

**BECKLEY AND STOWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**  
**HELD ON FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020 AT 6.00 PM**  
**BY CONFERENCE CALL (DUE TO CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS)**  
**MEETING NUMBER 27.03.20**

**Present:** Cllr David Scott (Chair)  
Cllr Chris Cox (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Michael Soanes  
Cllr Ginette Camps-Walsh  
Cllr Vivienne Rust  
Clerk – Sue Cox

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** None received.
2. **To receive any declarations of interest:** None declared.
3. **To consider** a change to working arrangements, in view of the government advice in relation to Coronavirus, to empower the Clerk, acting with an Emergency Committee to do anything expedient and necessary to ensure the continuous business of the Council, and to deal with mandatory undertakings in order to prevent the authority from incurring liability during the period that the delegation is applicable. **Decision – Agreed.** Clerk will send out emails and work remotely. Consultations and voting to be done by email.
4. **To permit:** The Emergency Committee to meet remotely and/or to consult other councillors remotely or by email to enable them to reach a consensus. **Decision – Agreed.** No decisions to be made by one person only and 3 out of 5 Cllrs to make a decision.
5. **Other Business:**
  - a. **The car park and play area** refurbishment are large items of expenditure that may have to be postponed for now. Start dates have not been agreed due to availability of contractors and materials.
  - b. **Compost Bin for BVH garden waste.** Quote received for £315 and agreed and accepted by the PC. The 1.5m2 x 1m tall bin will be positioned between the hedge and the village hall. Extensions and a lid can be made at a later date if necessary. **Action: Cllr Cox**
  - c. **The village hall and playground** are now closed due to Coronavirus restrictions. Cllr Scott has screwed the gates shut and tied the zip wire seat up. The tennis court has been padlocked and signs put up on the fence and on the website and notice board. The green spaces are still open for exercise only.

- d. **The RSPB Otmoor Reserve** is now closed to the public including the hides. The Public Footpath is still open. The Bridle path to the BBOWT reserve is very busy and safe distancing is not always observed by the public. The Police are following Government advice and policing people who drive to places for exercise which is currently not allowed.
- e. **Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Rust will edit a clean version of the NP over the weekend. The Plan will then be sent to the Neighbourhood Plan team at SODC to discuss the new and revised policies with them and our consultant Bluestone.
- f. **Planning applications:**
  - i. **P20/S0845/HH** - 1 Church Street, Beckley – agreed to Fully Support this application as there were No Objections.
  - ii. **P20/S0821/FUL** – Plot on Sand Path, Beckley – agreed to Fully Support this application as there were No Objections.
- g. **April PC Meeting at BVH:** Cancelled.
- h. **Meeting Closed:** 6.30 pm.