



COLDINGHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of a meeting held on Tuesday 19 October 2021 at 7pm in Coldingham Village Hall

Present : R Goldie, N Wood, P White, P Scott, E Turnbull, D Thomson, R Thomas, M Beatt, Cllr H Laing, S Williams and members of the public.

Apologies : Cllr C Hamilton, Cllr J Fullarton

R Goldie introduced the meeting and explained the various restrictions still in place re C19. Those attending should wear masks where possible, sanitise hands on arrival and departure, maintain social distancing where possible. She then went on to explain that minutes cannot be made public until they are approved. Since all current members of CCC were present, they were asked to confirm that they would all continue to adhere to the Community Council Code of Conduct issued by SBC at the time of election. All agreed to this. She informed the meeting that M Clift has tendered his resignation for health reasons. The members thanked him for all the effort and enthusiasm he put into his time on CCC.

Previous minutes : notes of 21Sept approved by P White and seconded by P Scott, with the correction that it was actually Cllr Laing who provided the name for the Green Space Project contact .

Matters Arising : Priory Garden – a lively discussion took place re a suggestion that veg could be planted in the Priory Garden. Not a popular suggestion, this is an area of peace, meditation and a sacred space. However, it was agreed that it needs tidying and some of the original plants need sorting out to get the best of them. Friends of the Priory and M Fenty agreed to pursue this. Suggestions of 2 less controversial places for community planting were offered. Surgery Closure – Grantshouse CC would also like to be kept in the loop. Village website – coming along, intent is to have access by the various groups in the village to be able to update their own areas. Festive lights – electrical checks to be done, SBC and ScoPo to be informed. Trees need to be cut down a bit, cradle which holds the lights makes this not so easy. N Wood agreed to liaise with Richard from Bogan (tree surgeon) who has assisted in the past. Remembrance day tributes – N Wood reported that the High School has produced 4 poppies for us, 2 red, 1 white, 1 purple. He has arranged help to get things in place. Through the Coldingham Society a squad has volunteered to tidy it before Rem Sunday. P White said he would remove wreaths at the beginning of Nov. Speeding, parking & 40mph – R Goldie reported that she had spoken with police and they will come out and offer advice, but not until after COP26 as their manning is stretched providing security. Cllr Laing agreed to pass on the various concerns to P Gilhooly. Cross update – stone now all with Hutton Stone to be surveyed. Still awaiting uptodate quote.

Treasurer's report – N Wood reported that he has received the bill for the strimming that is done around the village. There were 3 requests for financial assistance through the microgrant scheme. Coldingham Society submitted 2- first a request to train 2 members to be able to carry out a local history project. Agreed max permitted amount of £250. Second was a request for just over £300 to cover the cost of the we hosting service for the new website. Since their AGM is on

Thursday 21st, it was agreed to defer this to see how much other groups were contributing. Last request was for £80 towards printing of questionnaires re the Surgery Building to be distributed to the residents of the various communities affected. This was agreed. Various suggestions for use of the building were made, but it was advised that the questionnaire MUST form the basis for anything which follows.

Police Report – R Goldie summarised the report sent to cover Sept.

SBC Cllrs Reports – Cllr Laing reported that everything had already been covered elsewhere. Suggestion was made re beach area parking/ overflow parking which she agreed to pass to P Gilhooly, also the idea that perhaps the old surgery car park could be designated as a Long Stay, to relieve pressure on that at the square.

AOCB : RAGES AGM is to take place on 25th Oct at 7:30 in Reston Village Hall. It was generally agreed that Barry Forrest and his committee should be thanked for all the work and effort expended thus far, and for the future work they will undertake. This prompted the comment that good bus connection would be required. Graham Johnstone is the contact for this. Also the A1 Reston Junction needs upgraded if there is to be increased traffic...BEAR is the contractor. R Goldie reported that a retired farmer can make owl boxes (at a cost) should we wish some. Suggested we think about where they could go first. She also had a poster for Emma Harper MSP. Once confirmed who this lady was, she agreed to put the poster up. Discussion about whether we should have other politicians posters up too... R Goldie happy to put any posters up if said politicians can be bothered to send them. Sooty Duck Hedge – owner has arranged to get it trimmed back to make it passable. M Fenty reported that there was a tree down between Lumsdaine Rd and Westerside. It was suggested that the farmer at Lumsdaine may be able to help (thank you Cllr Fullarton). M Beatt reported that the bridge from Scoutscroft is in need of replacement treads and wire covering. P Allan volunteered to speak with Scoutscroft folk re this.

DONM : Tuesday 16th November at 7pm in Village Hall.