



**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 2nd NOVEMBER MONDAY 2020 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT

Cllrs Cathryn Davies (Chairman), Roger Craft, Philip Suter, Jean Roberts, Miv Hughes, Cllr Graham Peart (Unitary), Clerk Frank Post, No members of the public.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies from Cllr MacGillivray, Cllr Carl Etholen (Unitary), Cllr Shade Adoh (Unitary).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the last Council meeting on 5th October were **approved** and it was **agreed** that they should be signed at the next actual meeting between Clerk and Chair. **FP**

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

It was noted that the provision of roundels for both Speen and Lacey Green were not detailed on the agenda, as a response from TfB is still awaited.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR PEART (UNITARY)

Cllr Peart highlighted the focus of Buckinghamshire Council on Test and Trace and the further provision of Grants from Central Government.

Cllr Craft reiterated the concerns about delays in decisions on planning applications, to which Cllr Peart replied that this was attributable to some extent due to the shortage of planning officers.

The continued profusion of potholes in Slad lane was also highlighted and Cllr Peart undertook to raise the issue again with TfB. The lack of notification by TfB regarding work undertaken at Flowers Bottom and the drains toward Princes Risborough was also highlighted. The Clerk undertook to raise the concerns with TfB and Cllr Peart would do likewise through the Unitary Council. **GP/FP**

With regard to the Monkenden planning application, Cllr Peart confirmed that Thames Water would look closely at the application to ensure no issues arise with the public sewer close to the boundary of the property.

The request for the dates of Unitary Planning Committee meetings is still outstanding. **CE/GP/FP**

6. NEW PLANNING REGULATIONS

Cllr Peart noted the key concerns regarding the new draft Planning Rules, particularly the potential for houses to be increased in height without restrictions. The Council **agreed** that this would be a serious issue for housing within a rural setting.

Cllr Peart also summarised the response from Buckinghamshire Council to the planning consultation, highlighting the need for more effective enforcement, simpler streamlined planning processes, better designs and reinforcement of existing neighbourhood plans.

In summary, Cllr Peart felt that the proposed housing targets set nationally and regionally, would inevitably lead to loss of control at local level.

7. INSPECTION REPORTS – BUCKS COUNCIL AND WICKSTEED

Both reports were discussed in some detail.

Cllr Davies expressed concern about the vandalism to the bench in the Playground and it was **agreed** to coordinate resources to move the bench to its original location and consider fixing the bench into the ground. **CD/RC/FP**

The need for the fence refurbishment was duly noted and would be brought forward for review in the Spring. **FP**

It was also **agreed** that Wicksteed would be asked to review the replacement of bolts and springs for some of the “bouncy” apparatus, post the next inspection. **FP**

8. TRAFFIC CALMING CONSULTATION/COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

No progress to report on both initiatives.

9. MVAS MAINTENANCE

The proposals from Swarco were again reviewed and it was **agreed** to proceed with the provision of a gold level contract for the older MVAS and then consider a similar contract for the new MVAS next year. **TM/FP**

10. KILN POND CLEARANCE

Cllrs Roberts confirmed that clearance work had been undertaken, but that the requirement for tree work was still outstanding.

Although one quote had been received, Cllr Suter **agreed** to provide two alternative providers to generate additional quotes. **PS/TM**

The Clerk was also instructed to approach the Community Board for additional funding. **FP**

11. SPEEN BUS SHELTER/ GARDEN OF REST REVAMP

Works completed and considered to be satisfactory. The need for powder coating the railings of the GoR would be considered for the Spring. **FP**

12 COMMUNITY ASSETS

After some discussion, it was **agreed** that the Council would be pro-active in terms of considering the “Right to Bid” for Community Assets.

Cllr Roberts **agreed** to undertake to investigate the requirements for implementing such a process, with particular regard to the Black Horse, in the first instance. **JR**

13. WEBSITE

The start up costs and maintenance requirements for the new website involving the Clerk were discussed and **agreed** upon. **FP**

Cllr Craft proposed that the Clerk be commended for his efforts, which was supported by Council.

Costs for transition to new email addresses still outstanding. **FP**

14. BANK RECONCILIATIONS Q1 AND Q2

Full details of Cllr Craft’s review and supporting documentation had been circulated beforehand and **approved** at the meeting. **RC/FP**

15. ANNUAL DIRECT DEBITS AND STANDING ORDERS

Details had been circulated to Cllrs and were reviewed and **approved** at the meeting. **FP**

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered: **FP**

20/07698/TPO Green Pastures, Lower Road, Loosley Row

20/07580/CTREE Green Pastures, Lower Road, Loosley Row

Consideration would be delegated to both for arborist expert opinion, albeit the Council did seek clarification regarding the existence of stables for horses detailed in the application, for which there was no apparent record of any previous application.

20/07762/FUL Field End, Loosley Hill, Loosley Row
No objection

It was noted that the application **20/07006/FUL** relating to the land at Hillcroft had been **approved**. No applications were identified as refused.

17. PAYMENTS

The following payments had been circulated and **approved** for November:

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Activity	Payee	Gross	Comment
Salary Oct	F Post	330.83	Uplift NALC
Dog Bins	Scoop Dotty Dog	50.25	5 weeks Sept
Expenses	F Post	2.39	Oct Fasthosts
Expenses	F Post	10.90	Postage
Water	Castle Water	16.17	Rates
Inspection	K Dobson	37.00	Oct Fasthosts
Devolved Services	PRTC	226.80	23/09 Cut
Inspection	Wicksteed	72.00	Oct
Maintenance	VES	45.00	Call out - Gate Repair
Maintenance	VES	120.00	GoR Revamp
Maintenance	VES	130.00	Speen Bus Shelter Revamp
Grass Cutting	PRTC	882.00	Q1 Contract
Allowances	F Post	20.00	Nov 4 wks
Total		1943.34	

18. RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None

18. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

19. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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- Planning Standing Orders
- Allowances / Grants
- Kiln Pond Update
- Traffic Calming Consultation
- Community Assets – Right to Bid
- Draft Budget
- Dates for Next Year

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm, 7th December 2020: Virtual

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....