



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 4TH OCTOBER MONDAY 2021 AT 7.30PM IN SPEEN VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllrs Cathryn Davies (Chairman), Philip Suter, Jean Roberts, Tim MacGillivray, Cllr Carl Etholen (Unitary), Clerk – Frank Post. Eight members of the public were in attendance.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Cllrs Roger Craft, Miv Hughes, Keith Bowler, Robert Carington and Shade Adoh.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on 6th September 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 running repairs quote for the Playground and Wooden Fencing by VES was **approved** (£710.00 in total). **FP**

It was also noted that the external audit report from PKF had been reviewed and **approved** and posted on the website with the Notice of Conclusion of Audit. **FP**

5. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Etholen confirmed the following:

- the cobblestones by the Methodist Church had been repaired
- the bin repositioning in Speen still pending
- the repairs of road signs in Lower Road, Loosley Row had been completed
- the projecting foliage around the signs would be addressed by TfB
- the CIC (Community Interest Company) is meeting on Thursday to discuss the next step for the Bledow Recycling proposal
- the costs for uncontested elections would be queried with Electoral Services
- the responsibility of the trees overhanging the playground would be investigated with Alastair Cunningham of the Unitary Council

Cllr Etholen noted that Parish Councils are encouraged to sign up the Aylesbury Vale Speedwatch initiative and the Big Bucks Tidy Up proposal. **FP**

Cllr Etholen also highlighted the correspondence from a member of the public relating to speeding concerns on Pink Road, which were discussed. **CE**

6. LITTER PICK CAMPAIGN

Cllr MacGillivray confirmed that the campaign was on schedule to take place on 10th October. It was **agreed** that the Council would fund the costs of refreshments and Cllr Davies would arrange for the storage of the picks after the campaign had been completed. **CD/TM**

7. PROPOSAL FOR CHANGING FOOTPATH LAG/48/30

Following the informal visit by Cllrs Hughes and MacGillivray to the Horse Trust, the matter was discussed in detail and it was **agreed** to broadly support the changes on the understanding that the Horse Trust would ensure the upkeep of the proposed footpath at their cost. **FP**

8. COUNCIL CHARTER

The Parish Council **agreed** not to support the charter, based on recommendations by Cllr Bowler. **FP**

9. PLAYGROUND FENCING

Four quotes had been received:

Supplier A - £6864.90

Supplier B - £7863.00

Supplier C - £7650.00

Supplier D - £6938.55

All quotes included the provision of a closing gate.

After reviewing each quote in detail, it was **agreed** to proceed with Supplier A, subject to confirmation of satisfactory timescales. **CD/FP**

10. ADDITIONAL MVAS

It was **agreed** to purchase the third MVAS, as the necessary voluntary resources in Speen for installation and analysis of data had been identified. Specification as per the previous purchase and delivery to be scheduled for January 2022. **FP**

11. TRAFFIC CALMING LACEY GREEN

The final report following the St John's school consultation was still pending. **CD**

12. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SPEEN

It was agreed that Cllr Suter would register for participation on behalf of Speen. **PS**

13. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Parish Council had reviewed the Financial Regulations and considered these to be satisfactory. Cllr Davies requested that the provision of on-line banking should be investigated. **FP**

14. GARDEN OF REST PRICING POLICY

Current charges were reviewed and compared to other local amenities and consider to be satisfactory. **FP**

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications had been reviewed: **FP**

Ref	Property	Application	Comment/Status
21/07499/FUL	Lacey House, Main Road	Construction of Garden Room after Removal of Conservatory	No objection

21/07751/FUL	4 Roundlands, Lacey Green	Extensions to Garage Replacement	No objection, as precedence of adjoining properties, subject to satisfactory dividing wall agreement
21/07675/FUL	Land between Orchard Cottage and Orchard End	Development of Bungalow, Garage and parking spaces	No objection

Planning application 21/0718/FUL, Idle Corner Cottage, Main Road had been approved since the last meeting.

15. PAYMENTS

The following payments had been circulated and reviewed and were **approved**.

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Activity	Payee	Gross	Comment
Salary	F Post	363.60	Sept Salary
Training	F Post	410.00	Registration CILCA
Maintenance	F Post	2.63	Fasthosts Sept
Allowances	F Post	20.00	Aug 5 weeks
Risk Assessment	Keith Dobson	38.00	Sept
Maintenance	VES	115.56	Supply and Fit of Anchorage Playground Bench
Inspection	Buckinghamshire Council	54.60	Inspection Buckinghamshire Council Playground
Audit	PKF	240.00	Annual External Audit Fee
		1244.39	

16. RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Cllrs **agreed** to support the proposal by Cllr Cooper (Unitary) to encourage 20mph speed restrictions.

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Cllrs **agreed** to support the Big Bucks Tidy Up and Tree Planting initiatives previously circulated.

FP

Cllrs noted the comments made by a parishioner regarding the application relating to 4 Roundlands

17. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None.

17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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- Speen Village Pond
- Extra MVAS
- St John's School Traffic Consultation
- Traffic Calming - Speen School
- Playground Fencing
- Beech tree overhanging Bus Shelter

- Members Allowances
- Wooden table replacement – Playground
- Annual review of Standing Orders and Direct debits
- Review of Q2 Bank Reconciliation and Expenditure Update

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm, 1st November 2021: – Lacey Green Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....