

BATCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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You are Summoned to a Meeting of Batcombe Parish Council to be held remotely via Zoom on Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 7.30pm

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

It is the Councillors' responsibility to declare any interests they may have in any item on the Agenda. If you are uncertain please ask the Clerk before the meeting.

3. Acceptance of Grant for New Play Equipment from Viridor Credits

On November 9th the Parish Council received an offer of a grant of £58,976 from the Viridor Credits Environmental Company for new play equipment in the Playing Field. The Parish Council has one month to formally accept this offer and the conditions of funding that go with it and to pay the Contributing Third Party Payment of £5,897.60. Copies of the Funding Agreement have been distributed to Councillors with a copy of the offer letter.

One of the conditions of the funding is that an initial payment has to be drawn down with six months of the offer (i.e. by May 9th). This drawdown needs to be for completed works and cannot be for a deposit. I have checked with the three play equipment suppliers and if the Parish Council were to place an order in January the equipment should be installed in March/April.

Viridor Credits will pay the play equipment suppliers directly on request from the Parish Council – but their grant does not cover the VAT which the Parish Council will need to pay and then reclaim from HMRC. On the above timetable, payment for the VAT should not need to be made until the Parish Council has received its precept in the second week of April.

This will also give the Parish Council an opportunity to consult local residents on the play equipment in December. We should be able to decide on how to do this at our December meeting when we should know what restrictions will be in place in December.

4. Planning Applications

Planning Application No: 2020/2257/TCA

Proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area: T1, T2 & T3 (Ash) - Fell.

Batcombe House, Gold Hill, Batcombe – Works/Felling Trees in a CA.

The three Ash trees are showing signs of Ash dieback and the owners wish to fell and replace. The trees are in the field opposite Batcombe House, one by the lane leading to Home Farm and the other two along the river.

Planning Application No: 2020/2229/FUL

Installation of two antenna to chimney breast, an equipment cabinet and other ancillary thereto for broadband use.

12 Kale Street, Batcombe – Full Application.

This is a proposal by Voneus to instal two antenna on a support pole attached to the chimney at 12 Kale Street (the second of the two bungalows at the top of the street) in order to provide a broadband link to properties in the area. Although the property is within the Conservation Area it is noted that there are already TV arials attached to the chimney and a telegraph pole in front of the bungalows.

5. Authorisation of Payments

£5,897.60 Viridor Credits Environmental Company – Contributing Third Party Payment.

6. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

M Comley

Mary Comley – Chairman

18th November 2020