



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 1ST NOVEMBER MONDAY 2021 AT 7.30PM IN LACEY GREEN VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllrs Cathryn Davies (Chairman), Roger Craft (Vice Chair), Miv Hughes, Keith Bowler, Jean Roberts, Tim MacGillivray, Cllr Shade Adoh (Unitary), Clerk – Frank Post. Three members of the public were in attendance.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Cllrs Philip Suter, Robert Carington (Unitary) and Carl Etholen (Unitary).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on 4th October 2021 were **approved** and signed by the Chair. **FP**

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

It was noted that owners of the Whip Pub had gone into liquidation. It was **agreed** to undertake further investigations regarding the potential of registering the Whip as a Community Asset, particularly in the context of its use by walkers on footpath L19. **JR**

5. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Davies requested Cllr Adoh to note the following:

- the publication of the Traffic Calming measures for St John's were still pending
- the position on food waste disposal needed to be clarified
- an update on the CIC (Community Interest Company) deliberations on the next step for the Bledow Recycling proposal are still awaited

6. MVAS PROCUREMENT

Order has been placed and delivery address agreed. A delivery date of January has been requested. **FP/TM**

7. PLAYGROUND FENCING

Order has been placed and work scheduled to commence late November. **FP**

Signage would be posted two weeks before. **CD**

8. St JOHN'S TRAFFIC CALMING

Still awaiting final report and implementation dates. **CD**

9. SPEEN POND FACELIFT

Following representations from a number of Speen residents, the matter was discussed in detail.

It was noted that there was a divergent opinion from experts engaged by both the Council and Speen residents, but the Council **agreed** to adhere to the advice provided by its Chiltern Society expert and retain the nature of a shallow “dew” pond, with clearance and repairs applied in a graduated manner over a four-year cycle.

It was also agreed to communicate with Parishioners on the reasons why this decision was made and approach the Chiltern Society for support in pond clearance before the end of the year. **RC/CD/FP**

10. PARSLOW HILLOCK

It was noted that a request for funding had been tabled to the Community Board for review of traffic calming options. **CD/FP**

11. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

It was **agreed** that requests would be made for volunteers via the website. **FP**

12. SPEEDING TRAFFIC IN SPEEN

Cllr MacGillivray confirmed that the MVAS had been located to the King William school to generate data on traffic issues during school delivery and collection times. **TM/PS**

13. QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE

It was **agreed** to identify options for commemorative tree planting in Roundlands/Eastlands, Wardrobes and the GoR. **ALL**

14. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

The recommendation of applying PAYE to Cllrs allowances was discussed and Cllrs **agreed** to revoke the current arrangement of quarterly payments and determine whether submission of an annual expenditure relating to consumables would be more appropriate. **FP**

15. BANK STANDING ORDERS AND DIRECT DEBITS

Duly circulated for review and **approved**. **FP**

16. OVERHANGING BRANCHES BY BUS SHELTER

It was **agreed** to report the issue through Fix MY Street. **JR**

17. Q2 BANK RECONCILIATION AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW

Both had been circulated. The bank reconciliation was **approved** by the Vice Chair. **FP**

It was noted that expenditure to date equated to 23% of total annual budget.

18. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were reviewed and comments as detailed: **FP**

Ref	Property	Application	Comment/Status
21/07898/FUL	Hedgerows, Studridge Lane, Speen	Single storey rear extension, conversion of garage and insertion of windows and rooflights	No objection
21/08012/FUL	17 Greenlands, Lacey Green	Two storey extension and part single/part two storey rear extension	No objection

21/08044/FUL	Land between Orchard End and 3 Wayside, Speen	Development of Dwelling, Garage and Parking with access	Objection based on height & size Should be single storey for which there is precedence
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The following applications had been permitted since the last meeting: 21/07174/FUL, 21/07299/FUL, 21/07222/FUL.

19. PAYMENTS

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

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Activity	Payee	Gross	Comment
Elections Expenses	Buckinghamshire Council	346.96	Uncontested Elections 2021
Salary	F Post	363.60	Oct Salary
Maintenance	F Post	2.63	Fasthosts Sept
Allowances	F Post	25.00	Oct 5 weeks
Risk Assessment	Keith Dobson	38.00	Sept
Maintenance	VES	315.00	Playground Maintenance
Maintenance	VES	315.00	Timber Table Repairs
Payroll	PB Financial Solutions	60.00	April - Sept
Salary Tax	HMRC	727.20	Q2
Water Rates	Castle Water	21.21	Aug - Jan 2022
Total		2214.60	

20. RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Cllrs **agreed** to not seek a replacement for the Spring Rocker Elephant for the time being.

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17. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

17. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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- St John's School Traffic Consultation
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- Community Shop for Lacey Green

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm 6th December 2021: – Speen Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....