

MIDDLETON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held remotely using Zoom
On Wednesday 2nd September 2020

PRESENT – Councillors Mrs Haywood (Chairman), Davies, Harris, Mrs Johnson, Jones, Mrs Mills, Newton, Mrs Pendleton, and the Clerk.

1. **APOLOGIES (Approved)** – None
(Noted) - Councillor Mansfield
2. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15th July 2020 having been circulated were approved. Minutes will be signed once meetings on Zoom are not required
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were none.
4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD** – No members of the public were present.
5. **ITEMS not otherwise on the Agenda which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency due to special circumstances** – There were none.
6. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN TO PARISH COUNCIL** – The committee decided to defer the election of the Vice Chairman to a meeting at a later date.

7. MATTERS ARISING

a) **Update on actions from previous meeting** – The Clerk having previously circulated a report to members was noted. Councillor Harris enquired as to the where the vehicles on the beach were. Councillor Newton stated that during the summer the Baird entrance onto the beach was used by vehicles and Elmer residents were concerned. Councillor Mrs Pendleton stated that the entrance belongs to the Environment Agency. The Clerk was requested to contact Arun DC again and see what the position is.

b) **Co-option of Parish Councillors**

a) **Presentation from applicants** – The Clerk stated that two candidates will give a short presentation and will then answer any questions from Parish Councillors. The Council will then go into “Confidential Business” for members to discuss the two candidates. The “Confidential Business” session will then close and return to the meeting. The two candidates, Mr Tony Ball and Mr David Knight both gave a short presentation and left the meeting as the Council moved into “Confidential Business – Standing Order 63”

The meeting then came out of “Confidential Business” and returned to the normal meeting. Due to meetings now on Zoom the candidates had agreed not to rejoin the meeting later and the Chairman requested that the Clerk inform the candidates of the

Parish Council's decision on co-opting new councillors which was taken during the "Confidential Business" session.

Members stated that they were very impressed with both candidates and both candidates were elected unanimously. The Clerk to notify both candidates.

8. Any Other Business

a) Middleton Pond – Councillor Mansfield who could not attend the meeting wished to record the following statement in the minutes and requested the Clerk record this word for word in the minutes, the statement reads.

"As village pond warden and the first chairman of the trust I must distance myself from the recent works to excervate the pond I have not been consulted or has the parish council, no plan of the works have been submitted.

All previous management plans have made great efforts to maintain the rural nature of the area and conservation was always top of the agenda, but clearly no more"

There being no further business the Chairman reminded members that the next meeting will be held on the **16th September 2020** at 7.00pm and the meeting closed at 7.50pm

