

Minutes of the Olveston Parish Council meeting held at Queen Alexandra Memorial Pavilion (QAMP) on 23rd June 2020...FIRST INAUGURAL VIRTUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING



Present: Cllrs John Hughes (JH) -(Chair), Robert Harris (RH) - (Deputy Chair), Tony Williams (TW), Martin Gibson (MG), Pat Savage (PS), and Di Buckley (DB).

In Attendance: M Evans (Clerk) District Cllr Keith Burchell District Cllr Matthew Riddle

- FC/20/01** **Members of public questions** -none attending
- FC/20/02** **To receive and accept apologies for absence** - none
- FC/20/03** **Declarations of Interest (DOI) under the Localism Act 2011 and requests for dispensations**
- As per the DOI returns
- FC/20/04** **Minutes and matters arising from the previous Council meeting**
- It was resolved to accept the Minutes of the 25th February 2020
- The Minutes were approved and signed by Cllr JH
- FC/20/05** **Amendment to 'Standing Orders'** -It was Approved that OPC standing orders were amended for full council and sub committees to be operated under the Government COVID legislation that meant meetings could be held in a 'virtual setting ' and invite public on that basis.
- FC/20/06** **To receive reports on issues affecting Olveston Parish from South Gloucestershire District Councillor Cllr Matthew Riddle (MR)**

South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) has set up a dedicated part of its website for COVID 19 related matters. This includes how SGC is working with the many local support groups that were formed. It also gives details of how local residents can contact their local support group. Weekly virtual meetings were taking place between SGC officers and the support/help groups. Many thanks indeed to the two groups in Olveston Parish that quickly got up and running, and greatly supported those in need.

The web site also gives details of help and support available to local residents and businesses. <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/health-services/covid19>

We continue to be active in helping individuals, local businesses and community groups get the support they need during this difficult time. We have secured financial assistance from SGC for the Olveston and Tockington Volunteers and would be happy to do the same for The Old Down Community Support.

SGC now are holding meetings 'virtually' using Microsoft Teams. Two Cabinet meetings have taken place, a Scrutiny Commission meeting and a Planning Committee meeting, with more taking place over the next few weeks.

The Climate Change Action Plan for this year was agreed at the May Cabinet meeting and other related papers can be viewed at:

<https://council.southglos.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&MId=12898>

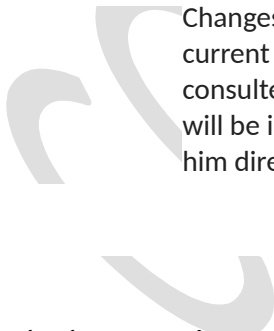
SGC Consultations. We believe the only current one of interest to the Olveston Parish is the SGC new Council Plan and the consultation for that closes on the 26th July. It is a very high level, four-year plan for the area, with four priorities.

<https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/CP20/consultationHome>

Road resurfacing. Foxholes Lane has recently been extensively repaired. 

SGC Highway Officers will soon be able to share with the Traffic and Parking Working Group the plans for changes to speed and weight limits in the parish. Once that group has discussed and commented on them, they will then be presented to the Parish Council. It is hoped we can arrange a meeting in the next 2/3 weeks and re-establish the OPC speed watch group

We continue to log highway issues eg blocked drains, pot holes, etc, as we identify them or as residents report them to us. During the lockdown we have been around the villages on our bikes and more recently in our cars, logging Streetcare issues. Streetcare problems such as potholes, broken signs, ASB, fly tipping etc, can all be logged at SGC at <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/general-information/online-services/report>



Changes to Thornbury High Street have been necessary because of COVID 19 and the current social distancing. There ensued a very lively debate about who had been consulted about this and MR informed this was under continual review and groups will be included in ongoing analysis and review. He also extended the offer to email him directly on views

FC/20/07

Finance AGAR reports For Return to External Auditors PKF Littlejohn

The reports were pre circulated to councillors for scrutiny. They have been approved by our internal auditor and the council APPROVED them as a true and proper record which will be published on our Notice boards and Website from Monday 29th June 2020 for a 6 week examination period for the public and sent to our External Auditors for examination

The Asset register will be under review this year and details brought back to the council in the forthcoming months

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FC/20/08 To Approve the Appointment of Footpath Warden

It was Resolved to appoint Daniel Lewis-Leaver in this position and Rod Williams will now complete a handover brief and has also kindly agreed to be one of Daniels' assistants going forward

FC/20/09 Chairman's report

The Chair reported as part of the weekly business review with the Clerk since 'lockdown' he had issued a weekly report which all councillors felt very helpful. He went through some of the key points in the last notes. Cllr TW confirmed all OUAFC committee members has a copy of the 'draft' lease and would revert to the OPC at the end of June. Cllr DB knew the scout secretary and would chase them over their lease review. Speed watch group of 14 volunteers will hopefully be up and running in the next few weeks. Cllr TW also confirmed he would takeover being the main contact on CCTV/Alarm at QAMP which was much appreciated

FC/20/10 Find Three New Councillors

The Chair opened a debate on how we can fill the three positions available, a very useful discussion ensued, and several possible candidates were put forward that the due process needs to process as soon as possible in the near future

FC/20/11 AOB

Cllr PS has agreed to attend on behalf of the OPC the ALCA AGM where one of the main items will be to discuss 'virtual meetings'

Next Virtual meeting will be July 28th 7pm

FC/20/02

Meeting closed 7.40 pm.

