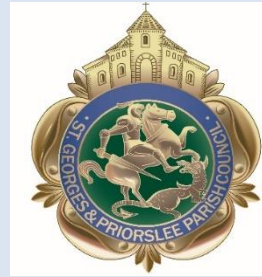


Minutes



Meeting held: St Georges & Priorslee Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting
Date: 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 17th August 2021
Venue: Meeting Room, Parish Centre, Grove Street, St Georges

Chairman: Cllr Richard Overton

Minute Taker: Vicky Brain (Parish Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer)

Present:

Councillors:	R Overton (Chairman)	R Cadman	E Dabbs
	I Fletcher	Mrs V Fletcher	S Handley
	Mrs B Richards	Mrs M Warner	R Williams
	D Wright		
In attendance:			

The meeting began with a minute's silence to remember Stan Higgins who passed away on 9th August 2021. As Tree Officer, in times past, Stan Higgins had provided advice and assistance to the Parish Council.

57/22	Apologies	
	Apologies were received from Cllr A Harrison – on holiday.	
58/22	Declarations of interest	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr I Fletcher declared an interest because of his position on the Borough Council Planning Committee and said that he would take no part in discussions about planning matters. However, he had obtained advice from Telford & Wrekin Council's solicitor for planning and had been advised that he can make comments about the Gower project, as appropriate at the meeting, provided there is no predetermination.• Cllr Mrs V Fletcher declared an interest as a substitute member of the Borough Council Planning Committee and reserved her right to speak and/or vote on planning matters.• Cllr D Wright declared a non-pecuniary interest as Telford & Wrekin Cabinet Member with responsibility for housing and infrastructure and said that he would not take part in any discussions about strategic planning matters. <p>Members agreed that they would make any other declarations if they arose during the meeting.</p>	
59/22	Public Participation	
	Resolved: to suspend Standing Orders and to allow up to 15 minutes of public participation to raise matters relating to the planning applications for the Former Youth Centre, Gower Street, St Georges.	

	<p>There were six members of the public present. The following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a community open space instead of the proposed housing on the site would be more beneficial for well-being and community events. • Residents of a house adjacent to the site had invited all councillors to visit their garden to see how the planned development could affect their residential amenity. They thanked the councillors who had attended but they were disappointed that some of the councillors had not responded to the invitation. <p>Members of the public were reminded that they can comment as individuals on the planning application.</p>												
59/22	<p>Planning Applications TWC/2021/0722 and TWC/2021/0724 (Listed Building application) for the Former Youth Centre, Gower Street, St Georges</p>												
	<p>There was a discussion during which councillors had an opportunity to comment on the proposed plans.</p> <p>Resolved by a majority: that although Telford & Wrekin Council's solicitor for planning had advised that it would be legitimate to comment on the planning applications provided that the Parish Council declared that it was a prospective tenant, that the Parish Council should remain neutral as an interested party and therefore submit a response of 'No Comment'.</p> <p>It was noted that the planning solicitor had advised that individual parish councillors can submit their own comments, but they should make it clear that they are commenting as individuals and not speaking on behalf of the parish council.</p>												
60/22	<p>Christmas Lights</p>												
	<p>The Clerk presented a report about the contract for the installation and taking down of the Christmas lights from Christmas 2021 onwards.</p> <p>Three companies had been asked to provide quotations. One company did not have the capacity to carry out the work and therefore declined to quote. Quotations were received from PP Electrical and JW Electrical. Having inspected the fittings for the Christmas lights in St Georges, JW Electrical recommended improvements to the infrastructure.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Contractor</th> <th>Annual cost for installation and taking down the existing lights</th> <th>'One off' cost for infrastructure improvements</th> <th>'One off' cost for 3-year hire of storage container</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PP Electrical</td> <td>£5,950.00</td> <td></td> <td>Free storage</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JW Electrical</td> <td>£5,528.20</td> <td>£3,895.24</td> <td>£3,650.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Resolved: to accept the quotation from JW Electrical for upgrading the infrastructure for the Christmas lights in St Georges, and for installing, taking down and storing the Christmas lights for a three-year contract period.</p> <p><u>Additional Christmas Lights for Priorslee</u></p> <p>Cllrs I and V Fletcher offered to allocate their Telford & Wrekin Council Councillors Pride funding for 2021 to pay for improved Christmas lights in Priorslee. Subject to confirmation by Telford & Wrekin Council, this would be £5,000 each, that is a total of £10,000 to spend on improved Christmas lights. (This was confirmed by Telford & Wrekin Council after the meeting.) It was suggested that this could be used to buy and install festoon lighting along the Flash promenade, to buy and install Christmas lighting motifs on ten lamp posts in Priorslee and to buy improved lights for the</p>	Contractor	Annual cost for installation and taking down the existing lights	'One off' cost for infrastructure improvements	'One off' cost for 3-year hire of storage container	PP Electrical	£5,950.00		Free storage	JW Electrical	£5,528.20	£3,895.24	£3,650.00
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Christmas trees. This would need to be discussed with the JW Electrical project manager regarding safety and logistical considerations.
Resolved: to accept the generous offer of up to £10,000 of Councillors Pride funding and to ask the Clerk to discuss it with the JW Electrical project manager.

61/22 Finance

Resolved: to approve the following items of expenditure for August 2021:

Name	Particulars	Amount	Detail
Staff Salaries	Salaries and wages for August	£2,551.72	Standing Orders
HMRC	NI and Income Tax	£408.22	Bank Transfer
Shropshire County Pension Scheme	Pension contribution	£654.79	Bank Transfer
Zoom	Videoconference fee	£14.39	Debit Card
Anthony's Garden Services Invoice 9400	Grass cutting service	£594.00	Bank Transfer
Boultons of Shropshire	Coach hire for the Llandudno trip	£2,875.00	Bank Transfer
Amazon	Office Supplies	£66.35	Debit Card
Security Wise Ltd	Maintenance and monitoring charge for intruder alarm system	£261.60	Bank Transfer
St Georges Partnership	Contribution towards summer picnic	£1,000.00	Bank Transfer
Cash withdrawal	Lunch Money for the Llandudno trip	£1,580.00	Debit Card
Aldi	Supplies for the trip	£4.43	Debit Card
idverde	Tree survey	£45.00	Bank Transfer
idverde	Tree removal	£450.00	Bank Transfer
Churches Fire	Fire Risk Assessment	£468.00	Bank Transfer
AVT Communication Systems	Annual maintenance check of hearing loop	£59.11	Bank Transfer
Anthony's Garden Services Invoice 9448	Grass cutting service	£594.00	Bank Transfer
Total		£11,626.61	

62/22	Next Meeting
	<p>The next meeting will be a Parish Council Meeting to be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 21st September 2021.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.</p>

Signed by Chairman..... Date.....