

# BEAUDESERT & HENLEY IN ARDEN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL



## MINUTES

### JPC EXTRAORDINARY PARISH MEETING

Here are the Minutes for the Extraordinary Meeting of the Joint Parish Council which took place on **Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2021**, at 7.00pm, using zoom technology.

**Members Present:** Cllrs Field [Chair] Bainbridge, Jones, Okey, Easton, White, Clarke, Kingsnorth, and Woods. The Clerk, Ray Evans.

**Public Participation Session:**

**There were twelve members of the public in attendance.**

**Clerk:** The Clerk informed all that there would be no normal participation by the public and that there would be a question and answer session during the Item 7.00 in line with the published agenda.

**Chair:** A statement was read out by the Chair outlining the nature of the meeting and reiterating that NO DECISIONS would be reached by the JPC, that this was a consultation meeting to debate the matter of the annual community grant awards process, and that a full presentation would be made on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, which would detail the grant awards. Her statement ended with her thanking all for their contributions to the meeting, and a firm repudiation that the JPC had sought to suspend funding from the HUB, that it was the intention of the JPC to assist all societies' in town, always provided they supplied all documentation necessary for the process to proceed to completion.

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**Item 1.00**

**Acceptance of apologies for absence**

**Resolved:** All members of the council were present.

**Item 2.00**

**Dispensations**

**Resolved:** There were no dispensations received.

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**Item 3.00**

**To receive declarations of Interests**

**Resolved:** Cllrs Field declared an interest in the WI and Library. Cllr Bainbridge declared an interest in the Memorial Hall.

**Item 4.00**

**To receive and sign the Minutes of Last Ordinary Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2021**

**Resolved:** Chair asked all assembled if they found the minutes to be a true and accurate account of the meeting, the motion that they were, was proposed by Cllr Woods, seconded by Cllr Easton, and carried unanimously.

**Item 5.00**

**Matters Arising from the previous minutes**

**Resolved:** Chair raised the following:

5.01 The Chair thanked Cllr Bainbridge for organising posters made by Henley schools in connection with the litter campaign which were now posted around town.

5.02 Chair thanked Cllr Woods for placing an advert on social media stating that there were vacancies on the council.

5.03 Chair asked the Clerk if he had organised the purchase of two grit bins discussed in the previous meeting. The Clerk reported that said bins would shortly be delivered to Cllr Jones for siting in town.

#### **Item 6.00**

##### **Funding**

The Chair advised the assembly that CAVA were organising an online seminar on fund raising on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February, which she thought would be of interest to the societies in attendance, as it dealt with funding streams and guidance on writing an application for a grant. She also offered help from the JPC in such matters if they needed help with third party funding.

#### **Item 7.00**

##### **Applicants for Grant Funding in Beaudesert & Henley – Invitation to Address the floor**

Chair invited Cllr Okey to address the meeting. She reminded all that the meeting that this would be an opportunity for all applicants to make their bid for a grant and provide the rationale backing their request. She reiterated that **NO DECISIONS** would be reached until after further consideration by the Grants Committee. She then invited all parties to speak. For brevity and the matter of disclosure of certain confidential financial and accounting data, the Clerk has **only recorded the salient issues** in each application as follows: If any members of the public need any further background on any of the applicant's presentations, they can approach the Clerk, who will request a statement from each society if required. IN ANY EVENT, a full report of all requests and the subsequent awards, will be published in the minutes of the JPC meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> next.

##### **Henley in Bloom – Request £4,250.00**

Speaker: Ian Fox, who gave a resume of the activities of the group. Cllr Okey asked if Sheila Davis wished to add any other comments, she reported that HIB were supporting the young of Henley by organising competitions and interacting with the schools and beaver scouts. A small number of questions were raised by members.

##### **Memorial Hall – Request £2,000.00**

Speaker: Duncan Bainbridge who gave a resume of the activities of the group. He reported that their effort was directed at energy saving. A small number of questions were raised by members. Cllr Jones offered information on green funding and said he would pass this to Mr Bainbridge.

**Guild Hall Gardens – Not represented.** Cllr Okey confirmed that their application would be considered.

**Christmas Lights – Not represented.** Cllr Okey confirmed that their application would be considered.

##### **Combined Churches – Request £800.00**

Speaker: Graham Hindley, who gave a resume of the activities of the group. A small number of questions were raised by members.

##### **Henley WI – Request £1,000.00**

Speaker: Stacey Pahl, who gave a resume of the activities of the group. A small number of questions were raised by members. Offers were made by the JPC concerning some guidance on the supply of a greenhouse and base.

##### **Henley Community Library – Request £6,500.00 [Reduced to £4,750.00]**

Speaker: Katy Steele, who gave a resume of the activities of the group. A small number of questions were raised by members. Cllr Okey praised the group for seeking economies in the running of the library.

**HWMT Sports Field - Request £7,000.00 [Due to third party grants received by the HWMT, the request had been withdrawn but held in abeyance for the moment]**

Speaker: David Broadbent, who gave a resume of the activities of the group. A small number of questions were raised by members.

**The HUB at Henley – Request £25,000.00**

Speaker: Peter Crathorne, who gave a resume of the activities of the group. A small number of questions were raised by members. HUB trustee, Mrs Penny Stott added background to the debate and reiterated the need for specialised training and the adoption of other staff going forward.

**Other Societies:** Representations from **Friends of Henley Station** or **Arts4All** were not received at this meeting.

Cllr Okey thanked all for attending and promised a decision would be reached in time for the next meeting and a full report published on the final outcome.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 at 7.00pm**

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