



## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH MONDAY 2022 AT 7.30PM IN SPEEN VILLAGE HALL

### PRESENT

Cathryn Davies (Chair), Roger Craft (Vice Chair), Miv Hughes, Keith Bowler, Tim MacGillivray, Clerk – Frank Post. Carl Etholen (Unitary).

3 members of the public were in attendance.

**Note:** the meeting was formally closed between 8.00 and 8.35 to debate agenda item 7 informally.

### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Cllrs Philip Suter, Jean Roberts, Robert Carington (Unitary), Shade Adoh (Unitary).

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were **approved** and signed by the Vice Chair.

**FP**

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

It was noted that the new bin at Hampden Road had been installed and that Cllr Suter had extended his thanks to Unitary Officers and Councillors.

The Litter Pick date had been agreed for 24<sup>th</sup> April and the village hall booked.

**TM**

### 5. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Etholen confirmed that the traffic calming measures at St John's School had been completed. Cllr Davies extended the thanks of the Council to all members of the project team.

**FP**

Cllr Etholen also noted the impending surgery with Unitary Cllrs at the Village Hall in Lacey Green on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Cllr Etholen also noted that budget provisions for a recycling centre had been provided for 22/23 and 23/24, but that any progress regarding the Bledlow Recycling CIC was still pending.

The request tabled by Cllr Suter for the provision of street sign repairs was still outstanding.

**CE**

Furthermore, Cllr MacGillivray would review the signage at the triangle cross road between Lower Rd and Loosley Row and Cllr Craft would report the tree trunk stump located at Hampden Rd through FixMyStreet.

**TM/RC**

Cllr Davies also confirmed that the consultation project developed in conjunction with the Community Board relating to the White House was still pending.

**CD**

## 6. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Following representation by a member of the Road Safety Volunteer Group regarding speeding along the main road in Lacey Green, it was suggested by Cllr Etholen to install trevello strips in a number of locations. The next stage would be to measure traffic data resulting from these measures. **CE**

Cllr MacGillivray confirmed that the Road Safety Group comprised some 30 participants and that 8 had volunteered to undergo Speedwatch training. The Council **agreed** to fund starter kits (including road signage) and determine the sites most suitable.

**TM/FP**

## 7. REROUTING PUBLIC PATH LAG/26/1

The adjustments proposed by two parishioners to the existing reroute proposal was discussed, and the Council **agreed** to support the proposed application to modify the reroute on the basis of more effective access for ramblers and more effective protection for livestock. **FP/RC**

## 8. BATTERY THEFTS FROM TWO MVAS

Following the recent unauthorised removal of the batteries from the MVASs located in Speen and Lacey Green respectively, the Council agreed the following plan of action:

- Transfer all three MVASs to the Swarco depot in Milton Keynes for repairs (and replacement batteries where necessary) on the precondition that the repairs improved the resistance of the housings against the removal of batteries by force (which is currently being evaluated by the Swarco technical team following a spate of incidents across Bucks and Milton Keynes, as experienced in Lacey Green Parish Council).
- Hold the latest provisional order for a fourth MVAS (c.£4k), pending confirmation of changes in specification to improve resistance. **TM/FP**

## 9. REPAIRS TO WALTERS ASH BUS SHELTER

Council agreed to schedule repairs through existing provider (£985 ex VAT) but also contact Bradenham RAF to determine if they could assist. **FP**

## 10. QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The visit to the GoR to determine the potential for a circular pathway and tree planting still pending. **RC**

Cllr MacGillivray had circulated three alternative designs and costings for a commemorative gate at the GoR. The Council agreed to proceed with proposal "B" at a cost of £3690 plus £480 installation. Cllr MacGillivray would contact the supplier to determine wording and location for a commemorative plaque. **TM**

Cllr Bowler also suggested that the GoR drive should be resurfaced. This will be considered as an agenda item for next meeting. **FP**

## 11. CIL PLANS

B/f for next meeting. Cllrs to submit proposals to Clerk before next meeting. **ALL**

## 12. CLOSURE OF LACEY GREEN VILLAGE SHOP

It was confirmed that the Council had received £.5k proceeds following the closure of the Village Shop. It was noted that these monies would be promoted to the Parish by encouraging Parishioners to complete application forms for appropriate community projects. **FP**

## 13. COMPLAINTS POLICY

Current version circulated. Cllrs **agreed** that no further amendments/updates are necessary. **.FP**

## 14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Ref	Property	Application	Comment/Status
<b>21/05402/FUL</b>	St Peters Close Speen	Demolition of garage with new garage/single storey extension, porch extension and rear single storey extension	No objection
<b>21/05348/FUL</b>	Windmill Cottages Main Road, Lacey Green	Erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings using existing access plus creation of parking and installation of security gates	Objection

It was noted that the appeal for 20/00116/FUL for Bunch Meadows, Woodway, Loosley Row had been allowed.

The following approvals were identified since the last meeting:

21/08428/FUL

1 Cornerways, Speen

21/08525/FUL

24 Woodbank, Loosley Row

No refusals have been identified.

## 15. PAYMENTS

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

**FP**

Activity	Payee	Gross	Comment
<b>Salary</b>	F Post	363.60	Feb Salary
<b>Admin</b>	F Post	2.63	Fasthosts
<b>Admin</b>	F Post	20.00	Allowance 4 weeks
<b>Admin</b>	F Post	50.68	Ink for printer
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	K Dobson	38.00	Feb
<b>Web</b>	Wendover Domain & Web Ltd	120.00	Mailbox Hosting
<b>Devolved Services</b>	PRTC	588.00	Contract Dec to Jan
<b>Grants</b>	Friends of the Ridgeway	15.00	Annual contribution - section 137
<b>Grants</b>	Lacey Green Short Mat Bowls Club	250.00	Carpet Winder - section 137
<b>Grants</b>	Community First Responders	200.00	Reissue - section 137
<b>Grants</b>	Community Bus	250.00	Reissue - section 137
<b>Maintenance</b>	Wicksteed	302.40	Materials Multi Play Repair
<b>Total</b>		<b>2200.31</b>	

## 16. RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Clerk confirmed that the response to the Internal Auditors had been submitted after consultation with Cllr Craft.

**17. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

None

**18. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**FP**

- Annual Parish Update
- Traffic Calming Measures
- Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Projects
- Community Speedwatch
- MVAS update
- CIL Planning Options

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

7.00pm 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022: – Speen Village Hall – Annual Parish Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....