

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 15th FEBRUARY 2021 ON LINE VIA GO TO MEETING

PRESENT: Councillors Barbara Hinds (Chair), Gwyneth Bullock, Jean Fairbrother, Ashley Griffiths, Bob James, Chris Jones (County Councillor), Mikael Khan, Alex Lewis, Mary Southall, Mike Walker, Brian Ward and David Wisinger.

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

20/212 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

This was raised by email via Councillor Bob James.

Concern about ASB and Criminal Damage to new properties at the Airfields site.

The Clerk advised that he was informed by Sergeant 1559 Bethan Pritchard on 12th February 2021 that the Police have attended the site on numerous occasions due to ASB and Criminal Damage.

Bethan mentioned that there are a few issues with on-site security due to the size of the site and a few other things.

Bethan has asked PCSO Ryan Jones to speak with Company to see how they could tighten up their security to reduce the damage and ASB.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

20/213 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Norman Jones (Vice - Chair),

20/214 CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations were submitted at the beginning of the meeting.

20/215 CONTINUATION OF ON LINE COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was noted that Council will continue holding its meetings on line and will keep under review as and when further Covid advice has been issued. Unlikely to change before August 2021.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

20/216 CHAIR'S REPORT AND ACTIONS SINCE 18th JANUARY 2021

The Chair advised that she had not attended any meetings since the previous Council meeting on 18th January 2021. She had attempted to attend the online webinar meeting concerning the Sealand drainage issues but could not gain access to the meeting.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

20/217 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 18th JANUARY 2021

RESOLVED - that –

- i) the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 18th January 2021 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.

20/218 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. Payments being made under expenditure powers - Ancillary Power Local Government Act 1972 (S11). Payment to date is £350.00

The Chair proposed a payment of £350 to Sealand Primary School.

RESOLVED – that the Chair's proposed spend to Sealand Primary School be agreed.

20/219 POLICE ISSUES

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

Deferred pending further updates.

2. Drugs Problem –Garden City

At the January 2021 meeting Council noted that it is important that all incidents should be reported to the Police at the time they take place so that the Police hold all available intelligence.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

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

Councillor Mike Walker advised that no further speed watches had been undertaken.

Mike has asked John Morris at North Wales Police for the purchasing details for Council to obtain a speed radar gun estimated cost £125. Expenditure being under Power of Wellbeing 2000. Expenditure to go against Council's S137 limit.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

4. Ferry Lane Residents Association - concern of motorbikes crossing from Saltney over the River Dee footbridge and then proceeding with great speed and noise along the cycle path towards Chester.

Deferred pending further updates.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

5. Problems of serious anti-social behaviour.

At the January 2021 meeting Council noted that it is important that all incidents should be reported to the Police at the time they take place so that the Police hold all available intelligence.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

6. Police Contact Details

RESOLVED - that these be noted.

20/220 FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES.

a) Underpass - Foxes Lane

Wayne Jones to be advised should flooding occur.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

b) Ferry Lane Footbridge – Noise Nuisance

At the November 2020 meeting the Clerk reported that Ian Bushell advised the Council commissioned a Structural Consultant to investigate the noise / vibrations made by the bridge in certain weather conditions. The consultant has also been in discussions with the manufacture of the handrails and other County's with a similar bridge design. It is Ian's understanding that the consultant has been out to view the bridge in different conditions over the past few weeks and spoken to local residents within the area. Ian said that then he has a meeting this week to discuss their findings and will review the recommendations.

An update report has been requested. Wayne Jones did advise at the December 2020 meeting that he will also discuss with Ian Bushell.

RESOLVED – that Ian Bushell be asked to provide a progress report.

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

At the previous meeting the Clerk advised that he had been informed by Mark Harris that the Pollution Control have been asked to provide details of the adjustment necessary i.e. max height of the lighting and introduction of a cowl to meet light pollution concerns.

An update report has been requested.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

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

RESOLVED – that the matter be deferred.

e) Deeside Lane

RESOLVED – that the matter be deferred.

f) Car Park – Welsh Road (Griffiths Pharmacy)

The County Councillor advised that she will request an update from Sam Tully

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

g) Safer Routes in the Community’s bids – Ferry Lane – 30 mph

Ian Bushell previously advised that he has copied in Richard Flood (Transport Strategy Manger) who manages the WG bids on behalf of StreetScene. Richard will be able to advise on possibilities of future Safer Routes in the Community’s bids and it may be worth investigating Active Travel measures for Ferry Lane as I know this is a promoted cycle route on our integrated mapping system. Richard Flood has now been asked about this. The County Councillor previously advised that she has also sent an email to Richard Flood requesting the same. An update has been requested.

RESOLVED – that Ian Bushell and Richard Flood be asked to provide a progress report.

h) Dandy’s Top Soil – Sealand Road

On 15th December 2020 Mandy Lewis, Development Manager advised that the Council may not be aware of the significant reduction in capacity of the Development Management team

during the Spring and Summer of this year. The service is now recovering from this position however consultants had to be appointed to prevent the service from shutting completely.

She has asked those consultants to review the position of Dandy's on Sealand Road with regard to lawful and an unlawful development. This review is not scheduled to commence until late January 2021 due to existing commitments. Mandy anticipates that the work will be carried out during February 2021 and we would then be able to send a completed summary statement to the Sealand Community Council. Mandy did caveat that this may be subject to change depending on capacity levels of the service and possible re-prioritisation of work if necessary. She hopes that Council will understand that she is being cautious about setting absolute deadlines at this time of uncertainty.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

i) Sealand Ditches – Site Meeting and Detailed Report

The County Councillor advised that she met with Ruari Barry and Neil Parry from the County Council together with Councillors Mike Walker and Dave Wisinger on 27th January 2021. The Clerk didn't receive details of the meeting until after the meeting had started and he was then away from the office and the Chair was unable to access the meeting.

A report of the meeting outlining the discussions and agreed actions has been requested from Ruari Barry.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

j) Pot Holes – Bridge View, Farm Road, Foxes Lane, Manor Road and Sealand Avenue.

RESOLVED – that Wayne Jones be advised of the above.

k) Matched Funding Scheme – 2020/21 – Play Equipment

A letter is due out in early 2021 inviting Town and Community Councils to take part in match funding for the financial year 2021/22, this will also be accompanied with an independent play survey which will form the basis of planning strategic investment on play areas.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

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

Clara Owen, Neighbourhood Housing Officer advised on 20th January 2021 that she was informed over the Christmas/New Year break that Capital works carried out an initial survey on Wednesday 16th December 2020.

They confirmed that it is possible to install driveways to the frontages of most of the Council owned properties, but unfortunately these works will need to be considered for next financial year at the very earliest once the proposed Driveways Scheme has been scored.

The budget has been fully committed for this financial year (up to the end of March 2021) and they are awaiting news on the budget allocation for next financial year.

They will provide a further update as soon as they know where the proposed scheme sits on the Matrix in comparison with other schemes around Flintshire.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted

m) Airfields Development Site

Following the November 2020 meeting Katie Jones at Flintshire County Council was asked for an update on their plans and proposals to mitigate against any traffic problems caused by the Airfields development and the need to continue to monitor traffic flows. Council asked will its concerns be alleviated when the Airfield site has been completed.

An update report has been requested.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

n) Chelsea lime tree - Old Sealand Road – Tree Preservation Order

Stuart Body has asked for a location plan showing the position of the tree that the Council has requested a TPO. Councillor Mike Walker has provided as requested.

RESOLVED – that Stuart Body be asked to provide a progress report with regard to the Council's request for a TPO.

o) Children's Play Areas - Need to improved signage – No Dogs

Wayne Jones copied in Council to his email dated 21st January 2021 asking Environmental Services to confirm that these areas are on the order for marked sports pitches as there are a lot of people using the sports pitch to walk their dogs. Wayne has also witnessed dogs inside the play areas on Welsh Road and Sealand Manor.

Councillors advised that the situation is getting worse at the Welsh Road Recreation Field.

Environmental Services have been asked to confirm that they still monitor these areas.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

p) Effluent being spread on fields – Sealand Road

The County Councillor advised Phil Foster, Environmental Health Officer on 21st January 2021 that tankers full of effluent being emptied onto fields along Sealand Road. There has been one a day on site for the last three days. This was supposed to be monitored by NRW and licensed. It is an absolute disgrace that the farmer was allowed to do this during such an horrendous storm, which there had been a warning of for days. These fields are flooded and the smell is awful.

Pollution Control advised on 21st January 2021 that they have referred the issue to Natural Resources Wales as they are responsible for regulating this activity and it may be that this is being done inappropriately and against guidance when the land is saturated because of the recent storm.

Natural Resources Wales have advised that waste to be spread under a registered land spreading deployment is analysed by the permit holder prior to submitting an application. Soil analysis data must also be provided at the application stage. This information is submitted to NRW along with the application form as an agricultural benefit statement. This application is then determined by our Permitting Team, who check the data provided for anything which may cause detriment to the environment and ensure it will be of agricultural benefit. Local Environment Teams and Waste Regulation are also asked to provide comments on the application. Generally, these applications are submitted by a company specialising in the Land spreading of waste to land on behalf of the land owner. The applications are on our public register which can be found at -

<https://publicregister.naturalresources.wales/>

The County Councillor confirmed that Pollution Control have been aware of effluent spreading in Sealand for a few years, especially on Deeside Lane. They passed Council's concerns onto NRW.

NRW have advised that they will continue to monitor the activity and would encourage any further reports to be phoned through to our Incident Communications Centre at the time of the spreading activity/as soon after the event as possible on 03000653000.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

Councillor Bob James declared an interest re resolution 20/220 p.

q) Flooding – Airfields Site

The County Councillor received an email on 26th January 2021 from Katie H Jones, Senior Planning Officer | concerning the issues of surface water flooding experienced on land at and adjacent to the Airfields, namely Countryside Properties development.

The Site Development Manager Samuel Bullough advised sheer amount of rainfall experienced over the winter period and especially last week has resulted in the ground

becoming saturated and the water table significantly increased, thus causing surface water flooding in all properties whether this be new or existing. There are areas of the Countryside scheme that are yet to be landscaped and drainage installed, however these areas are not immediately adjacent to the named properties along Hawthorn View to have contributed to the extreme flooding the residents have reported.

It is not considered the development by Countryside Properties is responsible given the uncontrolled element of extreme natural events, such as the weather. This in addition to the failure of the pumping station outside of the site, which is not controlled by Countryside Properties, but by Welsh Water. The pumping stations installed by DM Morgan within the areas referred to as Phase 1 of the Airfields which includes Countryside's scheme are operating, with their adoption under Section 104 with Welsh Water in positive discussion. Katie Jones said that she is further reassured that the flood mitigation (Swales) that have so far been installed on the Airfields site as discharge for surface water (to the River Dee), which already comprises a number of water courses and drains managed/maintained by Natural Resource Wales, are functioning as required.

As such, there are no other reasons for the resultant surface water flooding at the named properties and I cannot advise any further on this point, but I have raised this with our Drainage Team as the Lead Local Flood Authority.

On the point of Site Visits, as we are currently in lockdown, joint site visits have been suspended. The risk assessment in place requires us to first exhaust means of virtual meetings, digital imagery and use of video footage none of which has been received to evidence the severity of the surface water flooding or to pass on the Lead Local Flood Authority.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

r) Parking Complaints – Welsh Road

The County Councillor on 26th January 2021 advised the Enforcement Team concerning the parking issue along Welsh Road, by the Amantola. Cars, vans and lorries are parking at all hours of the day and night. It is making visibility poor for drivers exiting Hawthorn View. John Griffiths – StreetScene has looked at this problem for me a few months ago, but is getting worse. There are drivers sleeping overnight in their cabs. An inspection was requested to be made.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

s) Parking Complaints – Meadow View

The County Councillor on 13th January 2021 advised StreetScene that there is a major issue with farm workers parking on Meadow View. The residents are furious as they can't park outside their houses. The County Councillor has asked that enforcement should raise the issue with the farmer to ask that the workers park on the farm land, there is plenty of space

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

20/221 COUNCIL'S STREET LIGHTING

All of the Council's 80 street lights are working. The lighting stock reduces to 69 on 1st April 2021. There had been an issue at Ferry Lane with 5 lights needing repair.

It was agreed by Council at its December 2020 meeting that the 2021/22 lighting improvement programme should be aimed at the Riverside Park / Stoneleigh Close lights columns 138 to 140, 154 to 157 and 160 to 162 - 10 in total. Cost per column being £2,150.00 - total cost £21,500.00. That leaves 14 columns at Riverside Park to be replaced and adopted over the next two financial years. And reduces the total lighting stock to 59 on 1st April 2022.

The Clerk reminded Council there is a facility on the Council's web site to report lights out of action.

Note – the link to the above was circulated after the meeting. It states that regardless of ownership all street lights or illuminated traffic signs which are faulty can be reported in the following ways:

Email streetscene@flintshire.gov.uk
Call 01352 701234 (StreetScene helpline)
Emergency faults should also be reported to the above number.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

20/222 SECTION 137 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 PAYMENT OF GRANTS

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 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 December 2020 indicates a total of 2152 (Sealand East 874 and Sealand West 1278). For the 2020/21 financial year the

maximum expenditure is $2152 \times £8.32 = £17,904.64$ Allocated spend is £2,500 for grants and £2,800 for school milk. Total £5,300. For the 2021/22 financial year this has increased to £8.41 per elector. The amount per elector is £8.41 producing a total of £18,098.32

Spent to prior to the meeting and for authorisation at the meeting £165.00 for school milk and £1,350.00 on grants. The £165.00 for school milk relates to March 2020. The Headteacher of Sealand Primary School advised on 4th January 2021 that due to Covid the school has no plans to restart school milk but they will as soon as they can.

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 and £8.41 for 2021/22.

RESOLVED - report be noted.

20/223 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

061978 - Erection of a 2.4m high palisade fenced secure area at Unit 66, Third Avenue, Deeside Industrial Park, Deeside, CH5 2LA

062215 - Proposed single storey container incorporating a gas-powered engine for the continued 24-hour operation of the manufacturing site at Convatec Whri, Units 19-20 & 33-35, First Avenue, Sealand, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2NU.

062217 - Proposed single storey extension to existing Pump Room to provide additional back up engine for Sprinkler System to main site at Convatec Whri, Units 19-20 & 33-35, First Avenue, Sealand, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2NU

062329 - Demolition of Garage and Extension to side, new Rear Extension. Internal alterations and new rear Garage with home office over at 7 Manor Road, Sealand, Deeside, CH5 2SB

062332 - Proposed Balcony extension to rear of dwelling with Spiral staircase at Barn 2, The Stables, Willow Farm, Sealand Road, Sealand, Flintshire, CH5 2LQ

RESOLVED – that no objections be raised regarding the above planning applications.

20/224 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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 most recent period is £7.00 per month with an additional charge of £0.85 per cheque – the total charge as on 30th January 2021 was £16.35 - £7.00 plus 11 cheque payments £9.35.

Cheque No	Payable to	Details	Amount	VAT	Vat Code	Expenditure Powers
003403	Jolora Ltd	Quarterly Web Maintenance Charges – February to April 2021	£576.00	£96.00	294456859	Local Govt Act 1972 (S142)
003404	P. Richmond	Salary etc. – February 2021	£683.83			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003405	HMRC	PR – Income Tax - £364.00 and NI £24.52 February 2021	£388.52			Local Govt Act 1972 (S112)
003406	Flintshire County Council	Street Lighting Energy Charge – October to December 2020	£723.75			Highways Act 1980 (301)
003407	Flintshire County Council	Repairs at Ferry Lane and maintenance charge April to Dec 2020	£1,806.30			Highways Act 1980 (301)
003408	Sealand Primary School	Payment from Chairs' Fund	£350.00			Ancillary Power Local Government Act 1972 (S11).
Total Spend			£4,528.40	£96.00		

20/225 INCOME

The Clerk advised that Council had received the following income –

Lloyds Bank	Interest payment	£0.29
Total		£0.29

RESOLVED – that the income be noted.

20/226 CORRESPONDENCE

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

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

20/227 FRIENDS OF SEALAND – FIGTREE PROJECT – ST. BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCH

RESOLVED - that the matter be deferred as there was no report.

20/228 PROVISION OF BENCHES AT STONELEIGH CLOSE – GARDEN CITY

At the December 2020 meeting it was resolved that Mike Angel and Neil Cockerton be asked to provide replacement benches at Stoneleigh Close. The two existing seats are in a dreadful state of repair and should be either repaired or replaced. A reminder was recently sent by the Clerk. Wayne Jones has advised that he will chase as well.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

20/229 REPORT – ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN – 2019/20

The Clerk advised that he had contacted the Council’s external auditor BDO on 25th January 2021 to obtain an update on the approval of the Council’s Annual Financial Return. He was advised that BDO had a query on the return but inadvertently hadn’t sent the relevant email to the Clerk in October 2020. One query related to the reduction in the Fixed Asset amounts which the Clerk advised related to the reduction in the number of the Council’s street lights – this had been outlined in the Clerk’s report provided with the return. BDO also advised that the Clerk should have dated his signature on the return to the date of the May meeting rather than the date when both the Chair and Clerk signed – the day after. The issue was further compounded as the Welsh Government and Wales Audit were using in incorrect email address for Council. As a result, the Clerk was unaware of the of the publishing requirements for the 2019/20 audit. This information should have been received in August 2020. Both the Welsh Government and Wales Audit have apologised for their error. The Clerk has referred this to One Voice Wales as they have concerns about this matter.

As a result of the above the required notice has now belatedly been published on the Council’s web site. This would have been published earlier with September 2020 dates had the relevant communication been received.

Notice of date appointed for the exercise of electors' rights under the Public Audit (Wales)
Act 2004

SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Financial year ended 31 March 2020

1. Date of announcement 8th February 2021
2. Each year the annual accounts are audited by the Auditor General for Wales. Prior to this date, any interested person has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them for 20 working days on reasonable notice. For the year ended 31 March 2020, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by appointment to the Clerk of the Council, Peter Richmond, 3 Blakeley Court, Raby Mere, Wirral. CH63 0ND – email sealandcc@gmail.com / Tel 0151 334 2247 commencing from 22nd February 2021 to 19th March 2021.
3. From 22nd March 2021 until the audit has been completed, Local Government Electors and their representatives also have:
 - the right to question the Auditor General about the accounts. The Auditor General can be contacted via BDO
 - the right to attend before the Auditor General and make objections to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the Auditor General via BDO. A copy of the written notice must also be given to the Council.BDO can be contacted at: BDO LLP, Arcadia House, Maritime Walk, Ocean Village, Southampton, SO14 3TL
2. The audit is being conducted under the provisions of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004, the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 and the Auditor General for Wales' Code of Audit Practice.

The Clerk advised that the notice was added to the Council's web site on 2nd February 2021.

BDO have been advised and will now complete the review of the file and have it ready for sign off after 22nd March 2021.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted.

20/230 SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS – 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk outlined the expenditure and income for the 2020/21 financial year up to cheque number 003407.

2020/21 Financial Year		Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Income				
General Admin Inc. Precept		£57,000.00	£57,000.00	£0.00
Bank Interest		£9.97	£22.00	-£12.03
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		£57,636.66	£57,822.00	-£185.34
Expenditure		Actual	Anticipated	Difference
Bank Charges		£65.05	£60.00	-£5.05
Chairman's Fund		£700.00	£800.00	£100.00
Staffing Costs		£10,268.56	£10,669.00	£400.44
Admin Costs inc printer cartridges		£3,177.96	£2,840.00	-£337.96
Council Web Site		£3,262.00	£2,304.00	-£958.00
Insurances		£770.12	£875.00	£104.88
Defibrillator – LGA Act 2000(S2)		£0.00	£75.00	-£75.00
Play Schemes and New Equipment		£1,743.28	£10,500.00	£8,756.72
Highways		£0.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Street Lighting		£29,587.32	£23,700.00	-£5,887.32
CCTV Maintenance		£0.00	£250.00	£250.00
Grants – Section 137		£1,350.00	£2,500.00	£1,150.00
School Milk – Section 137		£165.00	£2,800.00	£2,635.00
Total		£51,089.29	£59,873.00	£8,783.71
Current Summary	Balance as at 31 March 2020 including £25,000 contingency fund.	£41,075.46		
	Total expenditure	£51,089.29		
	Total income	£57,636.66		
	Balance in year spend	£6547.37		
	Overall balance as 15 th February 2021	£47,622.83		
End of Year Prediction	VAT Costs for 2020/21 financial year	£799.60		
	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.

20/231 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk advised on the letter and attachment received from the Council's appointed internal auditor – JDH Business Services Ltd.

The Clerk outlined the requirements for Council to have the internal audit undertaken.

A copy of the said letter was emailed to all members of Council on 12th February 2021.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

20/232 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Grit Bins needed at Orchard Way – County Councillor will action.

Concern about local water – has a strong chemical smell and taste. Councillor Mike Walker clarified this issue

Cycle / Footway Underpass Sealand Road – Lights and surface damaged by burnt out car – repairs are being carried out.

Damaged keep left sign – Green Lane East – RAF Sealand

It was agreed to review the need to circulate paper copies of agenda and minutes when meetings resume at Sealand Primary School. In the mean time Councillors Mikael Khan and Mike Walker do not require copies to be posted to them.

20/233 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

20/234 DATE OF COUNCIL'S NEXT MEETING – 15th MARCH 2021 – Starting at 6pm

20/235 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEALAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Council Member	Item	Minute Reference
Bob James	Effluent being spread on fields – Sealand Road	20/220 p.

The meeting opened at 6pm and closed at 7.20pm

..... Signed 15th March 2021

