**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD AT THREE CROSSES COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ON THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2020 AT 7.30pm**

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|  | **PRESENT**: | |
|  | **Community Councillor** | **Community Councillor** |
|  | Paxton Hood-Williams [PHW]  Kevin White [KW] | Andrew Rogers [AR] |
|  | **Clerk:** Ian Donaldson [ID] |  |
|  | **Members of the Public present:** | None |
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**Meeting commenced 7.30pm Community Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams (Chairman of the Community Council) presiding.**

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| **ITEM** | **HEADING** | **ACTION BY** |
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