**Whiston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 6.30 pm at Whiston Parish Hall.**

**Present: -** M. Yarlett, T. Stevenson, D. Dodson, A. Griffin; C. Davis. N Tranmer, K Ferris

**In Attendance:** Clerk to the Council. 6 members of the public.

Rebekah Ford & Helen Peadon from The Event Foundry.

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| **271/19**  **272/19**  **273/19**  **274/19**  **274/19**  **275/19** | **To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence**  G Smales (unwell). Rex Carter (away)  **To Receive Declarations of Interest (other than standing)** - None  Members agreed to bring Item 4 – Planning Application RB2019/0552 forward  and members suspended the meeting to take comments from members of the public who raised the following issues in objection of the application.   * Loss of green space * Cumulative traffic issues particularly volume and routing * Drainage issues * Environmental issues   A local group had been formed and intended to instruct experts to look at the traffic and drainage impact from the development (£1600 currently raised to date for expert help which would fund one of the said experts). 4 major points had also been provided, on a purely preliminary basis to the group from a drainage engineer. Funding assistance form the Parish Council would also be welcomed.  **Planning Applications**  **RB2019/0552** Land to the North West of Worry Goose Lane  Outline application - erection of up to 450 dwelling houses including details of access.  Members were concerned about the traffic impact from the development and drainage/sewage issues including potential pollution of Whiston Brook. The flooding in 2007 was also noted and the village evacuation.  **Resolved**: That the application be objected to on the above basis.  The Chair advised that he would call another EGM on 13th May to consider funding towards one of the experts being considered by the group  **Summer Event 2019- Consider Instruction of an event planner and further steps for an event on the 6th July including licensing requirements/road closure etc**  Quote and details from The Event Foundry had been circulated to members with the Agenda  **Resolved:** That an eventbe agreed for Saturday6th July 2019 with a finish at around 8pm (unanimous)  **Resolved:** Members agreed to waive financial regulation requirements regarding the need to obtain three quotes. As noted in 11 (1)(c), it was agreed that these be waived on the basis that time constraints meant that without  immediate instruction a planner would not have sufficient time to plan an event for 2019. In addition, it was unlikely that further quotes would be materially different in price.  **Resolved**: That the Event Foundry be instructed in accordance with the quote (unanimous)  The Foundry representatives went through the quote details with full costs of various aspects - security/stage/first aid/entertainers etc to be brought before the Council at the May meeting. Budget monitoring also to be reviewed at that time.  Cllr Dodson and Yarlett to join the festival working group with Cllrs Davis and Griffin. Cllr Yarlett to attend RMBC SAGs meetings with representatives from the Event Foundry in due course.  **Resolved:** That relevant road closure and event applications would be submitted for an event on the 6th July. The Clerk to arrange with The Foundry.  **Staffing- Approve appointment of a new clerk and equipment required.**  **Resolved:** Members agreed to appoint Elaine Keeling-Heane as the new Clerk  with a start date of 13th May, with the existing Clerk to work alongside for a further 4 weeks from this date as a handover period.  **Resolved:** That a laptop be purchased for the new Clerk. |
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