



Minutes of extraordinary meeting of Kents Hill & Monkston Parish Council held on Monday 19th March 2018, 7.30pm at Kingston Library.

Present: Cllrs Jaime Tamagnini-Barbosa (Chair), Peter Laws (PL), Taimyr Boungou-Pouaty (TBP), Vikas Chandra (VC) joined meeting @ 7.35pm

Attending: Abi Bassett (Clerk)

1) Public open session **There were no members of the public present**

143/2017	Apologies: to receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence. VC advised that he would be late.	
144/2017	Declaration of interest: There were no declarations of interests made.	
145/2017	Minutes of previous meeting: RESOLVED The minutes of 12 th February 2018 were agreed and approved as a true and correct record subject to one amendment, namely that the note regarding VC's apologies is to be removed, at the request of VC.	
146/2017	<p>Decision Required: Finance.</p> <p>1. Appeals for funding: To agree appeals for funding. None to consider</p> <p>2. Payments: To agree payments to be made as per payments list. RESOLVED: Payments agreed.</p> <p>A councillor expressed concern about the legal validity of the decision to award the grant to 1st Broughton & Monkston Guides (minute ref: 133/2017) stating that if a councillor had an interest in an agenda item then the standing orders of the parish council required that councillor to leave the room which would have an effect on the quorum for the meeting as the absent councillor would not be regarded as being 'present and voting'. It was advised that the interest in the given case was personal and not pecuniary so the councillor with the interest did not have to be excluded from the meeting and that the vote had been by acclamation. The concern was raised that by virtue of the very fact of a councillor disclosing the interest, the disclosure should have been given effect to, in accordance with the standing orders. Another councillor suggested that the interest was related more to the councillor's wife being an officer in a related organisation of the organisation seeking the grant and that all the right questions had been asked of the grant seeking organisation. VC abstained from the vote to approve payment to 1st Broughton and Monkston Guides as a financial concern had been raised.</p>	
147/2017	<p>Kingston Office Space: - Decision required</p> <p>Council have received a formal offer from Philip Stainsby of office space at the Kingston Centre. Offer is within budget and the space has much potential. Council were advised that this is initially being offered on a 3 month assured tenancy, then switching to a month to month tenancy since the Community Foundation have plans to develop the land in the medium to long term. It is hoped that the Community Foundation will factor the Parish Council into their plans to enable the Council to continue to have a public presence. VC stated that Council needed to assess and show whether it could afford an office and if the risks had been factored in. VC was advised that gaining office space has been in the Council's plans for some time and has been built in to the budgets for this year and next year and had previously been agreed as a strategy at the last members' away day. After viewing the office with PL, the Clerk recommends the following:</p> <p>1. To agree to accept the offer of office space at the Kingston Centre RESOLVED To accept the offer of office space at the Kingston Centre.</p> <p>2. If recommendation 1 is agreed:</p> <p>(a) agree to authorise the Clerk to obtain broadband and telephone connections at the new premises and to agree expenditure. Clerk to get quotes. RESOLVED To authorise the clerk to obtain a broadband/line rental contract for up to £431 per annum, opting for EITHER bOnline or PlusNet</p> <p>(b) agree opening hours/Clerk's availability to the public RESOLVED Opening hours to the public were agreed at 9.30am-1.30pm Monday to Friday</p> <p>(c) agree moving in date. RESOLVED Target date for moving in 3rd April 2018</p>	
148/2017	<p>Citizens Advice Bureau 3 year agreement: Decision required</p> <p>Do Council want to extend the current provision with MK CAB for a further 3 years (fixed term)? RESOLVED To go ahead with 3 year agreement with Citizens Advice Bureau to provide outreach services fortnightly for fixed period of 36 months</p>	
	<p>Silent Soldier Campaign: Decision required</p> <p>The Royal British Legion is inviting organisations, community groups and individuals to</p>	

149/2017	<p>support the Silent Soldier campaign that commemorates the end of the first World War and the countless soldiers that gave their lives. Participants will be sent a Silent Soldier silhouette to display until Dec 2018.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much does the Council want to donate to the campaign? 2. Where will the Silent Soldier be displayed? 3. Does Council want its name on the silhouette? <p>Item deferred to next meeting. Clerk asked to find out the following: How big are the silhouettes? What is the suggested donation for each one? How much would it cost to install them?</p>	
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Date of the next meeting: Monday 9th April 2018, 7.30pm LOCATION TBC

Signed _____ **(Chair) Date** _____