



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 3rd JULY MONDAY 2023 AT 7.30PM IN LACEY GREEN VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cathryn Davies (Chair), Roger Craft (Vice Chair), Jean Roberts, Keith Bowler, Tim MacGillivray, Philip Suter, Shade Adoh (Unitary). Clerk

One member of the public in attendance.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Cllrs Hughes, Carington (Unitary) and Etholen (Unitary).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the last Council meetings held on 15th June 2023 and 30th June (virtual) were **approved**.

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

Cllr Davies requested pics of the Bucks Awards event to publicise locally.

SA/CD

The grant request toward Speen Festival was also **approved** and payment **agreed** to be made in July.

FP

5. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

It was noted by Cllr Adoh that the Speedwatch petition would be presented to the Community Board on 27th July.

Cllrs also requested that representation made to the Unitary Council for visits by traffic enforcement officers to the St John's site to reduce the likelihood of illegal parking on yellow lines. Cllrs confirmed that they would be prepared to cover the costs of such visits.

SA

The Parish Council's engagement of the Community Board regarding a feasibility study to amend the signage on Woodway at the entrance from Lower Road onto Woodway is still outstanding. This would entail proposing a 'No Left Turn' into Lower Road from Woodway and a 'No Right Turn' from Lower Road onto Woodway.

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6. PLAYGROUND RISK ASSESSMENT

Cllrs requested that photographic evidence was provided for areas of concern (eg loose fixing on log unit).

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PLAYGROUND REPAIRS

Quote still awaited from supplier for gate adjustments and fencing repair.

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8. TRAFFIC CALMING

Cllr Davies reported that contact with the RAF to share traffic data resulting from their trevello strips had not met with success.

9. SPEED LIMITS: HAMDEN ROAD SPEEN

Representation from a number of parishioners was noted and Cllrs **agreed** to support efforts to reduce speeding to 20mph.

Collation of speeding evidence was seen of paramount importance and Cllr MacGillivray undertook to provide the contacts for Speedwatch and siting of MVAS. **TM**

10. HEADSTONE REPAIRS: GARDEN OF REST

Following site visit by stonemason, it was noted that repairs to headstones would equate to £200-£200 per headstone but any repairs are the responsibility of the relatives to maintain the headstones and that the Council will endeavour to make contact. **FP**

11. DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT

Site visit imminent – order provisionally placed. **TM/FP**

12. SPEEN STORES

No response to three calls. Council **agreed** to arrange for a deputation to visit the Store. **FP**

13. SPEEN BUSH SHELTER

It was **agreed** to revamp the external facias through the incumbent provider. **FP**

14. ENTRY GATE – WALTERS ASH

No response from Unitary Council. **FP**

15. WATER LEAKAGE WHIP INN

Resolved.

16. INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

Draft AGAR and supporting documentation posted with public notice following review and **approval** by Cllrs of internal audit and draft AGAR. **FP**

17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were reviewed: **FP**

Ref	Property	Application	Comment/Status
23/06249/FUL	The Thatched House	Replacement outbuilding and garden shed	No objection
	Church Lane		
	Lacey Green		
23/06370/FUL	Virginia Cottage	Two storey side extension	Objection
	Main Road	single rear extension	Still considered overdevelopment
	Lacey Green	open porch and log store	

The following recent refusals and approvals had been identified:

Approved

23/05640/FUL

23/05581/FUL

23/08386/FUL

Refused

23/05461/FUL

18. PAYMENTS

Payments **approved** for June and July.

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Activity	Payee	Gross	Comment
Salary	F Post	399.35	May Salary
Salary	F Post	399.35	Jun Salary
Salary	F Post	741.84	Jan & Feb salaries not paid through std orders
Admin	F Post	20.00	Allowances May 4 wks
Admin	F Post	25.00	Allowances Jun 5 weeks
Admin	F Post	2.63	Fasthosts May
Admin	F Post	2.63	Fasthosts Jun
Risk Assessment	K Dobson	40.00	May
Risk Assessment	K Dobson	40.00	Jun
Maintenance	Gommes	300.00	Repairs to MVAS x2
Internal Audit	April Skies	200.00	Internal Audit 22.23
Maintenance	VES	320.00	Dog Bins May - Jun: plus sign repair
Maintenance	VES	145.00	Bench Installation
Grant	Amanda Dobbs	100.00	Contribution to Coronation Tea Party Speen
Inspection	Wicksteed	144.00	Quarterly Playground Assessment
Total		2879.80	

21. RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Clerk undertook to arrange for on-site repair of MVAS and sourcing of alternative post box in Speen.

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Meeting to be arranged for Cllr to visit GoR and review markers.

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22. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

23. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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- Speen Stores
- Playground Assessments
- Playground Revamp
- Entry Gate by Walters Ash
- Traffic Calming update inc petition
- Widening Woodway Proposal.
- Defibrillator update
- MVAS Repairs
- GoR Headstone Repairs
- Review of Standing Orders

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm 4th September 2023: – Speen Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....