



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 5th JULY ON MONDAY 2021 AT 7.30PM IN SPEEN VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllrs Cathryn Davies (Chairman), Roger Craft, Philip Suter, Jean Roberts, Tim MacGillivray, Keith Bowler, Cllr Robert Carrington (Unitary), Clerk – Frank Post. No members of the public were in attendance.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Cllr Hughes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on 7th June 2021 were **approved** and signed by the Chair. **FP**

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

It was noted that the website had been audited and was WCAG 2.1 compliant, so that it meets accessibility guidelines, as set in the Public Sector Bodies Accessibility regulations. **FP**

Cllr Davies also highlighted the need for leaf clearance at the bus shelter. **FP**

5. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

It was noted Unitary Councillors would rotate their attendance to Parish Council meetings.

Cllr Carrington confirmed that the potholes at Foundry Lane / Woodway were being repaired.

Cllr Bowler highlighted the sink hole in Lacey Green main road, which the Council **agreed** should be reported via FixMyStreet and the reference details shared with Cllr Carrington. **CD/KB/RC**

Cllr Carrington confirmed that the “plane and patch” near Speen Stores is scheduled to repair the damage post Thames Water works.

Cllr Carrington indicated no progress on the Bledlow Recycle project to date.

It was confirmed that the relocation for the bin opposite Water Lane to opposite the White House in Hampden Road was still outstanding. **CE**

Cllr MacGillivray agreed to provide pics of the faded road markings for Cllr Carrington to progress with TfB. **TM/RC**

Cllr Craft provided photographic evidence of the Save the Pub sign, which Cllr Carrington agreed to discuss its removal with the Save the Pub committee. **RC**

6. HS2 ROAD SAFETY FUNDING

The decision to decline the application was met with disappointment. It was agreed that Cllrs Davies would approach the Community Board to consider funding, as an appeal on the decision was unlikely to be successful. **CD**

Some confusion regarding the level of funding applied for was apparent in the response to the application, on which the Clerk undertook to get clarification. **FP**

7. REMEDIAL REPAIRS – TIMBER COMPONENTS - MULTIPLAY

It was noted that Cllr Hughes was still in discussion with Wicksteed, but the Council **agreed** to confirm the remedial action at a cost of £672.96 ex VAT. **MH/FP**

8.SAFETY CONCERNS WITH HAGS SHELTERED SEATING APPARATUS

Cllr Davies highlighted the lack of concern expressed by HAGS regarding the safety issues encountered by Parishioners and reported to Council. It was **agreed** to close off the apparatus until a satisfactory solution had been identified. **CD/FP**

Cllr Davies also highlighted the recent vandalism of the bench in the Playground. After further discussion, it was **agreed** to remove and store the bench, in light of such persistent vandalism. **CD/FP**

9. PLAYGROUND FENCING

It was noted that this project had been budgeted for in 2021/2022. After further deliberation it was **agreed** to engage with specialist fencing contractors to determine the specification and costs to minimise damage generated by footballs and the mitigation of potential climbers over the fencing itself. **CD/FP**

10. OTHER TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS

The latest traffic data from the MVAS units had been circulated by Cllr MacGillivray prior to the meeting and was discussed in some detail. It was clear that the main “pain points” are the points of entry to Lacey Green providing some justification for semi fixing the existing MVAS units in those locations. This would then enable a third MVAS to be purchased for various locations, including more extensive use specifically for Speen.

After further deliberation it was **agreed** to:

- Review the potential impact of the forthcoming traffic calming measures for St John’s School **TM**
- Identify extra resources within Speen to help with location transfers of the MVAS and data analysis **PS**
- Review the matter again in September **FP**

11. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The report and findings had been circulated and reviewed by Councillors. Cllr Craft highlighted some of the points raised, and the responses to the report were then **agreed** upon. **FP**

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was confirmed that there were no outstanding planning applications for review and consideration.

With regard to applications approved, the application for 7 Abbots Wood Speen - 21/060338/FUL - had been approved. No applications have been refused since the last meeting.

The enforcement notice relating to 20/00116/OP was noted.

13. PAYMENTS

The following payments were **approved**:

FP

Activity	Payee	Gross	Comment
Salary	F Post	364.00	June
Expenses	F Post	7.65	Postage
Allowance	F Post	25.00	June 5 weeks
Expenses	F Post	2.63	Fasthosts
Risk Assessment	K Dobson	38.00	June
Inspection	Wicksteed	72.00	Q3 late submission
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14. RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None.

15. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

CLlr MacGillivray confirmed that following consultation, the Litter Pick Programme would take place on 9th October.

TM/FP

CLlr MacGillivray also confirmed he would contact Hallmark to highlight the issues of vandalism, traffic calming and litter picking.

TM

16. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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- AGAR approval
- Traffic Calming Updates
- Speen Village Pond
- Q1 Bank Reconciliation
- Playground Fencing

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm, 26th July 2021: – Speen or Lacey Green Village Hall **tbc**

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....