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**MINUTES OF MARLDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

**MONDAY 5th OCTOBER 2020 @7.30pm**

The Chairman read out the procedure for Marldon Parish Council’s Virtual Meetings.

**PRESENT:** Via video link: Cllr. Page, Cllr. Webber Cllr. Oliphant, Cllr. Clarke, Cllr. Ward, Cllr. Pennington, Thorp. Cllr. Palk by Phone

The Parish Clerk/RFO – Susie Watt

Members of the public attended via video link for Part II of the meeting.

**1.510.20**  **APOLOGIES:** None

**2. 510.20** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**3. 510.20** **CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:** The Council did not ask to Resolve to exclude the press and public ‘by reason of the confidential nature of the business’ to be discussed and in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Confidential Matters were discussed and it was resolved to continue with the legal advice and support.

Personnel issues were discussed and the Council made aware of the procedures.

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS WERE CLOSED and the waiting public admitted from the waiting room. There was no public forum.

**4. 510.20 Vote for the Selection of Co-Opted Councillors.** There were three candidates, all of whom had been interviewed by the Parish Council.

The vote was carried out anonymously via the Election Runner process. All voting was concluded by 9pm. The Clerk read out the results and there were clear winners and therefore, no recount or casting vote was required.

John Sharland and Phillip Hart were duly selected to the post of co-opted Councillors to Marldon Parish Council. The Clerk will contact both over the next couple of days to complete the Statutory paperwork.

The Clerk requested that all present did not put this information on social media or other media platforms until she had time to inform those who were not successful and congratulate the new Councillors.

**5. 510.20 Torfield Play Park - Update & payment of Groundworks:** The Councillors had received a report from the Clerk outlining the various options available and the consequences of each option.

It was explained that if the Parish Council wished to proceed to apply for s106 funds, this could not be applied for retrospectively, so any commencement of any works to the Play Park would have to wait until the application was approved or otherwise.

The Application for s106 funds would cover Stage 1 – the Groundworks and Part of Stage 2 – the safety surfacing. The reasoning behind this is the Safety Surfacing in several equipment areas would need replacing even if old/repaired/or replacement equipment was needed.

A vote was taken and it was therefore **RESOLVED** to proceed with the option to instruct the Clerk to proceed with an application to the Executive Committee at South Hams District Council for £45,000 of s106, after the Ward Councillor (Cllr. Pennington) stated he would not support the Parish Council’s application for £30,000 to which his support would be required. There was a vote which was 5 to 3 in favour. The Executive Committee are sitting on 22 October 2020.

It was explained, that any application over £30,000 would need to go to the Executive Committee for approval.

The Meeting Closed at approx. 2100hrs

Signed.................................................................................Date: 9.11.2020

The Chairman, Cllr. G Page