



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM
AT LACEY GREEN VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT

Cllrs Cathryn Davies (Chairman), Miv Hughes, Liz Patient, Roger Craft, Tim MacGillivray, Cllr Graham Peart (District)
Clerk – Frank Post.
1 member of the public attended.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr Etholen (County) and Cllr Suter had made their apologies.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 5th November were **approved**.

FP

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

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

No further correspondence had been received regarding a parishioner's concern regarding use of bollards.

The letter from Fisher German was also shared with Councillors and it was agreed that if they wish to gauge opinion within the Parish regarding affordable housing, then contacting Hallmark would seem most appropriate

FP

5. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No report issued from Cllr. Etholen.

District Report:

The issues regarding the Methodist Chapel were further discussed and the Councillors confirmed that the District Councillor should pursue further the position of Council Tax on both the new and the original building. **GP**

The findings from WDC regarding the enforcement of the demolition of the Chapel were also discussed and the Council expressed their disappointment regarding the lack of enforcement.

Cllr Peart also provided an update on the establishment of the Unitary Council and the processes during transition.

With regard to planning issues, Cllr Peart indicated that the application from Widmer feeds would be looked at favourably, the development of 2 houses at Studridge Lane would not be appealed against, and the Horse Trust application for extended parking could do with further support from the Parish Council. Cllr Peart also indicated the application at Monkenden is likely to be amended.

Cllr Peart also confirmed the imminent closure of the Beechdean icecream making facility within the Parish.

6. LACEY GREEN PLAYGROUND

The consideration of a replacement climbing unit (Wicksteed) was to be progressed by the subcommittee Working Group. **CD/LP/MH**

The quotes for a dog bin and a rubbish bin were still outstanding. It was noted that TBS would also have to be informed regarding servicing. It was **agreed** to ask VES to fix the new signs when the rubber strip was to be applied for the gate. **FP**

Cllr Davies also provided an update on the efforts to gain an extra key. **CD**

7. SPEEDWATCH, VAS ROTA AND DATA COLLECTION

Two potential volunteers had been identified following the Speedwatch recruitment drive. **CD/TM**

The training of new members of the working group was discussed including the training for data collection scheduled for 16/12. **TM/PS**

Data collection and staffing for rotation would be further discussed on 29/12. **ALL**

8. GRANT APPLICATIONS 2018/9 AND 2019/20

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would process the grant payments for 2018/9 at the January meeting. **FP**

It was **agreed** the Speen fete donation should be considered for 2019/20 as well as a contribution toward Dial a Ride and First Responders. **FP**

It was also noted that the Chiltern Society would be requested to review the requirement to clean the ponds at both Speen and Lacey Green. **FP**

9. BUDGET REVIEW

Following the discussions with the Chair, Vice Chair and the Clerk prior to the meeting, the Council reviewed the draft budget in detail and various amendments would be incorporated for final review/sign off in Jan.2019. **FP**

10. PRECEPT 2019/2020

It was **agreed** to set a level of precept as per 2018/9 subject to final budget review. **FP**

11. GARDEN OF REST

It was **agreed** that the Garden of Rest would be a priority for 2019/20 in terms of enhancing its appearance and lay-out. **FP**

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The application 18/08126/PIP was discussed and Cllrs agreed that the Council would comment on the basis of restricting development to a bungalow or smaller building, to reflect the need for affordable housing. **FP**

It was noted that WDC had not issued any recent updates on planning applications approved /refused.

Clerk to resolve with WDC Planning or circulate updates by use of portal data. **FP**

15. FINANCE

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

Activity	Total Cost	Payee
Expenses - Training	69.88	F Post
Clerk		
Home Allowance Clerk	20.00	F Post
Devolved Services	1038.24	PRTC
Devolved Services	1112.40	PRTC
Devolved Services	123.60	PRTC
Devolved Services	1038.24	PRTC
Wreath	17.00	L.J.Pearce
Signs	476.68	Stocksigns Ltd
Bus Shelter Repairs	150.00	VES
Speedwatch Leaflets	28.04	PK Inprint Ltd

Email Hosting	30.00	Jinca
Water Rates	11.03	Castle Water
Inspection	72.00	Wicksteed
Totals	4187.11	

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

It was noted that further enhancements to the bus shelters should be considered at the meeting in January. FP

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

None

18. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

FP

- Speedwatch Update
- Budget 2019/2020
- Precept 2019/2020
- Bus shelter Upgrade
- Full schedule of dates for Next Year

18.DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7th January 2019, 7.30, Speen Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.55

Chairman.....

Date.....