

**Minutes of Meeting of Brocton Parish Council held by 'remote' means (zoom) on Wednesday, 6 May 2020, from 7.30pm.**

**Councillors who attended zoom meeting:** Mr R Bates (Chairman), Mrs L Smith (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Smith, Miss J Perry and Cllr A Kenny. Cllr A Cooper (SBC).

**54/20 Apologies:** Cllr J Francis (SCC)

**55/20 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION** 1 member of the public requested access to meeting, which was facilitated.

**56/20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** There were no declarations of interest.

**57/20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011** There were no dispensation requests.

**58/20 Certification of Exemption from AGAR 2019/20**

a. All Cllrs confirmed their agreement with the Council declaring itself as exempt from external review for 2019/20. It was resolved that the Chairman and the Clerk will make the necessary arrangements to sign the Certificate of Exemption and the Clerk will then send this to the external audit company. The Clerk will then continue with the AGAR process for 2019/20, as required and keep the Council informed of progress.

**Action: Chairman and Clerk.**

**59/20 BROOK LANE**

a. Cllrs discussed a request from a resident of Brook Lane to see if a fire break could be created by cutting back the bracken and gorse between the edge of the Chase and Brook Lane. It was agreed to approach the Ranger Service with this request, it was acknowledged that it might be necessary to wait until any nesting birds have left, but this will be left to the Ranger Service to determine the most appropriate time for this work to be done, it is also likely to be impacted upon by resource availability.

**Action - Clerk**

**60/20 PUBLIC FOOTPATH/FIELD NEAR OLDACRE LANE**

a. Cllrs discussed this matter and it was resolved that the Clerk will contact the owner and request the hosepipe be either removed or made safe, as it is a potential trip hazard on a public footpath. It was agreed that no action will be taken by the Parish Council in relation to items in the field.

**Action - Clerk**

**61/20 MOLES IN PLAY PARK**

a. It was resolved the Clerk will arrange for the mole catcher to be re-engaged, subject to her availability. It is an ideal time as the park is currently closed. Separate arrangements to be made about access to the park, whilst it is closed.

**Action – Clerk.**

**62/20 FUTURE MEETINGS**

a. It was resolved to hold June and July meetings via Zoom. Clerk to arrange.

**Action – Clerk.**

**63/20 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

a. Christmas 2020 preparations

Meeting closed at 8.05pm