

LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL held on **THURSDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2021** using Microsoft Teams.

The meeting commenced at 18:50.

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| Parish Councillors: | Mr. W. Blunden (Chair) | Mrs. M. Hersey | Mr. R. Plass |
| | Mrs. V. Upton (Vice-Chair) | Mr. M. Leach | Mr. J. Stevens |
| | Mrs. L. Grace * | Mr. A. Matthews | Mr. I. Wilson |
| | Mr. S. Henton | Mr. R. Pickett * | Mr. C. Wood |

(*) Denotes absence

In attendance: Mr. A. Funnell (Clerk)

229. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

229.1 No apologies had been received.

230. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

230.1 There were no declarations of interest.

231. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

231.1 No members of the public were present.

232. TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP OF WEST SUSSEX ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS FOR THE 2021/2022 COUNCIL YEAR.

232.1 The Chairman outlined to members the latest situation regarding the WSALC value for money review of SSALC. Members discussed whether the Council should leave WSALC. Points considered included whether leaving WSALC would reduce resources available to the Council. It was noted that the Clerk was a member of the SLCC and thus advice could be obtained via that channel if necessary.

It was **AGEED** that the following resolution be passed:

- a) That the Parish Council submits its intention to leave WSALC/SSALC/NALC on three months' notice, but reserves the right to withdraw this if the service offered at the end of the 'value for money review' is deemed to be suitable.
- b) Delegated authority be given to the Parish Clerk, in liaison with the Chairman, to withdraw the resignation if required.
- c) That the Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chair, attend the WSALC meeting on the 18th February.
- d) That the Chairman and Vice-Chair attend the WSALC AGM as our representatives. In the event of an absence, the Parish Clerk and/or Deputy Parish Clerk be appointed to attend the AGM with full voting rights. Our representatives will:
 - 1) vote against any resolutions proposing WSALC leaves SSALC, and
 - 2) vote in support of any resolutions that are the same or similar to that agreed at the November F&GP meeting.
- e) That Parish Council will support any resolutions from MSALC, or other local authorities or representatives, that propose the WSALC refrain from leaving SSALC.

Note Cllr Stevens abstained from voting on the above item.

233. MATTERS ARISING

233.1 No matters were arising.

The meeting finished at 19:00.