



# Midhurst Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7:30pm  
BY VIDEO CONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19.**

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr M. Purves (Chairman), Cllr G. Upjohn, Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr J. Sutton, Cllr R. Watts, Cllr D. Smallman, Cllr S. Morley, Cllr N. Yeo

**Officer:** Melanie Kite, Town Clerk

**Also Present:** Julian Quail Assistant Town Clerk and the Press

**CE/84/20 – Apologies for Absence** - Apologies received from Cllr Procter.

**CE/85/20 - Declarations of Interest** - None declared.

**CE/86/20 – Minutes of Meeting of 12th October 2020** - The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 12th October 2020.  
Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr Watts, all agreed.

### **CE/87/20 – Matters Arising from the Minutes of 12th October 2020**

- CE/80/20: An update from the Cemetery Working will be heard at the next Full Council meeting.
- CE/82/20 –The Town Team CIC have cancelled late night shopping on Thursday 19th and 26th November.

### **CE/88/20 – Public Participation – adjournment of meeting.**

No members of the public were present-

Meeting re-convened.

### **CE/89/20 – COVID 19**

- Midhurst Community Speed Watch – the group had not been active during lockdown but will now resume.
- Midhurst Angels are active again and helping residents.
- Local businesses have placed posters in their shop windows advertising to shop locally.

**CE/90/20 – Policing in Midhurst, report previously circulated** – The report was noted. Daily information on local policing matters is posted on social media only, alternative ways to post information will be raised with Chichester and Arun Police.

Concern was raised again about the issue of dangerous and anti-social parking on North Street, especially close to the pedestrian crossing and double parking by delivery vans. The public should be encouraged to report issues through Operation Crackdown or the police if vehicles are causing an obstruction. Town Clerk to write to Chichester and Arun Police.



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## **CE/91/20 – Civic Activities and Rural Amenities**

- Northern Gateway, Cllr Sutton – Work on a town sign designs and discussions with design companies are underway. The town sign design and garden design options will be discussed at next week's Full Council meeting.
- Riverwalk Project, Cllr Watts, - at the last meeting it had been agreed that the weir would be tidied up and would not be developed for swimming. The working party are waiting to hear from Lord Cowdray on Terms and Conditions and for his agreement for developing this area for the public.

**CE/92/20 – Budget Monitoring** – The budget monitoring papers were not available at this meeting.

**CE/93/20 – Carron Lane Recreation Ground** – It was agreed that a local personal trainer could use Carron Lane recreation ground for one-to-one training sessions.  
Proposed Cllr Lintott, seconded Cllr Smallman all agreed.

## **CE/94/20 – Events**

- Midhurst Residents Christmas Competition – this will involve residents decorating their houses and front gardens. Entries will be submitted by photograph to the Council and a short list will be judged by two councillors. Prizes will be vouchers to be spent in local shops.
- Christmas Lights – SSE have approved lights on the lamp posts up Rumbold's Hill and North Street. The lights on properties on Red Lion Street will go on the week of 16<sup>th</sup> November.
- Christmas Shop Window 'Competition' – Shop window displays will be judged by the Town Council. Shops may submit a photograph of their shop window to the council which will be posted on the Town Council Facebook page. It was agreed that prizes will be awarded.  
Proposed Cllr Lintott, seconded Cllr Smallman all agreed.
- Made in Midhurst – The launch has been delayed due to the current lockdown. 'Made in Midhurst' bags will be distributed to local shops.

## **CE/95/20 - Matters of Report**

- The Town Clerk informed the committee that a member of public had complained about the recent advertising leaflets from the Town Team CIC as they could not be recycled.
- Positive feedback had been received from Chichester District Council's Health and Projection Team regarding the spot checks on how Midhurst was complying with Covid 19 regulations.
- Cllr Morley had received complaints about anti-social behaviour at the Grange car park.
- He thought that Chichester District Council should take the opportunity to upgrade the recycling centre when the land next to it is developed and that a letter could be sent to District Councillor Kate O'Kelly.
- It was noted that a banner across North Street still cannot be hung. The Town Clerk explained that this had been discussed with Cowdray who were aware of the issue and looking into it.



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There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

Signed:.....  
Chairman

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