

RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at River Methodist Church

PRESENT: Cllr. Taylor (in the Chair), Cllr. Dixon, Cllr. Atkins, Cllr. Beresford, Cllr. Gunzi, Cllr. Jones

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. A. Denyer (Parish Clerk)

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Underhill

51. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN & DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THIS OFFICE

Cllr. Dixon nominated Cllr. Taylor as Chairman of the Parish Council for the year ahead. This was seconded by Cllr. Gunzi and, there being no other nominations, Cllr. Taylor was duly elected as Chairman.

52. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Beresford nominated Cllr. Dixon as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the year ahead. This was seconded by Cllr. Jones and, there being no other nominations, Cllr. Dixon was duly elected for the year ahead.

53. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Chairman proposed that the present situation continue for the year ahead, whereby all Parish Councillors are invited to attend all Committee Meetings. Cllr. Dixon seconded this proposal and all agreed.

54. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th April 2022 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Beresford proposed that they represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Gunzi and all agreed.

55. ANY REPORTS OR UPDATES: No updates.

56. FINANCIAL:

a) Lower Road 20mph Zone Traffic Regulation Order

Kent Highways have asked the Parish Council if they may submit an invoice for £2,500 being the cost of the Traffic Regulation Order to allow the Lower Road 20mph Zone to proceed. Chairman proposed that the payment be made. This was seconded by Cllr. Dixon and all agreed.

b) Insurance Renewal

Clerk reported that our broker is now focusing its Parish Council clients on one provider as some companies have left the market and they have informed us that this will provide a competitive price. The recommended policy from Hiscox Insurance is £5,205. Chairman proposed, Vice-Chairman and it was agreed that to go ahead with this company unless the Clerk is able to find a better offer before the renewal date.

FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

57. REPORT OF COUNCIL CHAIRMAN FOR 2021/22

Chairman gave a summary of his report for 2021/22. This is to be published in 'Rivall' Magazine and a copy will be appended to these minutes.

58. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF COUNCIL FOR 2021/22

The Parish Clerk gave a presentation of the draft accounts (subject to audit) for the 2021/22 Financial Year. A copy of the draft accounts is to be appended to these minutes.

59. ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were none.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm