

Minstead Parish Council

Extraordinary Meeting Sunday 28th March 2021 at 17.00

Meeting held remotely in compliance with Covid-19 regulations

Present: Cllrs W Andrews (Chair), H Bennett, M Causton, G Hough, G Saunders, J Smith, R Taylor, P Osborne (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Andrews declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in Item 3.

Cllr Andrews left the meeting and Cllr Taylor took the chair.

3. Discuss and if appropriate approve S-137 Grant Application by Minstead Village Hall

Motion: "To discuss and if appropriate approve S-137 Grant Application by Minstead Village Hall dated 23.03.2021."

Cllr Taylor outlined the criteria/regulations for S-137.

Exterior cladding for the Hall will cost approx. £85,000 and there has been no income for the last year. Cllr Saunders proposed awarding £2,000 to Minstead Hall, seconded by Cllr Bennett and agreed unanimously.

4. Discuss and if appropriate approve S-137 Grant of £100 to New Forest Citizens Advice

Motion: "To discuss and if appropriate approve S-137 Grant of £100 to NF Citizens Advice."

Cllr Andrews re-entered the meeting and resumed the chair.

In view of increased use of NFCAB during the pandemic it was suggested increasing the amount. New motion: "To discuss and if appropriate approve S-137 Grant of £150 to NF Citizens Advice."

Cllr Taylor proposed awarding £150 to NFCAB, seconded by Cllr Bennett and agreed unanimously.

5. Discuss and if appropriate approve S-137 Grant of £300 to All Saints Churchyard maintenance

Cllr Andrews proposed awarding £300 to All Saints Churchyard Maintenance; this was seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed unanimously.

6. Any Other Business.

- i) It was suggested that council should have an agenda item in April to discuss a policy on grants and revise the grant application form to include more information.
- ii) With easing restrictions there will be an increase in visitors to the area, so *New Forest Code* should be displayed around the village. Clerk to laminate copies.
- iii) Junior Minstead will be doing an Easter trail that will be publicised on Facebook and eNewsletter.
- iv) Agenda item for next meeting: support for Flower Show
- v) Agenda item for next meeting: Village Fete 2021?

Meeting closed at 18.09