



**Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on
Thursday 28 January 2021 via Zoom Video Conference**

Present: Ian Mitchell, Gary Seekins, Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong, Michael Akrigg,
Les Howes

To be presented at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on Monday 22 March 2021

PR67	/21	Apologies for absence: There were no apologies as all members were present.	
PR68	/21	Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED to accept the declaration of interest from Cllr Mitchell regarding the car park cleaning contract.	
PR69	/21	Minutes of the last meeting: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 23 November 2020 were a correct record and a copy will be signed by the Chair at a later date to be confirmed. It was noted that no response (other than an acknowledgement) had been received from the Governors of Dent Primary regarding the loan repayment. It was noted that the response to the consultation on standards was outstanding. Clerk will forward the consultation to Cllr Manners-Armstrong.	
PR70	/21	Public Forum: There were no members of the public present.	
PR71	/21	EV Charging: A report, prepared by the Clerk was presented which gave a comparison of all the different quotes that had been received. It was noted that while the upfront costs of the commercial solutions were quite high, the potential income could mean that these costs were paid back within 3 years. It was noted that the possibility of gaining an income from EV Charging which could be used to fund other projects in the community was preferable. The preferred option was the Flowbird solution as this seemed the simplest option in terms of charging and had the potential to make the most money. It was suggested that as we intend to purchase a new ticket machine from Flowbird at the same time, we should seek a discounted bundle from them as well as bundling the maintenance costs for both solutions. It was RESOLVED to recommend to full council that the solution offered by Flowbird be included in the Car Park Improvement Project but that the Clerk will find out if it is possible to get a discount. At the same time the Clerk will find out if it is possible to have the solution offered by Charge My Street in addition.	
PR72	/21	Second Home/Holiday Let Permit Charges: An email had been received from the owner of a Holiday Let in the village. In it he expressed disappointment that the council had chosen to increase permit charges for 2021 given the current climate. He proposed that the council should be offering a refund or	

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		<p>payment holiday, or, at the very least, a pro-rata charge for the year from when holiday lets are allowed to re-open.</p> <p>The council noted that Holiday Lets invariably do not pay council tax as they are classed as a business and are charged Business Rates. However, as a small business they can receive Small Business Rate Relief which means that they pay nothing into the local tax revenue. It was further noted that many of these businesses had received a £10,000 grant during 2020, with the possibility of another £8,000 in further grants.</p> <p>The council stated that their primary duty was to look after the residents of the parish and so they believed it would not be right to offer any discount to these owners.</p> <p>The Clerk will respond to the owner who had sent the email to advise that no discounts will be offered.</p>	
PR73	/21	<p>Car Park and Toilets:</p> <p>It was noted that the income from the car park ticket machine was extremely low, but as the toilets had remained open there were still invoices for the cleaning.</p> <p>The cleaning contractor (also a councillor) had stated that whilst he had cut his invoices down as much as possible, whilst still maintaining high standards, he recognised that there was a potential financial issue and felt it should be raised as an issue.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that both the ladies and gents facilities could be closed leaving just the disabled toilet open as a unisex facility. This would require a change of door furniture to enable opening without a RADAR key. This would likely cut the cleaning bill drastically for at least the next month. The Clerk and cleaning contractor will arrange for this to happen as soon as possible.</p>	
PR74	/21	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Monday 22 March 2021, venue to be arranged.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20.16</p>	

Actions

Write response to Consultation on Standards in Public Life	JMA
Find out further information re SLDC Greening Campaign	IM

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