

## **BIDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE BIDBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL ON 28 APRIL 2025 STARTING AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs Vidler (Chairman) and Councillors Cole, Eames, Hinds, Stevens and Mrs Summers.

**In Attendance:** Neil Harris (Clerk)

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Marriott,

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Stevens and Mrs Vidler stated that they were Trustees of the Friends of Bidborough Charity but that there was no interest to be disclosed in any of the items on the agenda.

#### **3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 7 April 2025**

It was **Agreed** that the minutes of the meeting including the confidential minutes held on 7 April 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed.

#### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2025**

There were no matters arising

#### **5. Report of the Borough and County Councillors**

There were no County or Borough Councillors present at the meeting.

#### **6. Public Participation**

The Chairman stated that as the Annual Parish Meeting was being held that evening there would be no public participation section.

#### **7. Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications for consideration by the Council.

## 8. Payment List

It was **Agreed** that the Payment List as set out below be approved and that the income received and transfers between accounts be noted: -

### Expenditure For Approval

Name	Reason for Invoice	Net	VAT	Gross
Lloyds Bank	Bank Service Charge - Paid	4.25	0.00	4.25
Kent Air Ambulance	Payment of Grant agreed at last meeting - Paid	385.00	0.00	385.00
Treework(Tunbridge Wells) Ltd	Ash Dieback Work (part)	3620.00	724.00	4344.00
Broad Oak Tree Consultants Limited	Bidborough Community Pavilion	320.00	64.00	384.00
Neil Harris	Payroll for April	1096.95	0.00	1096.95
HMRC	National Insurance and Tax Payment – Month 1	388.25	0.00	388.25
MDH Horticultural Contractors	Cutting of Brookhurst Field Hedge	500.00	100.00	600.00
SSE Energy Solutions	Streetlights Energy Costs for March	157.82	10.92	168.74
MDH Horticultural Contractors	ANRG works - April	360.00	72.00	432.00
MDH Horticultural Contractors	Lengthsman Contract - April	1360.00	272.00	1632.00

### Income Received since last meeting

Name	Reason for Income	Net	VAT	Gross
Bank	Interest – April	91.88	0.00	91.88

### Transfers between Council Accounts

Account	Account to be Transferred to	Reason	Amount
Business Reserve	Community Account	Fund approved expenditure	2000

## **9. Birch Wood Land – Ash Dieback Survey and Quote**

Martin Derham of the Birchwood Association was not present and there was nothing to report.

## **10. Bidborough HIP and Double Yellow Lines Consultation – Update Report**

Councillor Stevens indicated that he had nothing to report as he was not able to get through to the contact at KCC.

It was **Agreed** that the report be noted.

## **11. Church Bank**

There was nothing to report.

## **12. Church Wall and Gates**

There was nothing to report.

## **13. Local Plan Modifications Consultation**

The Council considered the Local Plans Modifications, and it was **Agreed** to make no comments on the Local Plans Modifications.

## **14. Cricket Pavilion**

The Chairman of the Council updated the Council on progress on this project.

It was **Agreed** that the report be noted.

## **15. Arthur Nicholson Recreation Ground – Hole**

The matter of a hole in the Arthur Nicholson Recreation Ground was raised and it was reported that at the last Committee of Management meeting Rodger Poulson of the Cricket Club reported that he was aware of it and was going to fill it and seed it.

## **16. Play Park**

The condition of the Play Park surface was raised as it was covered in leaves and could require a jet wash.

It was **Agreed** that

- (1) MDH Horticultural be asked to add leaf blowing of the play park to their contract
- (2) the Play Park surface be jet washed and that MDH Horticultural be approached about doing the work but that if they do not the Clerk identify a company that could do this work.
- (3) the Clerk examine the Kompan Care Plan and see if there was any other work the Council should be doing.

#### **17. Duration of Meeting**

7.00pm to 7.43pm