 **SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS – 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Clerk outlined the expenditure and income for the 2020/21 financial year up to cheque number 003375.

2020/21 Financial Year	Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Income			
General Admin Inc. Precept	£38,000.00	£57,000.00	-£19,000.00
Bank Interest	£6.77	£22.00	15.23
Cancelled payment from 2019/20	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
VAT Refund	£467.56	£400.00	£67.56
Milk Claims	£109.13	£400.00	-£290.87
Total	£38,633.46	£57,822.00	-£19,188.54
Expenditure	Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Bank Charges	£25.00	£60.00	-£35.00
Chairman's Fund	£0.00	£800.00	-£800.00
Staffing Costs	£5,601.66	£10,669.00	-£5,067.34
Admin Costs inc printer cartridges	£2,258.81	£2,840.00	-£581.19
Council Web Site	£1,882.00	£2,304.00	-£422.00
Insurances	£770.12	£875.00	£104.88
Defibrillator – LGA Act 2000(S2)	£0.00	£75.00	-£75.00
Play Schemes and New Equipment	£0.00	£10,500.00	-£10,500.00
Highways	£0.00	£2,500.00	-£2,500.00
Street Lighting	£2,446.42	£23,700.00	-£21,253.58
CCTV Maintenance	£0.00	£250.00	-£250.00
Grants – Section 137	£1,150.00	£2,500.00	-£1,350.00
School Milk – Section 137	£165.00	£2,800.00	-£2,635.00
Total	£14,299.01	£59,873.00	£45,573.99

Current Summary	Balance as at 31 March 2020 including £25,000 contingency fund.	£41,075.46
	Total expenditure	£14,299.01
	Total income	£38,633.46
	Balance in year spend	£24,334.45
	Overall balance as at 21 st September 2020	£65,409.91
End of Year Prediction	VAT Costs for 2020/21 financial year	£569.60
	Balance as at 31 st March 2020	£41,075.46
	Total anticipated expenditure	£59,873.00
	Total anticipated income	£57,822.00
	Anticipated balance for the year	-£2,051.00
	Anticipated Overall Balance as at 31st March 2021	£ 39,024.46

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

20/98 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

No issues raised.

20/99 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Motorbikes crossing the footbridge and then travelling at excessive speed along the riverbank cycleways.

Fly Tipping at Ferry Lane

Need to retain existing Ferry Lane street lights

Need for clarification of the speed limit at Ferry Lane.

20/100 DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 19th OCTOBER 2020 – Starting at 6pm

20/101 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Council Member	Item	Minute Reference

The meeting opened at 6pm and closed at 8pm

..... Signed 19th October 2020