

MEETING OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM
IN THE STEYNING CENTRE

Present: Cllrs Goldsmith (Chairman), Campbell, Cree, Hanson, Lloyd, Rudkin, Saunders, S Sullivan, G. Sullivan, Trundle, Northam, Norcross, Alexander, Taylor and Young.

Clerk: John Fullbrook

DRAFT MINUTES - Verbatim Q&A's

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Q – Phil Howell - I notice in 130.2.2 last week, the answer to the question about earmarked reserves which states there are sufficient reserves and therefore we will not be touching emergency reserves.

The last council handed over to this council a project to replace the CCTV around the town in a number of key locations and the clerk was able to secure an advantageous price because technology has advanced and we can now get away with wireless cameras, I've been through all the paperwork and there does not seem to be any progress on that at all and no discussion and I'm wondering why especially in view of the 2 recent incidents in the high street this last week.

A – Chairman - Well obviously there have been the incidents in the high street and although it was not on the budget for this year for various reasons we are going to be looking at it again at the next F and GP meeting to see how we can move it forward.

Q – Phil Howell, reply - You were on the last council chair, you will recall we had it on the agenda there, we passed it to this council to fulfil with funds in the budget to advance it and I'm very surprised it has not been discussed

A – Chairman - We had alternative/ other expenses like the neighbourhood plan which we had to fund extra neighbourhood planning so unfortunately it was put on the side, it has not been forgotten we've had these 2 incidents.

A – Cllr S. Sullivan - As the member of the public will recall one of the problems with CCTV is that we don't have anybody who has sufficient time to view the recordings, so if an incident happens the first thing you will be asked is can you give an accurate time when the incident happened because we just don't have anybody who can trail through several hours of CCTV footage.

Q – Phil Howell, reply, there was a lot more activity in the past council outside of meetings and 3 councillors went to Lewes police station to watch the system and the councillor in question will recall that when we came back we said on the basis of the understanding that we couldn't see it live and we did not want to see it live because the police could not respond and therefore the 30 day recording process would be ok. If there was an incident, we could refer the police to our recording and that was more than sufficient. If the current council want to come in and review it I'm sure the police would be very grateful to assist.

A – Chairman, yes, there were other queries, if you recall you were on that council and the police did do a very good offer for us, putting in a system which the council at the time refused to carry on. It was a very good deal which we won't get again.

Q – Phil Howell, reply, -We will recall also that the clerk went out and got a price for a complete system at less than 25% of the price of the police system and that's why we went with it. Because we did not want live and did not need live.

A – Chairman, I'm just going to say to that, it's all right making those sorts of comments, but that particular system wouldn't of been good enough, the images were not good enough for prosecution purposes.

Q - Are these microphones for show or do they actually work because you can't hear a thing over here? The lady in the corner, it was just a mumble. Can you speak into the thing so we can hear?

A – Chairman, they are working