

ST JAMES, ISLE OF GRAIN, PARISH COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

12th APRIL 2022

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 19:30

Present:

Councillor P Blakeley (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs V Cordier
Councillor A Jones
Councillor D Warrington

In Attendance:

Mrs Christine Gurr – Parish Clerk
Mr Christopher Harrison – Medway Council
Community Engagement Officer

Apologies for absence (received and accepted):

Councillor T I Sands - On holiday
Councillor H Ogunfemi - Work commitment
Councillor Ms H von der Holle Work commitment

(To avoid possible disqualification under the 6-month rule, Councillors must provide a reason for non-attendance)

GP.22.02 Meeting with Mr Christopher Harrison

Members welcomed Mr Christopher Harrison who described his role within Medway Council and his willingness to help the Parish Council with any issues that they wish to raise.

Mr Harrison said that he was willing to be the first point of call for all issues and that he would direct any enquiries to the relevant officer and/or department if they were not directly within his remit.

Action/Comments Agreed:

Members thanked Mr Harrison for giving up his time to attend the meeting which they felt had been very useful for all parties.

GP.22.03 Memorial Stone Placement

Councillor Warrington reported that he had been approached by a member of the public who had asked that a War Memorial be erected within the parish so that tributes could be placed there on appropriate occasions.

The Clerk confirmed that the Village Hall annexe (which housed the GP Surgery) was a designated War Memorial and that a sign stating that fact was on display within the main Village Hall.

To aid discussion, Councillor Mrs Cordier provided photographs of sample memorials in other locations.

Councillor Mrs Cordier also pointed out that a memorial celebrating the RAF station at Grain was being donated by a

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charity and that the positioning of that should be considered in conjunction with any other proposed memorial.

There was a lengthy discussion as to the need to create a more visible memorial to supplement the designated War Memorial and perhaps to display a notice on the outside of the GP Surgery as a reminder as to the status of the building.

Action/Comments Agreed:

The following was agreed:

- Members to consider suitable locations for one or two memorials;
- The Clerk to obtain a quote for an exterior sign for the GP Surgery;
- Agenda for next GP Committee meeting on 12th July 2022.

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There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Signed:

Date: 26/04/2022