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Minutes of the remote Extraordinary meeting of Southwater Parish Council held on Wednesday, 24th February 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors Present Remotely: G Watkins (Chairman), M Neale (Vice-Chairman – *arrived at 7.45pm*), G Cole, G Scoon, D Moore, R Williams and S Lewis

Members of the Public: Were able to view meeting by Live YouTube Stream

Clerk: Dawn Spouge

Deputy Clerk: Justin Tyler

	Actions
<p>The Chairman advised that the meeting was being conducted virtually with none present in the Chamber and confirmed it was being live streamed to YouTube.</p>	
<p>The Chairman confirmed that the meeting was not being recorded and did a roll call at the commencement of the meeting of all those attending remotely for the benefit of those viewing the streamed meeting. He stated that the meeting was being held in accordance with Government Regulations approved during the COVID-19 Pandemic for the period of May 2020 – May 2021.</p>	
<p>The Chairman welcomed all Councillors in attendance remotely and all members of the Public watching via live stream, to the meeting. He clarified with the Clerk that no members of the public had requested to speak at the meeting. He stated that when a member of the public does request to speak in any convened meeting that public are invited to speak at, this would be for maximum of 5 minutes.</p>	
<p>The Chairman confirmed with all Councillors that they had received the documentation required to consider the Agenda items.</p>	
<p>The Chairman clarified the voting protocol required for decisions, etiquette required to conduct the meeting and housekeeping rules and also reminded all Councillors that if an interest had been declared, they would not be able to take part in any discussion or vote. Voting would be symbolised by a thumbs up for approval, down for against or horizontal hand for abstention. He explained that in cases where, in the opinion of the Chairperson, there is consensus, the Chairperson may seek to secure agreement whilst providing an opportunity for any dissenting members to be heard or to request a formal roll call vote.</p>	
<p>The Chairman explained that if meeting was at any point not accessible to Councillors/Chairperson through remote means due to any technological or other failure of provision, then he would immediately adjourn the meeting. If the provision of access through remote means could not be restored within 10 minutes, then the remaining business will be considered at a time and date. If a new date could not be fixed the remaining business will be considered at the next ordinary meeting.</p>	

All papers were circulated with the Agenda to all Councillors.

26. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Flores-Moore, Slowly and Vickers.

27. Declarations of Interest

None

28. Public Forum

No Public requested to speak at this meeting.

29. Minutes – To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th January 2021

Note: - The Chairman had requested that the above item be deferred until after Item 31 had been discussed. Therefore this item was taken after Item 31.

The Chairman proposed acceptance of the above Minutes with the addition of the amendment of Item 23/21 of those Minutes that had been taken in confidential session of that meeting.

The Amendment included agreement that the Southwater Youth Working Party include SYP and other members of the public and public bodies as members of the Working Party.

The above propose acceptance of the Minutes and amendment were seconded by Cole and AGREED with five votes in favour, one against and one abstention.

30. Matters Arising - To deal with any matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 20th January 2021 not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

None.

31. Southwater Youth Working Party – To consider the terms of reference for the Southwater youth Working Party

The Chairman stated that Councillor Flores-Moore had requested to stand down from the SYWP (above) and that he would like to come on board SYWP in her place. Everyone agreed to accept.

The Chairman then stated that he had intended for his original proposal in the meeting of the FPC on 20th January 2021, that the SYP (Southwater Youth Project) and various other bodies or individual representatives also be members of the SYWP and that this engagement with them all being members and thus attending all meetings called would enable the idea of future changes etc to be fully discussed and ideas exchanged, giving full engagement with all. He explained that Working Party members were able to put forward proposals and were there in advisory capacity only, however, no vote could be carried to agree resolutions, but would only be recommendations to the Full Council who would then vote on a final outcome. All members of the Working Party would have a say in matters.

There was a lot of discussion following this statement and some objection to SYP and other bodies or individuals being members of the Working Party instead of attending certain meetings when invited due to reservations of discussions on possible confidential matters that may arise. Councillor Scoon voiced his opinion that the above was a change in proposals that had been understood at the meeting. The Chairman answered that he felt his original proposal had not been fully explained in the Minutes in the way he intended, which he had explained above and that all parties need to be members of the SYWP to ensure a positive way forward was reached to the satisfaction of all those involved.

There was further discussion that a member of the public was already on the working party and therefore it would be beneficial to have others and groups including SYP as members.

Councillor Scoon stated that he was not against different groups and individuals attending, but did not feel it would be correct to have them as permanent members at every meeting.

(Councillor Neale joined the meeting at this point and apologised for being late).

Further discussion took place on the necessity to ensure that there were 'no closed doors' to all those wanting to be involved.

Councillor Moore stated that if all those who were part of youth provision in Southwater were to be members, then this should also include the two Friday Night youth workers employed by the Parish Council.

The Chairman proposed that the Southwater Youth Working Party include SYP, members of the public and other bodies, seconded by Councillor Cole and AGREED with five votes in favour, one against and one abstention.

The Chairman of SYWP is Councillor Neale who would now set a date for the next SYWP meeting.

***NOTE:** The meeting was adjourned and the live stream of the meeting was ended to the Public after the above item due to the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted. in accordance with Section 1 (e) of Standing Orders (Meetings). with Section 1 (e) of Standing Orders (Meetings).*

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- 32. Minutes** - To approve the Minutes of the HR Committee meeting held on 17th February 2021
(i) To receive and consider any recommendations of the above meeting.

The above Minute was taken in Confidential session.

The meeting ended at 8.38pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17th March 2021