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The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Luxborough Parish Council held online via Zoom on Wednesday 16 December at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors D Powell (Chair), A Sparling (Vice Chair), R O'Hare, J Duke, D Yiend, C Henson

Frances Nicholson – County Councillor. Steven Pugsley – District Councillor (item 5 onwards),

Jeanna Grenville – Clerk.

No members of the public were present.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair opened the meeting, welcoming the new Parish Clerk Jeanna Grenville.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Tombleson.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of personal interest.

4 Minutes

It was **resolved** to approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2020.

5. Revised Planning Application Langham Hill Cottage. Planning application no 6/20/20/106. Erection of two single storey outbuildings comprising garage & stables and kennels

The revised application was discussed with councillors noting that the amendments proposed were intended to improve environmental impacts with the opening facing westwards instead of eastwards and the cattle moved as far as possible to the curtilage. The improvements to the entrance plans were noted. Nevertheless, there was some doubt that the sound absorption measures would effectively abate potential noise given that eight – ten dogs will be kennelled.

It was **resolved** by councillors to support the application by a vote of 5 for and 1 objection.

[Councillor Pugsley joined the meeting]

6. To Note West Slowley Barn Site Visit

The Chairman announced that the site visit to inspect the proposed location of the emergency services' mast would take place on 22 December at 12:30, assembling at the village car park. It was noted that there had been no response from the client who undertook to respond to queries raised at the previous meeting including

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clarifications on features of the proposal and potential commercial opportunities of the mast. The Clerk took an action to chase the client's response.

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7. Second Defibrillator for the Parish

All councillors being in favour, it was **resolved** to purchase the batteries (non-rechargeable), pads and box required to site the second defibrillator, donated by the landlord of the Royal Oak public house, in the porch for the Church in Churchtown. It was noted that no mains electricity supply was required. Councillor Duke agreed to consult the church architect to ascertain if there were any requirements regarding the position of the defibrillator in the porch.

8. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had attended training on Planning by the Exmoor National Park Authority, slides from which had been circulated.

Councillors reminded themselves of the requirements when matters of personal interest were raised. Other than in specific circumstances they may speak as a members of the public, but not as a councillor, and should leave the meeting for the discussion. Where there are matters of pecuniary interest they may not speak and should leave the room.

9. Matters of Interest

The Clerk noted the report provided by the PCSO. Whilst recent weeks had been crime-free, the incidence of on-line scams and attempted fraud was increasing.

At the request of the Diabetes Prevention Lead at NHS Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group, councillors agreed to upload information onto the website about how parishioners can self-assess their risks of diabetes, and to publicise this through the village email network.

As a result of a report of flood water adjacent to Hill Cottage, the Chairman undertook to discuss this with the Highways department.

10. Items for the Next Meeting

The Parish Precept is to be set at the next meeting which will take place on 13 January at 19:30 via Zoom.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

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