

East Coker Parish Council 20th Extraordinary Meeting Minutes 2021

Meeting Commenced at 19.02

Attendees: Chairperson Sugg, Vice Chairperson Shepstone, Cllr. Beckerleg, Cllr. Bennett, Cllr. Cowen Cllr. D. Mead, Cllr. S. Snelling , Cllr Chant, Cllr Mills, Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Comstive, Cllr Hodge, Cllr Bridgford-Whittick and Clerk J. Heggarty.

Member of the Public 3

21/018 To receive any apologies and reasons for non-attendance. None

21/019 To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda. Cllr Sugg and Cllr Mead declared and interest on Item 21/ 020

Public Question Time 3 Members of the public spoke in objection to item 21/021 on the agenda.

19.04 Cllr Sugg stepped down as Chair and Cllr Shepstone took over the running of the meeting.

21/020 To discuss the possible upgrade of Footpath Y9/35 at Bridleway at Nash

19.21 Cllr Comstive joined meeting

Cllr Shepstone advised that there had been multiple objections to this application and that there was evidence of this being a historic footpath. He suggested that the kissing gates were Victorian and should be listed with English Heritage. Cllr Hodge said that in her mind it was too late to list the gates, as the original application letter was sent to the Parish on 25th November 2020. Cllr Shepstone advised that as long as our application to list the gates is sent to English Heritage prior to our response to SCC then it would still be classed as an outstanding application. Proposal: Historically this path has been a footpath since 1901 (120years). It was formally adopted in 2018 by SSDC when the East Coker Parish Council completed their neighbourhood plan. Proposed: Cllr Shepstone: Seconded: Cllr Hodge a vote was taken and all agreed Proposal: Submit an application to English Heritage to list both Kissing Gates on this path. Proposed: Cllr Shepstone Seconded: Cllr Bridgford Whittick a vote was taken 8 in favour 3 abstentions motion carried. Action: Clerk to proceed with forms to list both gates with English Heritage, and then write and attach all relevant maps and certificates, to SCC to advised that ECP object to the plans to change the use from Footpath to Bridleway. 7.29 Three members of the public left meeting. Cllr Sugg returned to chairing the meeting.

21/021 To Discuss and approve Precept 2021/20222 Clerk sent out a full budget sheet prior to the meeting to all Councillors. Cllr Hodge explained Expense Sheet, Budget Sheet and Income Summary and asked for comments. It was decided that the Paddock Pathway £4,000 and the Chapel Pathway £5,000 would be included in the 20/21 expenditure. Cllr Wilkins said that we should increase the recreation maintenance fee in case we need to take on the Tellis Cross Maintenance in October when the current lease runs out, Cllr Shepstone suggested an extra £500 for this Cllr Sugg said that she thought that it would be a good idea to move £30,000 from the current account to the Projects Account for the Pavilion Modernisation which is being planned and that the precept should be raised this year but only by 1%. Cllr Mead said that looking at the monies which the PC had at the present, he would feel uneasy raising the precept above inflation. Cllr Shepstone asked that the precept was not increased, due to the pandemic and the effect that it was having on parishioners' finances. He also asked that when the vote was taken it was recorded. **Proposal 1:** Cllr Comstive proposed that based on the current (RPI) Retail Price Index 1.2% or (CPI) Consumer Price index 0.8. we should increase the precept by only 1% rise. **Proposed:** Cllr Comstive **Seconded:** Cllr Bridgford Whittick. A recorded vote was taken Cllr Sugg, Cllr Hodge, Cllr Mills, Cllr Mead, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Comstive, Cllr

Bridgford Whittick vote in favour and Cllr Cowen, Cllr Beckerleg, Cllr Snelling, Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Chant and Cllr Shepstone vote against. Motion Carried. **Proposal 2:** Make 0% increase to the current precept. **Proposed:** Cllr Shepstone **Seconded:** Cllr Beckerleg. A recorder vote was taken Cllr Cowen, Cllr Beckerleg, Cllr Snelling, Cllr Wilkins, Cllr Chant and Cllr Shepstone in Favour and Cllr Sugg, Cllr Hodge, Cllr Mills, Cllr Mead, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Comstive, Cllr Bridgford Whittick vote voted against. Motion denied. Action: Clerk to submit precept paperwork to SSDC asking for a 1% increase.

20.24 meeting ended