



**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> MAY MONDAY 2021 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT**

Cllrs Cathryn Davies (Chairman), Roger Craft, Philip Suter, Miv Hughes, Jean Roberts, Tim MacGillivray, Keith Bowler, Cllrs Carl Etholen (Unitary), Robert Carrington (Unitary), Shade Adoh (Unitary), Clerk – Frank Post.  
No members of the public.

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Davies congratulated all three Unitary Councillors on their election to Buckinghamshire Council, Ridgeway West Division.

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 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**

Cllr Etholen provided an update on the opening of the Lacey Green Community Shop for 17<sup>th</sup> May, with a review on its continued viability, three months hence.

It was noted that the consultation for traffic calming measures by St John's school were scheduled from 10<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> June. It was **agreed** to promote the consultation through the school's newsletter and local social media to ensure that parents resident outside the Parish are aware. **CD**

Cllr Craft provided an update on Speen Stores, where a prospective candidate for the whole property was being considered.

Cllr Etholen also shared progress on the Bledlow Recycle project, with a site inspection by the Planning Inspectorate due this month on 13<sup>th</sup> May and a decision scheduled by the end of the month. Subject to the success of the appeal, a licence from the Environmental Agency would be applied for and Heads of Terms agreed with Buckinghamshire Council. A potential date for opening could be September 2021.

It was noted that the consultation of residents concluded on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April with 230 in favour and 70 against.

Cllr Etholen finished his report by highlighting the forthcoming Unitary Councillors' surgeries for residents in the Ridgeway Division, which Parish Councillors were invited to attend.

**6. CONFIRMATION OF ELECTIONS**

All 7 Parish Councillors had been re-elected, unopposed.

## 7. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Cllr Hughes proposed the appointment of Cllr Davies as Chair which was seconded by Cllrs Craft and Bowler. Cllr Davies duly accepted.

Cllr Davies then proposed the appointment of Cllr Craft as Vice Chair, which was seconded by Cllrs Hughes and Roberts. Cllr Craft duly accepted.

## 8. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS FOR SPECIFIC COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Councillors **agreed** on the following allocation of responsibilities:

Cllrs R Craft and P Suter: Planning Applications for Speen

Cllrs Mrs C Davies, Mrs M Hughes, Mrs J Roberts, Mr T MacGillivray and Mr K Bowler: Planning Applications for Lacey Green and Loosley Row

Cllrs Mrs M Hughes, Mrs C Davies, Mrs J Roberts: Playground Equipment

Cllrs Mrs C Davies, Mr K Bowler: Garden Of Rest Representatives

Members of Other Organisations

Wycombe District Association of Local Councils: Cllr Mrs C Davies and Mr P Suter

N.W. Chilterns Community Board: Cllrs Mrs C Davies, Mr K Bowler

MVAS Co-ordinator: Cllr T Macgillivray

Lacey Green and Loosley Row Millennium Hall: Cllr Mrs C Davies

Risborough Area Community Forum: Cllr Mrs M Hughes

Rural Forum: Cllr Mrs C Davies

The Princes Risborough Charity Trustees: Cllr R Craft, Cllr Mrs M Hughes

**FP**

## 9. HS2 ROAD SAFETY FUNDING

Cllr Davies provided an update on the project and the detail of the application previously circulated. After some discussion, it was **agreed** by the **majority** of Councillors to contribute a maximum of £2100 toward the total cost of the project estimated at £8400. The final application will be posted before the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> May. **FP**

It was confirmed that the contribution would not impact items within the budget but would be met through contingency funding.

Cllr Davies also updated the Council on the engagement with the Chair of Bledlow cum Saunderton Parish Council, whom are applying for similar funding. It was **agreed** that the Council would support and commend their efforts in applying for similar funding. **CD**

Cllr Davies also highlighted the significant support from Jim Stevens in drafting the application. **FP**

## 10. OTHER TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Cllr Suter updated the meeting on his engagement with TfB regarding the roundel on Chapel Hill, which Cllr Suter confirmed will be installed at no cost to the Parish.

It was also **agreed** not to consider, as previously discussed, other road markings in Speen for the time being.

Cllr Roberts also expressed concern about the feline casualties at Church Lane / Black Horse. It was noted that MVAS would not be suitable, but Cllrs Davies and MacGillivray would discuss the options for alternative traffic calming measures. CD/TM

#### 11. PROPOSAL TO DIVERT FOOTPATH LAG/48/3 BY HORSE'S TRUST

Council had reviewed the correspondence from the Horse's Trust requesting the Council's support in their application to divert the footpath. After further debate, it was **agreed** not to support the proposal as this would set a precedence for other land owners whom have similar issues. FP

#### 12. KILN LANE POND NOTICEBOARD

This request was debated but after further deliberations on cost, it was **agreed** to engage with the volunteer group to determine what other alternative educational options could be explored. TM/PS

#### 13. SPEEN VILLAGE POND

Concerns were expressed by Councillors regarding the proposed activities of the Speen Environmental Action Group (SEAG) with regard to the Speen Village Pond and the potential for some of their plans to pose Health and Safety issues and not seeking permission from the Council. In particular the Council regarded the involvement of qualified expertise as essential to any activity being considered prior to approval.

After further discussion it was **agreed** to engage with SEAG post 17<sup>th</sup> May. Cllrs Davies, Craft, Suter and Bowler would be attending. CD/RC/PS/KB

#### 14. ANNUAL LITTER PICK PLAN

To be brought forward to the next meeting FP

#### 15. MEETINGS POST COVID RESTRICTIONS

Physical meetings would resume as long as venues were available with appropriate Covid safeguards. FP

#### 16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The following application had been reviewed prior to the meeting:

7 Abbotswood  
Speen  
21/06038/FUL

No objection FP

The following application had been approved:

21/05761/FUL  
Chippins  
Main Road  
Lacey Green

No refusals have been identified since last meeting.

#### 17. PAYMENTS

The following payments were **approved**: FP

Activity	Payee	Gross	Comment
Salary	F Post	364.40	April
GoR maintenance	B J Turney	80.00	Boundary Hedges

Maintenance	VES	255.00	Ground Fix Playground; Drain GoR Drive
Maintenance	Mike Piercy	192.08	Plants; Kiln Lane Pond
Maintenance	Mike Piercy	153.00	Plants; Kiln Lane Pond
Risk Assessment	Keith Dobson	38.00	April
Expenses	F Post	2.63	Fasthosts
Expenses	F Post	7.92	Postage
Subscription	BMKALC	371.03	Annual Fees 21.22
MVAS	Swarco	549.38	Annual Maintenance Contract 21.22
Dog Bins	Scoop Dotty Dog	40.20	April
Devolved Services	PRTC	153.36	Grass Cutting 22.04
Allowance	F Post	25.00	April 5 weeks
Total		2232.00	

The following receipts were noted:

Bucks Council	Devolved Services	5647.20
Bucks Council	Precept (First Tranche)	12887.00
TSB	Interest	10.83
Total		18545.03

## 18. RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Council agreed not to participate in the annual Play Around the Parishes initiative set up by Buckinghamshire Council.

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CLlr Etholen agreed to consult with Buckinghamshire Council regarding the hazards highlighted by a Parishioner on litter picking along Woodway.

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## 19. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

## 20. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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- Annual Parish Meeting
- Traffic Calming Updates
- Annual Litter Pick Plan
- Feedback on meeting with SEAG

## 21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021: Annual Parish Meeting – Speen Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....