



**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 8th FEBRUARY MONDAY 2021 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT

Cllrs Cathryn Davies (Chairman), Roger Craft, Philip Suter, Jean Roberts, Tim MacGillivray, Miv Hughes, Keith Bowler, Cllr Carl Etholen (Unitary), Clerk – Frank Post.
1 member of the public

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies from Cllr Peart (Unitary), Shade Adoh (Unitary)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on 11th January 2021 were **approved** and will be signed by Chair when appropriate **FP**

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

None

5. REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ETHOLEN

The matter relating to the proposed closure for footpath 40 was discussed in some detail and Cllr Etholen **agreed** to progress matter, as well as the application for the footpath registration relating to Wood Road and Foundry Lane **CE**

Traffic calming measures for Wardrobes/Woodway were also discussed for more detailed consideration at subsequent meetings **FP**

6. INSURANCE RENEWAL

Revised quotation circulated to Council members and **approved** for 3 years **FP**

7. EMERGENCY PLAN AND ASSET REGISTER

The updated asset register had been circulated and was **approved** **FP**

After further discussion it was **agreed** to **not** publish an emergency plan due to GDPR restrictions and prevalence of local social media **FP**

8. MVAS REPAIRS

Cllr MacGillivray confirmed that the MVAS is now functioning correctly following visit from the Swarco engineer. The analysis of the data output is still outstanding. **TM**

9. STDRIGE LANE POND

It was noted that the project team associated with clearance of the pond (SEAG) had requested the provision of a noticeboard, bench and duck platform (already installed). It was **agreed** to inform the project team that the Council would review the suggestions, but that **no** further work should be undertaken without approval from Council **FP**

10. COUNCILLOR'S EMAIL TRANSITION

Still pending **FP**

11. ANCHORAGE OF PLAYGROUND BENCH

It was **agreed** to proceed with the purchase of the anchor kit and a quote for installation **FP**

12. Q3 RECONCILIATION

Reviewed and verified by Cllr Craft and subsequently circulated to all Councillors and **approved** **FP**

13. BLACK HORSE COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

Cllr Roberts confirmed that the nomination will be submitted to the Unitary Council Panel for registration on 18th February and the procedure for right to bid then invoked

JR

14. CRIME AND TRAFFIC ACCIDENT DATA

It was noted that since June, 2 thefts, 3 assaults, and 2 dangerous dog incidents had been reported. The data on traffic accidents was still pending

FP

15. FOOTPATH CLOSURES AND REGISTRATIONS

Following discussions with Cllr Etholen, it was agreed that the Clerk would provide the historic email trail from September 2019 onwards, relating to the request to close footpath 40, in the context of the parallel location of footpath 39 and the very infrequent use of footpath 40

FP/CE

The application to register the footpath between Lower Road and Foundry Lane was also noted by Cllr Etholen. It was **agreed** to provide further evidence that this path was being utilised

FP/TM

16. LOCAL ELECTIONS

Confirmed to take place on 6th May. Forms have already been provided to Councillors. Clerk to ensure timely publication of notices

FP

17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were reviewed:

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21/05030/FUL
Grymsdyke Lodge Farm
Main Road
Lacey Green

No objection

21/05182/FUL
Mill Lea
Pink Road
Lacey Green

Planning Officers requested to ensure that this application and previous approved extensions still comply with extension guidelines

21/05123/FUL
Highwood
Kiln Lane
Lacey Green

No objection

21/05261/FUL
Bunch Meadow
Loosley Row

As a retrospective application, no comment tabled

21/05144/FUL
Highfield
Laurel Close
Speen

Review pending any comments made by parishioners

PS/RC

20/07357/FUL
Highwood
Grubbins Lane
Speen

It was noted that the permission to appeal had been refused

18. PAYMENTS

The following payments were approved:

FP

<i>Month</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Gross</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Feb	Expenses	F Post	2.63	Dec Fasthosts
Feb	Allowances	F Post	20.00	Feb 4 weeks
Feb	Inspection	K Dobson	37.00	Jan
Feb	Grant	St John's Church	200.00	
Feb	Grant	Speen Baptist Church	200.00	
Feb	Grant	Lacey Green Village Hall	250.00	
Feb	Grant	Windmill Restoration Committee	200.00	All Grants approved at
Feb	Grant	Lacey Green Village Shop	250.00	Council meeting
Feb	Grant	Community First Responders	200.00	07/12/2020
Feb	Grant	Speen Village Hall	250.00	
Feb	Grant	Speen Playing Fields	250.00	
Feb	Grant	Community Bus	250.00	
Feb	Grant	Lacey Green Tennis Club	250.00	
Feb	Insurance	Came & Company	848.31	Annual Premium 3 yr contract
	Total		3207.94	

19. RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

It was agreed to review the Parish Charter drafted by the NALC

FP

20. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

21. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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- Traffic Calming Proposals including Wardrobes/Wood Way
- Review of Procurement Policy
- Review of Complaints Policy
- Traffic Accident Data Update
- Playground Bench Anchorage

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm, 8th March 2021: Virtual

Meeting closed at 9.28 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....