

MENDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 4th May 2021 AGM

Venue: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Time: 7.00pm

Committee Members	Role	Present/Absent
Dennis Pye	Chair	✓
Thelma Brown	Vice Chair	✓
Kathy Farrar		✓
Jimmy Kent		✓
Richard Mattocks		✓
Sally Mckinnon		✓
Clare Rix		✓
Mark Shortt		Apologies
Yvonne Lidgate		✓

In attendance:

Clerk: Liz Frere-Smith

ITEM	AGENDA POINT	ACTION
1.	Welcome and Apologies	
2.	Declarations of interest and any dispensations allowed	Clerk declared an interest to include the correspondence received from the school as the school is one of her Academy schools
3.	Minutes – Agreed for previous meeting as correct.	
4.	Chair's report – received by all members. Clerk thanked DP for his kind comments.	
5.	Matters arising not covered by the agenda - None	
6.	Election of Chair – DP would like to retire but is prepared to continue his leadership for another year with the proviso that the Vice Chair is prepared to step up next year. Dennis Pye Nominated by KF for Chair DP Seconded by TB DP Unanimously voted as Chair	YL to shadow DP to see what the role entails and how much time that it takes

7.	<p>Election of Vice Chair – TB will continue as Vice chair but doesn't want the role of Chair. TB to continue for the time being but would step down if another member wants the role.</p> <p>SM suggested that she could ask within the village but there are currently no vacancies on the Council so this would not be appropriate.</p> <p>Thelma Brown Nominated by DP for Vice Chair TB Seconded by KF</p>	
8.	<p>Finances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exemption certificate will be completed for this year's accounts and provided to DP for signature. No cheques for approval this meeting. CIL payment received for £3939.99 requires spending on infrastructure, quite detailed requirements on what it can be spent on, precise accounts need keeping. Finance meeting later this month to discuss spend in greater detail. 	<p>Finance meeting to plan after 17th May to discuss spend of CIL payment.</p>
9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence – Correspondence received from a resident S Brice and a reply from the school to discuss the ongoing issues of lack of parking at the school. The Academy Head would like to meet to see if any compromise can be reached. <p>RM suggested a 'think tank' approach where each parish council member comes up with a suggestion of what may provide some relief to the congestion. Several small changes may help.</p> <p>RM suggested that it is the duty of the Parish Council to consider what could be done before an accident occurs and nothing has even been properly discussed.</p> <p>KF stated that she met some years ago with Stuart Orr and another parent to discuss the issue then and nothing came of the ideas.</p> <p>SM asked how many children were now on role at the school? 84 is the current number including nursery provision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence received from Mr Finbow regarding the up- ended bridge. This bridge goes across James Kent land and he informed that they had collected the bridge with the teleporter and it need several repairs. He also requested that a style of some description be installed at either end of the field to stop the gates being opened by members of the public with cattle in the field. 	<p>Members to send idea's to RM.</p> <p>EFS to set up meeting with the school and other Parish Council members</p> <p>EFS to write to S Brice and inform of the outcome of her request.</p> <p>EFS to contact 'Rights of way' and put in the request. EFS to contact Mr Finbow and inform of the outcome of his request.</p>

10	Litter Pick – KF has the equipment and usually organises the annual litter pick. Members usually do their 'area'. KF to send round the dates of the litter pick and then see what can be organised	KF to send dates Clerk happy to help co-ordinate equipment distribution.
11	Annual Parish Meeting – It was agreed that an actual meeting would be preferred but would need to be after 17 th May when the Government informed of the next relaxing of restrictions. After this date a decision could be made to confirm date.	EFS to send dates suggestions after 17 th May 2021 but probably early June.
12	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SM informed that the work surrounding the signage was still ongoing and she would continue to inform of the progress. • EFS requested support as a member of the Parish with regard to several mature trees being cut down in the past week. She has concerns that a whole row of mature trees would be removed to make way for agricultural equipment. SM is the current tree warden and suggested that she visits the area to discuss this matter further. • Planning meeting re Wakelyn's Farm – comments had been submitted accordingly. • Code of Conduct- Clerk contacted SALC who informed that a new updated template has not yet been finalised and was still with the appropriate authorities for agreement. Once it was received then this item would be table again for discussion. 	
13	Date of meeting - TBC	

The meeting closed at:

Signed by Chair: Dennis Pye

Date: 5th July 2021