



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7th JANUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM
AT SPEEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Cllrs Roger Craft (Vice-Chairman), Miv Hughes, Liz Patient, Tim MacGillivray, Philip Suter, Jean Roberts, Cllr Graham Peart (District), Cllr Etholen (County)
Clerk – Frank Post.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr Davies had made her apologies. Cllr Craft welcomed Jean Roberts to the Parish Council.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 3rd December were **approved**.

FP

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Report:

It was noted that Speen school was applying for a pre-school facility. A consultation meeting will take place 22/01 with Cllrs Craft and Suter attending.

An update on the Unitary decision was provided, including the deferral of elections until May 2020.

The recycling facility at Bledlow is to close at the end of March, albeit there are negotiations with a private provider to take over the facility.

District Report:

The issues regarding the Methodist Chapel were further discussed and it was confirmed that the District Council would pursue the issue of the correct Council Tax banding.

With regard to planning issues, Cllr Peart indicated that the applications from Widmer Feeds and Studridge Lane are likely to be approved. The applications at Kingswood and Monkenden are likely to be refused.

The Horse Trust application for extended parking is still ongoing.

In general terms it was **agreed** that planning applications should be looked at favourably if supporting smaller affordable housing.

6. LACEY GREEN PLAYGROUND

The consideration of a replacement climbing unit (Wicksteed) is still outstanding.

CD/LP/MH

Cllr Patient detailed the quotes for a new dog bin which would be decided upon at next meeting. Quote for a rubbish bin is still outstanding. Meeting has been arranged with VES and Chair at end of month to fix the new signs and the rubber strip for the gate.

FP/CD

7. SPEEDWATCH, VAS ROTA AND DATA COLLECTION

Volunteers following the Speedwatch recruitment drive have been contacted.

The rota had been updated and circulated.

It was agreed that data collection would be reviewed quarterly and findings publicised.

CD/TM/LP

TM/FP

ALL

8. BUDGET

Draft budget **approved**. £39777.

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9. PRECEPT 2019/2020

Precept level **approved**. £25774. WDC to be informed

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It was noted that all Councillors confirmed their DPIs had not changed.

10. MEETING SCHEDULE 2019/20

Schedule **approved** and halls to be booked.

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Cllr Suter requested that the 2020 schedule should be put before the Parish Council at the December 19 meeting for approval by the Parish Council.

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11. BUS SHELTERS

It was **agreed** to get a quote for repainting the bus shelters in the Spring.

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12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application 18/08244/VCDN – no objection

Application 18/08096/FUL – no objection

Application 18/08342/FUL – no objection

The application 19/05029/PIP was discussed and Cllrs agreed that the Council would comment on the basis of the need for affordable housing.

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It was noted that the Parish Council website is not updating regularly with applications.

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13. FINANCE

The accounts for payment in accordance with budget were considered and **approved**.

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Activity	Payee	Gross	Comment
Devolved Services	PRTC	1,038.24	Reissue Incorrect value
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Maintenance	Chiltern Society	781.28	Paths
Maintenance	Stallwood Landscapes	200.00	GoR
Bin Collections	TBS Hygiene	40.56	
Allowances	F Post	25.00	
Salary	F Post	306.04	Jan
Salary	HMRC	624.80	Tax Q3
Grant	St John's Church	200.00	annual grant
Grant	Speen Baptist Church	200.00	annual grant
Grant	Lacey Green Village Hall	250.00	annual grant
Grant	Windmill Restoration Committee	200.00	annual grant
Grant	Lacey Green Village Shop	250.00	annual grant

Grant	Community First Responders	250.00	annual grant
Grant	Speen Village Hall	250.00	annual grant
Grant	Speen Playing Fields	500.00	annual grant
Grant	Community Bus	500.00	annual grant
Total		6777.76	

The receipts for the month were also noted:

GoR Contribution	Littlefoots	2000.00	Will contribution from deceased parishioner
Burial	Surman & Horwood	250.00	Headstone
Total		2250.00	

14. RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND/OR ISSUED BY PARISH COUNCIL

It was noted that a Tree Preservation Order had been placed on the Sycamore Trees Flowers Bottom Lane, Speen.

15. REPORT FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

It was noted that Cllrs Craft and Suter attended the WDC Planning event before Christmas and have extended an invitation for Alastair Nicholson to attend one of the Parish Council meetings this year, which was accepted. **FP**

16. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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- Bin procurement
- Relocation of Silhouettes

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11th February (Planning), 7.30pm, Lacey Green Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.25

Vice Chairman.....

Date.....