

**DRAFT Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Slindon Parish Council
held at Slindon Sports Pavilion Mill Road Slindon BN18 0LZ
on Friday 2nd August 2019 at 7 p.m.**

Present: Councillors Niki Adamson (Chairman), Barbara Brimblecombe, Jan Rees, Peter Fenton, and Paul Wilkinson

In attendance: Sarah Linfield (Parish Clerk/RFO), no members of public

19/069 Apologies For Absence - received from Councillor Thomas and approved.

19/070 Declaration Of Interest - none received.

19/071 Planning Matters -

Adams Field House School Hill Slindon BN18 0RA
2 skylights and change to front door configuration

SDNP/19/03456/NMA

Decision - No objection raised

Slindon College Top Road Slindon Arundel West Sussex BN18 0RH
SDNP/19/03261/LIS

Repair works to the Tower

Decision - Support on basis that “it will ensure the future well-being of this important structure” (David Boyson, Conservation Comments dated 31/7/19)

Bailiffs House Church Hill Slindon Arundel West Sussex BN18 0RB
SDNP/19/03278/TCA

Fell Poplar

Decision - No objection raised, although the reason behind the request was not specified and the Clerk was instructed to immediately highlight this application to the National Trust, property owner, as the response date is 6/8/19.

Newholme School Hill Slindon BN18 0RA SDNP/19/03255/HOUS
Single storey rear extension

Decision - No objection raised on the basis that the applicant had taken steps to comply with pre-application advice.

It was -

Resolved - that the Clerk update SDNP Planning Portal comments and (where the option exists) record consultee comments

19/072 Clerk’s Report

- Replacement Goalpost - the Clerk was authorised to follow up the Playground inspection reports (latest dated w/c 29/7/19), obtain quotes and research grant opportunities, specifically with regards the replacement goal post which does not comply with BS standards.

- Sundial Repair - has been completed and payment was authorised under finance section

19/073 Finance Reports - it was Resolved - to authorise the following payments

Monthly Expenditure for approval at Meeting 2 August 2019								
Authorise issue of cheques								
Community Account								
DATE OF CHEQUE	BENEFICIARY/PAYEE	TRANSACTION TYPE	Chq No.	NET AMOUNT	VAT	GROSS AMOUNT	STATUTE (UNDER WHICH PAYMENT)	REASON
25/07/2019	Berry Stonework Ltd	CHEQUE	100299	444.00	88.80	532.80	War Memorials (Local Authorities Powers) Act 1923, s1 as extended by LGA 1948, s133	War memorial wall repairs
02/08/2019	HMRC	CHEQUE	100301	76.20		76.20	LGA 1972 s112	Tax on Clerk's August salary
02/08/2019	Shepherd & Grantham stonemasons LTD	CHEQUE	100302	175.00	35.00	210.00	LGA 1972 s111	Sundial repair within War Memorial Garden
				695.20	123.80	819.00		

19/074 Bank Mandate - resolution on 'Mandate for Local Authority', wording read by RFO, proposed by Councillor Rees and seconded by Councillor Adamson, all in favour. It was **Resolved - that the Parish Council continue to use their existing bank and add Councillor Wilkinson as a signatory**

19/075 Electrical Supply

The Clerk explained that

- The Parish Council had received a notice of 'change in tariff/business contract expired' dated 9/7/19 and, on investigation, it has been 'out of contract' for 6/7 years.
- Its 6 streetlamps have a 'Un-metered Supply', provided for electrical equipment where, either it is not practical to install a meter, and/or the cost of installing a meter is disproportionate to the cost of electricity used by the equipment.
- Ofgem confirmed price comparison websites are for use by domestic consumers only
- 9 companies identified as providing UMS, of which 4 do not deal with the Council's level of usage and 1 did not provide a quote
- Quote comparison estimates based on 'Continuous' supply 13.1 kWh and Half 'Night and Pre-dawn' supply 611.3 kWh (exclude VAT at 5%)
 1. SSE (existing provider) - £153 per annum, fixed for 12 months (The Parish Council paid £308 in the year to March 2019)
 2. E-on - £138 per annum, but it is a variable UMS tariff (their 'out of contract' rate)
 3. Green Energy - £432 per annum, fixed for 12 months
 4. Opus Energy - £165 per annum, fixed for 12 months (potential to fix for 2 and 4 years)

Decision - it was unanimously agreed that the Council continue to use SSE which provided a competitive quote, the benefit of an uninterrupted service, a designated Accounts Manager and assurance the tariff would be effective from August. The paperwork was duly signed.

19/076 Date Of Next Ordinary Meeting – MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER – all to note.

The meeting finished at 7.25 p.m.