

## Extraordinary meeting of the Curry Rivel Parish Council

held as a virtual meeting on 24 March 2020 at 1500.

Present: Andy Anderson, Tony Greenaway, Peter Goodenough, Terry Mounter and Simon Scarborough.

Apologies for Absence: Ed Rosa.

Les Hood and Derek Yeomans were informed and intended to join but establishing the virtual communication proved difficult on this occasion.

All councillors had previously received the resolutions and appendices to them by email so had had time to prepare their responses.

### Resolution 1:

The Council resolves to implement the Business Continuity motion suggested by the Association of Local Councils as modified for our purposes.

The details were given in an Appendix which will appear on the website.

After discussion this was agreed unanimously

### Resolution 2.

The Council resolves to appoint a Director of Communications to coordinate its on line contacts with the Parishioners. This to include taking control of the village web-site, setting up a Council twitter feed and Facebook profile, communicating with the Emergency team and the Parish Council Chair and Vice Chair.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

After discussion it was agreed that Tony Greenaway was clearly the prime candidate to be Director of Communications and it so agreed

Resolution 3 and 4 were combined:

3 -The Council resolves to immediately set aside £5000 from its reserves to use for the relief of the Parish during the duration of the current emergency. This fund to be made available to the Emergency team by consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair.

4- -The Council resolves to set up an Emergency team led by Steven Allinson immediately to coordinate relief work within the Parish.

Councillor Goodenough explained that the extra restrictions on movement recently imposed by the Government meant that the original plan suggested by Steve Allinson and shown in a memorandum would have to be modified. He said that he could arrange for 900 flyers to be printed and suggested they could be posted out to the community at a cost of £549.

Volunteers could still walk round their small area during their allowed exercise period to see monitor the situation as described in the memorandum but this would be decided by the emergency team.. It would be necessary to cover Wick but he hoped that Langport Town Council would support the community at Westover.

It was agreed unanimously that both resolutions be accepted and Steve Allinson be appointed as Head of the emergency team.

Councillor Scarborough said that Somerton have a good system in place already and it was agreed that the emergency team would contact Mo Fletcher to discuss what they are doing.

AOB:

- ◆ Asked whether there would be regular monthly meeting via Skype Councillor Goodenough said that this would not be needed as the Council had now voted all necessary powers to the Chair and Vice Chair. However, ad hoc meetings could be called if councillors requested them and planning matters would be discussed by Skype meetings if they are substantial and there is a lot of objections locally..
- ◆ Councillor Scarborough informed the meeting that the SIDs were due to arrive during the next week. Immediate payment would be expected. Councillor Goodenough said that he would be informing the Clerk of the outcome of this meeting and would ask her to send the current account cheque book to the Chair or him so that a cheque could be issued.

There was discussion over who should take delivery of the SIDS and it was agreed that they should be delivered to the Village Hall. The delivery should be tracked and Roger Hampton be asked to be at the hall to receive them. To avoid any risk he should request that the deliverer should place them in the foyer, where they should be left untouched for a week to ensure any contamination was destroyed. Councillor Greenaway would send Councillor Scarborough contact details for Roger Hampton.

- ◆ Councillor Goodenough said he would now contact Steve Allinson to make him aware of the outcomes of this meeting and to discuss with him the next steps to take.
- ◆ Both the Chair and Vice Chair are particularly vulnerable to the virus infection so are unable to take an active part in the community emergency response. They will be available remotely and other councillors were urged to help in any way possible within the bounds of avoiding infection at all cost

The meeting ended at 1545..