

DEBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF DEBDEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26th JUNE, 2019 AT 8.00 PM IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, DEBDEN

Present:

Cllr S. Walsh	(SW)	Chairman
Cllr C. Diggins	(CD)	
Cllr A. Gardner	(AG)	
Cllr B. Lindsell	(BL)	
Cllr J. O'Brien	(JO'B)	
Cllr S. Watson	(SW)	

In attendance:

Mrs. C. Griffin, Parish Clerk
Dist Cllr S. Luck

19/039 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr C. Bunting (on holiday)

19/040 Declarations of Interests

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

No interests were declared.

19/041 To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19, Section 1

The Chairman explained that at the last meeting members felt they could not retrospectively sign a statement of governance for the past Council. The Clerk has obtained advice from our Internal and External Auditors as to how we should approach this and their advice is if we cannot attest a positive reply to the questions we should indicate "No" and add a statement to the form.

All the questions on the statement were read and the responses were "Yes" to questions 1 and 6 and "No" to questions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9. The following statement was then added:

"Six members of Debden Parish Council were elected on 2nd May 2019 and are unable to retrospectively sign a statement of governance for the former Council on the points marked "No".

It was resolved that the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19, Section 1 should then be signed by the Chairman and Clerk and the minute reference added.

19/042 To approve and sign the Accounting Statement for 2018/19, Section 2

The Accounts for the year had been circulated to all members and the figures entered have been taken from these although they have not yet been audited. The accounts were available and also bank statements in order to verify the bank balance carried forward, Box 7.

It was resolved that the Accounting Statement for 2018/19, Section 2 should then be signed by the Chairman and Clerk and the minute reference added.

The Chairman said he had some concerns regarding the Auditor's report for last year, namely:

- The reserves are excessive (should be in the region of £6,000) and the reason has not been stated.
- Reference was made to issues regarding the PC and RGT which were not properly discussed and not resolved.

The Auditors report for 2018/19 will be reviewed at the September PC meeting and at the same time an Auditor will be appointed for the year 2019/20.

19/043 To discuss any Urgent matters

43.1 The agenda for the PC meeting on 3rd July was reviewed and items added. The Chairman had two additional items which will be sent tomorrow.

43.2 Form TR1 in respect of the transfer of the registered title for the Debden Memorial Hall from four former Trustees, discussed under item 19/032 on 5th June, was signed and witnessed. This will now be sent to the Land Registry.

43.3 The Clerk will contact the Saffron Walden Community Football Team who have requested additional use of the recreation ground and obtain more details.

43.4 Jeanette is reviewing the purpose of the RGT and will give an update at the next meeting.

43.5 In future all costs for the Recreation Ground should be invoiced to the PC and paid from the PC account.

48.6 Dist Cllr Luck advised that there are two meetings coming up at UDC and requested opinions on the UDC Local Plan and the expansion of Stansted Airport.

Signed.....(Chairman)

Dated: 03.07.19.

