HOLCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

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In line with government guidance, recommended social distancing and self-isolation rules for those who are vulnerable during the Covid-19 pandemic, it was agreed that the May meeting would be conducted as a virtual meeting. This was achieved using "Zoom" software.

Minutes from Annual Holcombe Parish Council Virtual Meeting, which took place on Tuesday 5th May 2020 at 7.00 pm.

Cllr Graham Crowe (Chair) Councillors Present

> Cllr Phil Gait Cllr Simon Brand Cllr Steph Chorley Cllr Terry Dumbrell Cllr Anne Golledge Cllr Peter Jennings

In attendance: The Clerk, Vickie Watts taking the minutes and no members of the public

1 **Election of Chair**

Cllr Chorley proposed that Cllr Crowe should remain as chair which was seconded by Cllr Golledge. Cllr Crowe agreed to continue for the coming year.

Vote: 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention

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Clerk to ensure that the Acceptance of office form is completed at the earliest opportunity.

2 **Election of Vice Chair**

> After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Chorley that Cllr Jennings should be vice chair which was seconded by Cllr Golledge.

> > Vote: 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention

3 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mitchell, District Cllr Townsend and District Cllr Ham

Post meeting note: Cllr Robinson had been unable to connect to the meeting due to technical issues.

Representation were appointed as follows:

- 4.1 Playing Field Committee - Cllr Chorley
- 4.2 Village Hall Committee Cllr Golledge
 4.3 Finance working group Cllr Crowe, Cllr Gait, Cllr Brand and the Clerk
- 4.4 Community Project Fund working group -Cllr Brand, Cllr Robinson and Cllr Mitchell
- 4.5 PACT – Cllr Robinson
- 4.6 Highways Cllr Crowe and Cllr Jennings
- Cemetery Cllr Golledge 4.7
- Footpaths Cllr Brand 4.8
- 4.9 Somerset Association of Local Councils - Cllr Gait
- Planning Cllr Dumbrell

It was proposed by Cllr Brand and seconded by Cllr Jennings that the above appointments would stand.

Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention

Review and adoption of following policies:

- Financial regulations It was agreed that small amendments would be made to pages 7 and 13 by the Clerk.
- 5.2 Code of conduct Remains unchanged
- 5.3 Standing orders Amended to include SO 26 Remote attendance at meetings, alterations to SO 13 Code of Conduct and addition of Appendix 1 the request for dispensation form. SO 3 section (e) to be amended to include reference that the public can also ask questions.

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- 5.4 Flag Policy Agreed as circulated.
- 5.5 Communications and social media policy Agreed as circulated.
- 5.6 Complaints procedure Agreed as circulated.
- 5.7 Freedom of Information publication scheme Agreed as circulated.
- 5.8 Virtual meeting protocol Agreed as circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr Dumbrell and seconded by Cllr Jennings that all of the abovementioned policies should be adopted.

Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention

6 Review risk assessments:

- 6.1 Financial Risk Assessment It was proposed by Cllr Golledge and seconded by Cllr Chorley that the Financial risk assessment was **a**greed as circulated
- 6.2 Jubilee Gardens It was proposed by Cllr Gait and seconded by Cllr Jennings that the Jubilee Garden risk assessment was **a**greed as circulated
- 6.3 Flag pole Cllr Crowe to circulate the risk assessment for approval at the next meeting.

AC Ag

7 Review asset list for 2020

The Clerk had circulated the asset list for review. It was proposed by Cllr Brand and seconded by Cllr Golledge that the asset list be agreed.

Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention

8 Resolve that the Parish Council continues to meet the criteria for eligibility for General Power of Competence

The Parish Council continues to meet the criteria for the General power of competence.

Vote: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention

The meeting concluded at 19.40hrs