

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th JUNE MONDAY 2022 AT 7.30PM IN SPEEN VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cathryn Davies (Chair), Roger Craft (Vice Chair), Keith Bowler, Philip Suter, Jean Roberts, Shade Adoh (Unitary). Clerk – Frank Post. No members of the public attended.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Cllrs Carl Etholen (Unitary), Robert Carington (Unitary), Miv Hughes, Tim MacGillivray.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on 9th May 2022 were approved and signed by the Chair.

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

Cllr Craft and Suter were reminded of the contact made by SEAG. Cllr Craft undertook to arrange a meeting and report back. RC

5. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Adoh requested an update on the Hedgerow application. Cllr Craft confirmed that the Council would prefer a referral to the Unitary Council Planning Committee. RC/FP

It was noted that there had been no further developments regarding the King William IV pub.

Cllrs expressed their concerns regarding implementation of the Waste Green Tax, reflecting the comments made by Parishioners.

6. INTERNAL AUDIT

Submissions for the Internal Auditors had been circulated and reviewed. The Clerk undertook to reformat the Draft Statements of Accounts for final approval. FP/RC/CD

7. TRAFFIC CALMING FOR PARSLOW HILLOCKS

The proposal for traffic calming measures is on hold pending feedback from Parishioners.

FP/CD

8. PLAYGROUND RISK ASSESSMENTS AND REPAIRS

Cllr Davies noted that VES had been requested to quote for the installation of replacement bench for the picnic table. CD/FP

The update of the signage is still outstanding.

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The spare key of the noticeboard is to be made available to the Chairman.

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9. GATES AND DRIVEWAY FOR MEMORIAL GARDEN

The installation of the Jubilee gates was well received. It was agreed to publicise the installation through Hallmark.

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The quotes for tarmacing the driveway were reviewed:

Supplier A: £25872 plus VAT

Supplier B: £20840 plus VAT

Supplier C: £18000 plus VAT

Supplier D: £42145 plus VAT

It was **agreed** to commission supplier C, subject to pricing conformation.

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Upon confirmation of works the parishioner who owns the Methodist Church will be notified.

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10. REPAIRS TO MVAS STOCK

Supplier currently finalising testing of the solution to mitigate theft of batteries.

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11.COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

No developments reported.

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12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were reviewed and comments as detailed:

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| Ref | Property | Application | Status |
|--------------|---------------------|--|--------------|
| 22/06094/FUL | Hampden Lodge | Construction of raised decking and demolition of | 3rd June |
| | Pink Road | existing building | No objection |
| 22/06121/FUL | Crofters | Construction of replacement building | 9th June |
| | Chapel Hill, Speen | | No objection |
| 22/06196/LBC | Old King George | Strengthening of rafters/joist and weathering of | 17th June |
| | Flowers Bottom Lane | chimney flashings | No objection |
| | Speen | | |
| 22/05864/FUL | 12 St Peters Close | Construction of single storey rear extension | 22nd June |
| | Speen | | No objection |
| 22/05481/FUL | Hedgerows | Review of amendments and referral to Planning | Objection |
| | | Unitary Council Committee | |

Note: The referral to Planning Committee based on incorrect supposition that this is a "ribbon development". The restriction of lighting access of adjoining properties was also a concern.

The following approvals were identified since the last meeting:

22/05508/FUL

Pink Woods, Pink Road

22/05089/FUL

Primrose Bank,

Lower road, Loosley Row

No refusals have been identified since the last meeting.

13. PAYMENTS

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

| Activity | Payee | Gross | Comment |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------|--|
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| Salary | F Post | 363.60 | May Salary |
| Back Pay | F Post | 102.80 | Back pay for cost of living since Apr 21 |
| Admin | F Post | 2.63 | Fasthosts |
| Risk Assessment | K Dobson | 38.00 | May |
| Hall Hire | Speen Village Hall | 20.00 | May |
| Devolved Services | PRTC | 338.99 | Grass Cutting 12.05 |
| Risk Assessment | Wicksteed | 144.00 | Quarterly Inspection |
| Payroll | PB Financial Solutions | 60.00 | Oct 21 to Mar 22 |
| | | | |
| Total | | 1070.02 | |

14. RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Cllrs agreed to proceed with the submission of signs to mitigate HS traffic to the Community Board.

Cllrs **agreed** to resurrect the application for Community Asset for the Whip Inn.

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15. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Suter attended the meeting detailing the temporary closure of WDALC.

16. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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- Submission of Draft Statement of Accounts for Internal Audit
- Jubilee Memorial Request for Speen (Commemorative Tree)
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Memorial Gates & Resurfacing
- Traffic Calming Proposals
- Community Speedwatch
- MVAS update
- Playground Assessment and Repairs
- Green Waste Tax
- Whip Inn

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 7.30pm 4th July 2022: – Lacey Green Village Hall Meeting closed at 9.22 pm

Date.....

Chairman.....