



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 4th APRIL MONDAY 2022 AT 7.30PM IN SPEEN VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cathryn Davies (Chair), Roger Craft (Vice Chair), Miv Hughes, Keith Bowler, Philip Suter, Tim MacGillivray, Jean Roberts, Clerk – Frank Post. Robert Carrington (Unitary).

2 members of the public were in attendance.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Cllrs Carl Etholen (Unitary) and Shade Adoh (Unitary).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Davies declared an interest on a planning application 22/05508/FUL.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on 7th March 2022 were **approved** and signed by the Chair. **FP**

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

The Litter Pick date had been confirmed for 24th April and the village hall booked. **TM**

5. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Carrington confirmed that funding from the Community Board and HS2 remains available. It was noted that the Council would reconsider resubmission of the application for HS signage. **CD**

Cllr Carrington also noted the household support link available to support the Ukrainian crisis.

Cllr Carrington informed the Council that a meeting has been arranged between the Cabinet Member, Mr Bowles, and representatives of the community group involved with the King William IV.

The request tabled by Cllr MacGillivray for the signage at the triangle cross road between Lower Rd and Loosley Row through FixMyStreet has met with no action. **TM/RC**

6. ANNUAL REPORT

Cllr Davies confirmed that all meetings had been held physically since May 2021 and reported that Council's focus continues on range of traffic calming initiatives, continued upgrade and maintenance of Council assets and Parish infrastructure, as well as review of planning applications.

Cllr Davies extended her thanks to all Cllrs for their continued endeavours during these challenging times, as well as Unitary Cllrs and staff at Transport for Bucks and the Unitary Council for their support.

Cllr Craft reported that Council expenditure was in line with budget - £38.4k actual v £47.2k bud v £31.7k LY, and indicated that variances YoY are attributable to timings and completion of various traffic calming projects.

It was noted that ample reserves to accommodate contingencies are available – the cash balance LY £58k (20/21) compared to the cash balance YTD Feb (20/21) of £76.6k. Cllr Craft also confirmed that no increase in Precept has been requested from Parishioners since 18/19.

Cllr Davies reported that the major review of traffic issues around St John's school has been completed and implemented. A third MVAS was purchased in 21.22, but operational effectiveness has been impacted by recent vandalism. A fourth MVAS was scheduled for purchase this year but has been delayed pending improvements in the security of all units.

Across the Parish a range of further initiatives are being considered, including the implementation of a Community Speedwatch Project to help as a deterrent to speeding.

With regard to the maintenance of Parish Council assets, Cllr Davies confirmed that new fencing had been provided for the Lacey Green Playground and that the relocation of bins to improve access and utilisation in Speen had been completed.

It was confirmed that the revamp of Kiln Lane Pond had been undertaken with local volunteers.

Cllr Hughes reported that continued regular inspections of the playground – monthly, quarterly and annually – were implemented to ensure the highest standards of safety.

Cllr Hughes also highlighted that Repairs of Multiplay equipment had been completed this year.

With regard to planning issues Cllr Davies emphasised the commitment of the Council remains steadfast to protect the integrity of the three villages in line with the Village Plan and within the context of Parishioners residing with an ANOB.

Some 24 planning applications were scrutinised and reviewed during the year 20.21 and commented upon where appropriate.

In concluding the Annual Report, Cllr Davies stated that the Council remains committed to tackling key issues of concern eg traffic calming/infrastructure and takes every effort to upgrade the fabric of the Parish for the benefit of all Parishioners and continue to support local initiatives and community groups where it can. Additional funding in 21.22 from the closure of Lacey Green Village Stores and the Community Infrastructure Levy will provide Parishioners with more opportunities to apply for grants toward projects to benefit the local community in 22.23.

7. SPEED WATCH

The suggestion to utilise trevello strips to generate an evidence base for speeding was still outstanding.

Clerk will contact the local Police representative for help.

FP

8. QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The proposal for new gates for the Garden of Rest was discussed in some detail.

It was **agreed** to view the model created by the supplier for final agreement on design and copy.

ALL

Cllrs also confirmed that close coordination between the supplier of the Gates and the supplier of the resurfacing of the drive will be required to ensure the correct positioning of gateposts.

TM/CD

Three quotes for resurfacing will be required – one received to date.

CD/FP

9. REPAIRS TO MVAS STOCK

Repairs to improve the resistance of the housings against the removal of batteries by force is still being evaluated by the Swarco technical team.

TM/FP

10. REPAIRS TO WALTERS ASH BUS SHELTER

Response from Bradenham RAF to determine if they could assist still outstanding. It was agreed to clarify what repairs could be undertaken on site with the original supplier.

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11. CIL PLANS

Cllr Bowler had submitted a number of proposals which had been circulated.

After further discussion it was noted that the expenditure relating the GoR/Memorial Garden would be the primary priority regarding funding. **ALL**

12. LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATIONS

It was confirmed that the Council would not participate in any further meeting of the WDALC in light of its impending demise. **PS/CD**

It was noted that investigations for alternative associations to participate in will be required. **FP**

13. RISK REGISTER

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

14. COPY FOR GOR NOTICE

Clerk to circulate **agreed** copy and Cllr Suter to ensure posting. **FP/PS**

15. BANK RECONCILIATIONS

Still pending arrival of copies of bank statements. **FP/RC**

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Ref	Property	Application	Comment/Status
22/05481/FUL	Hedgerows Studridge Lane Speen	Construction of 2 storey rear extension	Objection based on size and non compliance with Green Belt regulations
22/05508/FUL	Pink Woods Pink Road, Lacey Green	Creation of new entrance driveway	No objection

It was noted that the Council were concerned about the proposals detailed in 2205820PNPCR and 225819PNPCR ref Grymsdyke Farm Main Road Lacey Green and will submit comments objecting to the proposals to the Planning Department. **FP**

The following approvals were identified since the last meeting:

Primrose Bank

Lower Road

Loosley Row

22/05089/FUL.

Blea Rigg

Little Lane

Loosley Rowe

21/08767/FUL.

15 Abbotswood

Speen

21/08686/FUL.

No refusals have been identified.

The Planning Enforcement on Field 2 Adjacent to Deep Meadows Farm, Pink Road was duly noted.,

17. 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	Mar Salary
Admin	F Post	2.63	Fasthosts
Admin	F Post	20.00	Allowance 4 weeks
Admin	F Post	24.81	Postage/Envelopes
Risk Assessment	K Dobson	38.00	Mar
Hall Hire	Speen Village Hall	20.00	Jan
Hall Hire	Speen Village Hall	20.00	Feb
Bins	VES	240.00	Nov - Feb
Maintenance	VES	60.00	Inspection Bus Shelter
Bins	VES	120.00	Mar
Maintenance	Sign of the Times	21.00	Keys for GoR noticeboard
Total		930.04	

18. RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Cllrs **agreed** to the uplift in pricing from PRTC for devolved services.

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Cllrs **agreed** to the quote from Glasdon for the replacement of the bin top.

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19. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

20. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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- Annual Parish Council Meeting
- Traffic Calming Measures
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Projects
- Community Speedwatch
- MVAS update
- End of Year Financials

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm 9th May 2022: – Speen Village Hall – Annual Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....