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Minutes of the meeting of The Gorge Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th October 2020 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

Present: Cllrs Rae Evans, Avon Horden, Lee Proudfoot (Chairman), Alan Taylor

In attendance: Ian Cruise-Taylor – Locum Clerk

- 1) **Apologies and Attendance:** Apologies were noted from Cllrs Lisa Freshman, Jayne Greenaway, Carolyn Healy, Rajash Mehta, Jason Stokes, Michael Tambone.
- 2) **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and Dispensations:** there were no DPI (not already disclosed) or requests for dispensations to be noted
- 3) **To receive reports from Borough Councillors –** Cllr Carolyn Healy's report was read out, (attached at Appendix B) and noted. Council noted the request to agree proposals for the bank behind the War Memorial and determined to have further discussions on how best to proceed.
- 4) **Public Session:** there were no questions/contributions from the public.
- 5) **The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 15th September 2020** were unanimously approved
- 6) **Financials:**
Council unanimously approved:
 - a) Expenditure – (App A)
 - b) Bank Reconciliation – (App A)
 - c) the movement of £30,000 from the current account to the savings account, as a first step to meet the recommendations of the internal auditor. The Locum Clerk would explore setting up a savings account with another bank and report back to Council.
 - d) the Locum Clerk reported that he had obtained individual Parish Council email addresses so that councillors did not need to use their own. These would be made available after the meeting, along with the necessary instructions for their setting up and use.
- 7) **Planning:**
 - a) To decide regarding applications:
TWC/2020/0760, 0765, 0780, 0791, 0816/17, 0818, 0831, 0843, 0850, were all determined as 'no objection'. TWC/2020/0852 was determined as 'support'. 1046 Power station, the Chairman will provide a draft response for consideration by councillors, which would take account of potential impact on and benefits to the Gorge. It was also proposed that a comment be made regarding working hours during the development so that these had the least impact on local residents
- 8) **Environment, Highways and Community - consider and determine response to:**
 - a) request for mirrors on Coalport bridge – Cllr Avon Horden – agreed to ask for traffic mirrors to be installed so that traffic from each end can see oncoming traffic to avoid need to reverse.
 - b) repairs to the memorial bridge and public safety proposals – Cllr Avon Horden – agreed to ask for improved surface on bridge and installation of bollards or other measures to prevent cyclists from riding on the bridge

- c) signs to improve traffic management at Ferry Road (brought forward from July Council) agreed to ask for bollard to be installed to prevent traffic from using Silkin Way inappropriately
- d) Coalbrookdale benches – to agree to a proposal to retain 4 benches for use in Ironbridge, releasing 6 benches to other sites, following discussions between the Cllr Carolyn Healy, Cllr Lee Proudfoot, a representative of the Coalbrookdale Foundry and the Locum Clerk and to fund the completion and installation of the 4 benches. (cost up to £1100) unanimously agreed
- e) Christmas - lights installation, tree. Council noted that this was the last year for the CMK contract and that steps were being taken to install the trees and lights as per contract.
- f) T&W plans for High St promotion
- g) Remembrance Day - lamp-post poppies, Tommies for the Memorial Bridge, confirm any plans for services
- h) Notice Boards – proposal to install new ones (consider new locations e.g. Sunnyside, Beech Rd, Jockey Bank/Golden Ball), repair/refresh others and relocate the one by the Tea Emporium to the wall of the Pharmacy/Post Office
- i) Community Action Team – offer of additional contracted activities.

9) Representation - Feedback from Councillor representatives.

10) Coronavirus

- a) To update the Council on any relevant actions or issues

11) Items for next agenda and for information: (Only items advertised should be discussed and decided upon. Items can be suggested for the next meeting)

12) Date of next meetings: Tuesday 17th November 2020; Planning (if required) at 5:30pm, Full Council 6:30pm

13) Closed session

Ian Cruise-Taylor
Locum Clerk to The Gorge Parish Council