

EARNLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Earnley Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th March 2020 which commenced at 9.15am at Bracklesham Barn, Beech Avenue, Bracklesham.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Keith Martin (Chairman), John Stant (Vice Chairman), Robert Carey and John Williams

In attendance: Louise Chater (Clerk)

20.2020 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

21.2020 APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Sandy Simpson - prior engagement on a proposal by the Chairman it was RESOLVED to accept the apology and the reason for absence

22.2020 CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Declarations of Interest on items included on the agenda - none.
2. Dispensation requests - none.

23.2020 MINUTES

12.2020(2) "as well as checked the possibility of various other stiles" amended to read "as well as checked the passibility of various other stiles."

Following this amendment on a proposal by Cllr. Stant it was RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2020; this was duly completed.

24.2020 FINANCE

1. Household Waste Recycling Service 2021-2022 (report attached)
 - 1.1 Review contribution rate following withdrawal of Sidlesham Parish Council and cost implications. On a proposal by Cllr. Stant, it was RESOLVED to accept the principal of supporting the service following the withdrawal of Sidlesham Parish Council.
 - 1.2 Review basis of Agreement the Parish Council reviewed the Agreement and the amendments proposed by East Wittering and Bracklesham Parish Council (EWBPC) as listed below:
 2. The cost will be shared pro rata based on the number of households in each of the participating Town and Parish Council's areas. Proposed amendment number of households to relevant annual tax base. Agree
 3. The price per household for the financial year 2021/22, based on the current council tax base, will therefore not exceed £5.17* add for a Band D equivalent property. Agree
 4. The actual level (which will not exceed £5.17 per household) will be confirmed at the time of the formal agreement is drawn up. The parish council disagreed with the amendment put forward by EWBPC to remove (which will not exceed £5.17 per household) but suggested amending to read (which will not initially exceed £5.17 per household)
 8. The overall price will be increased annually from April 2022 by the lowest of:

- a. The contractual inflation rate, or
- b. The Retail Price Index (RPI), or
- c. any increase negotiated by WSCC with the service provider which is lower than the above

EWBPC had suggested that the Contractual Inflation rate should be specified. The Parish Council considered this to be an unnecessary amendment.

11. Early termination of the agreement which may lead to termination of the service is by a minimum of six months' notice by either
- a. WSCC**, or
 - b. The Participating Town and Parish Councils by unanimous agreement

provided that all reasonable efforts are made to avoid terminating the service during the peak demand period April - August in any year.

EWBPC had suggested that unanimous be changed to majority. The Parish Council considered this to be an unnecessary amendment.

12. WSCC will prepare a report annually at the end of each operating year for the Participating Town and Parish Councils to review how the service is operating. This report will contain information on user numbers, tonnages, recycling rate and any survey data collected plus notice of any foreseen risks or opportunities regarding the provision of the service.

EWBPC had suggested that reports needed to be produced at six monthly intervals. The Parish Council considered this to be an unnecessary burden on West Sussex County Council.

13. WSCC will offer the opportunity to meet annually to discuss the report. EWBPC had suggested that report be amended to for a service review. The Parish Council considered this to be an unnecessary amendment. However, but suggested amending to read WSCC will offer the opportunity to meet annually to review and discuss the report.

It was noted that West Wittering Parish Council had suggested that the basis of the agreement include reference to the invoicing and payment and have suggested that payment should be made twice a year in the month after the Parish Council receives the precept from Chichester District Council. Agree

- 1.3 Resolution on way forward on a proposal by the Chairman, it was RESOLVED, that Earnley Parish Council would contribute towards the proportional cost for the provision of the Household Waste Recycling Service for a minimum of a three year period commencing on 1st April 2021. Which based on the current council tax base will not exceed £5.17 for a band D property for the first year. The overall price and contribution will increase annually by the lowest of The contractual inflation rate, or The Retail Price Index (RPI), or any increase negotiated by WSCC with the service provider which is lower than the above

25.2020 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.32

Signed: _____ Chairman of Earnley Parish Council

Dated: _____