

BEARPARK PARISH COUNCIL

At a remote meeting of **Bearpark Parish Council** held on **Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present:

Councillor R Briggs in the Chair.

Councillors O Edwards, R Kemp, M Wilson and P Wilson and M Wright.

20/41 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

20/42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to any items of business on the agenda.

20/43 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

20/44 POLICE REPORT

Councillor M Wilson informed the Council that there were no issues to report.

20/45 REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no representations from the public.

20/46 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor M Wilson provided an update from Durham County Council. There was nothing major to report as the Council would soon be entering the pre-election period prior to the elections. A brief update was provided regarding the Coronavirus statistics for the area..

20/47 FINANCE REPORT

The Council considered the monthly financial report which detailed the current bank balances, payments made since the last meeting and payments to be made.

20/48 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the following application:

**DM/21/00711/FPA - Retention of timber dog training structure (Retrospective)
Land North and East of Station House, Bearpark DH7 7BN**

Resolved

That no objections be raised.

20/49 CLERKS REPORT

(i) Remote meetings

The Clerk informed the Council that the Government had indicated that the remote meeting legislation would not be extended, however, a challenge had been made regarding this matter through the High Court. A decision was expected in late April 2021.

Resolved

That the information be noted.

(ii) Elections 2021

The Clerk informed the Council that the deadline for submission of nomination forms had now passed. Five persons had submitted nomination forms for the Parish Council, meaning that there were six vacancies. The Parish Council would be able to coopt members to the Parish Council following the elections, providing that the meeting was quorate. It was suggested that the vacancies be advertised.

Resolved

That the information be noted and the vacancies be advertised.

The Chair placed on record his thanks to the outgoing Councillors for their service and wished them well in their future endeavours.

20/50 VILLAGE MATTERS

There were no matters raised.

20/51 ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

There were no additional items of interest raised.

20/52 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place remotely on Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 7 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.