

## SOBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Soberton Parish Council held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at the Soberton Village Hall that commenced at 7.12pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs J Hyland (Chairman), R Cole (from 7.27pm), S Doherty, P Henderson, S Marland, D Salmon, J Sherwill, V Weston.

In attendance: B Gibbs, Clerk to the Parish Council.

Four members of the public.

### **130/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Cleeve and Findlay sent their apologies. County Cllr Stallard and District Cllr Pearson also sent their apologies.

### **131/22 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

No disclosures were made.

### **132/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public wished to speak during the public session.

### **133/22 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Cllr Hyland spoke about the forthcoming Coronation that will take place on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. It has been suggested to hold a picnic event on the Church Green. It was proposed to hire a video screen to show the event live from Westminster Abbey. The cost of this hiring would total £3,400 plus VAT. It was proposed to apply for a Coronation grant from Hampshire County Council to help with the funding.

There was a discussion about the scope and structure of the event. Concerns were expressed by some councillors about the lack of discussion at Parish Councils meetings, the costs involved, the lack of publicity and concern about the number of residents likely to attend.

**Resolved:** To spend a total of £3,400 plus VAT to hire an LED Screen from Onyx Presentations Ltd to support the Coronation Day picnic at the Church Green.

**Resolved:** To seek a Coronation grant from Hampshire County Council (up to capped figure of £600) to offset the costs of the LED Screen hire.

**134/22 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023.**

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

**135/22 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES**

As the Annual Parish Assembly will follow this meeting it was agreed to hold over the reports from the committees and working parties until the next Full Council meeting.

**136/22 COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION PROCESS**

Cllr Hyland spoke about the councillor vacancy and about the applicants, Mr David Buttriss and Ms Anita Smith. They had both applied for the councillor vacancy once it had been listed for co-option. The Clerk was requested to ask both applicants to prepare a presentation for councillors to consider at the Annual Council Meeting where a decision with regard to the vacancy will be made. Ms Smith had already left the meeting by the time this discussion took place.

**137/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning applications to be received.

**138/22 FINANCE**

- a) Orders for payment

Date	Supplier	Description	Amount
03/11/22	Ampfield Traffic Ltd	SID Deployment	150.00
03/12/22	Ampfield Traffic Ltd	SID Deployment	150.00
03/01/23	Ampfield Traffic Ltd	SID Deployment	70.00
03/02/23	Ampfield Traffic Ltd	SID Deployment	60.00
31/03/23	Swanmore PC	ACSO	178.20
30/03/23	Vita Play Ltd	Quarterly PA inspection	67.80
01/04/23	B.V. Gibbs	Google Space	50.60
30/04/23	B.V. Gibbs	April Salary	666.70

Total 1393.30

**Resolved:** Orders for Payment for April 2023 were approved by the Parish Council

**139/22 THE SOBERTON PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT**

Cllr Weston spoke about the Parish Design Statement (PDS). She said that it was now very important that the draft document is distributed widely to the community. The options

discussed included listing on the website, Facebook, Soberton Echo and Twitter. There may well be the need to print some copies for those who wanted a hard copy.

It was confirmed that the document was on the website and was available to download.

A discussion then took place to identify those people within the community who would be willing to “champion” the document to their neighbours or acquaintances.

In addition, Cllr Weston agreed to produce a response form in MS Word format for people to download and comment on the draft PDS.

## **140/22      CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The was no other correspondence to receive.

## **141/22      DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Annual Council Meeting.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Policy Committee meeting

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.47pm