

**MOULSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
17th FEBRUARY 2022, AT 7:30pm IN THE PAVILION MOULSFORD**

PRESENT: Cllr Baker (Vice chair) Cllr Eagle Cllr Partridge
 Cllr Powell Cllr Simpson (SODC) Mr. G. Twibell (parish clerk)

1.	<u>Apologies For Absence</u> Cllr Elvy. In her absence, the meeting was chaired by Cllr Baker.	
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest.</u> There were no declarations of interest.	
3.	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> Cllr Powell proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 th December 2021, be signed by the Chair as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Eagle.	
4.	<u>Reports from County and District Councils</u> Cllr Simpson reported the following from South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraged involvement in consultations on how housing developers' infrastructure levy is spent, including a proposed affordable homes quota on previously exempt C2 developments. See: • https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/cilchargingschedule and https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/developercontributionsspd and • https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/community-support/infrastructure-to-support-communities/ • New EV chargers being installed in the Cattle Market car park, Wallingford. • SODC has adopted a new climate action plan, aiming for carbon neutrality. • Helping protect against energy price rises, households in council tax bands A-D will get a £150 rebate. • A pilot trial is underway of a new scheme to make simplified neighbourhood planning available to smaller authorities. Cllr Simpson will investigate involving Moulsford. 	Cllr Simpson Cllr Baker
5.	<u>River Thames Public Access</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Powell had discussed with OCC Highways records and the matter remains ongoing. The parish council underscored its commitment to research and provide further information if required. • Clerk to appraise the parish council solicitor accordingly. 	Clerk
6.	<u>Planning Applications and Enforcement Cases</u> P22/S0190/FUL Moulsford Preparatory School, Moulsford, OX10 9HR Four new windows and seven enlarged windows to the north elevation of an existing classroom block. MPC: No strong views. SODC: Considering. P22/S0103/HH Braziers Byre, 1 Offlands Court, Moulsford, OX10 9EX Single storey rear extension and garage conversion. MPC: No strong views. SODC: Considering. P22/S0034/FUL Moulsford Preparatory School, Moulsford, OX10 9HR Extension of time limit to existing permission for single temporary classroom. MPC: No strong views. SODC: Considering.	
7.	<u>Matters From The Floor</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
8.	<u>Actions From Previous Minutes</u> Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Simpson and village broadband champion have now spoken. • Solicitor advised of river access status. • Tree planting set for 26th March. • Pavilion grant funding was conditional on retaining sports facilities. • Pavilion opening photo indexing almost complete. • Charity donations made. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precept request made and confirmed. • London Bridge briefing attended and report provided. • PMC appraised of Cllr Eagle's appointment. • Allotment holder contacted over maintenance. <p>Continuing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllrs Baker and Partridge to hold a further meeting with Cranford School. Traffic and parking issues to be raised. • Cllr Baker progressing recreation ground plans. • Committee heads meeting to be arranged. • Cllr Baker progressing cricket equipment disposal. 	<p>Cllr Baker Cllr Partridge Cllr Baker Cllr Elvy Cllr Baker</p>
9.	<p><u>Pavilion Management Committee (PMC) Update.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest meeting minutes received. These indicated that roofing work was required and the building exterior required re-painting/re-staining. Suitable contractors to be located and assessments and quotes sought. • Donated wine storage cabinets. Suggested that servicing was required. Advice sought from the manufacturer which advises no more than cleaning and annual replacement of an internal charcoal odour filter is required. 	<p>Clerk</p>
10.	<p><u>Moulsford Events Committee (MEC) Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee was thanked again for its £1,500 contribution to council projects. • An initial plan of events had been prepared for 2022, including: winter socials, a wine tasting, camping night, a food festival, a jubilee fete, support for the nationwide big lunch event, and bunting etc. for the platinum jubilee. All will be publicised in advance in Moulsford News. • A fund-raising target of £3,000 during 2022 had been suggested. • Food planned for 2022 Friday socials, from both third-parties and volunteers. • Cashless payments still being looked into along with finding a new bank account. 	
11.	<p><u>Playground/Recreation Ground Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree planting rescheduled for 26th March. Pavilion booked from 10:00am. Events committee will provide refreshments. • Dead wood work party likely to be postponed to 26th February. Several retained large logs for landscaping have been illicitly removed. • A new home for the cricket net has been found locally. Needs transporting. Remaining items to be disposed of. • Cllr Baker finalising work with the landscape architect. Design to be secured. • The Treescape initiative provides free mapping of parishes to help with planting. Cllr Baker to follow up. • New trees planted in March will be advised to a national jubilee planting scheme known as the Queen's Green Canopy. • Again jubilee related, seven larger trees are being considered to create an avenue on the northern side of the recreation ground. The clerk cautioned the presence of the pavilion water supply in that same area. • Cllr Powell mentioned a workshop for grant application writing and offered to attend if required. Clerk to circulate the original note again. 	<p>Cllr Baker</p> <p>Cllr Baker/ Cllr Partridge Cllr Baker</p> <p>Cllr Baker</p> <p>Cllr Baker Cllr Powell</p> <p>Clerk</p>
12.	<p><u>Reports/Correspondence/Other Matters.</u></p> <p>From Cllr Elvy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jubilee beacon. This was discussed for June but a lack of suitable high points in the village probably makes it impractical. • Annual parish meeting. Something less formal and involving more village organisations was suggested, perhaps even integrating with a village social event. A legally required start time of 6:00pm or later makes this difficult and it will be considered further. Promotion of the event by poster and by door-to-door will be considered. The meeting will continue to be organised and run by the parish council. Clerk to circulate a descriptive document for clarity. <p>From Cllr Baker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had been approached by a resident over the poor condition of the A329 footway from Moulsford School to the filling station. While footways are the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) the parish council had undertaken in mid 2020 surface clearance of intruding vegetation and debris. Anything more extensive was beyond its purview and budget. It was resolved to recommend reporting via FixMyStreet. • Cllr Baker outlined multiple residents' reports of school-related problematic traffic and parking in Willow Court Lane, exacerbated by sixth formers apparently using 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Baker</p>

	<p>their own cars. This directly contradicts a written commitment by the school to forbid this. Residents felt this was only the latest of several such commitments which had initially applied only to be broken later. Further, the undertaking to forbid sixth form vehicles had formed part of a formal traffic/travel plan in the seeking of planning permission for expansion. Cllr Simpson observed that such promises along with traffic plans were not planning conditions and, therefore, are unenforceable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On a more positive note, the school has made improvements, with on-site traffic marshals directing traffic, along with alerting neighbours in advance of special events and in limiting parking off site, for example in nearby Glebe Close. • It was resolved to hold a further liaison meeting with the school to present the residents' concerns together with discussing any other relevant matters. • With reference to Moultsford Prep School, Cllr Eagle raised an issue in light of recent highway code changes giving priority to pedestrians. The current arrangement and road markings at the vehicle entrance/exit appears to favour vehicles over those on foot. The school is already involved in discussions with a concerned resident and the matter will be raised at the next liaison meeting. The clerk agreed to forward details of the OCC technical officer concerned. • Cllr Baker agreed to build a brief plan of actions by the parish council in 2022/23. <p>From the Clerk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moultsford and many other clerks are increasingly pestered by businesses wanting references posted on parish Web sites. These are rebuffed appropriately. • Sought approval to re-join the Society of Local Council Clerks at £70 annually. Agreed by the meeting. <p>From Cllr Powell:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was intending to review the council's Web site with a view to improvement, and asked fellow members to also review and make observations. The clerk added that the current free-of-charge site was necessarily simplistic and limited. Anything more would need a more experienced Web master to run and manage. 	<p>Cllr Baker Cllr Partridge</p> <p>Cllr Eagle Cllr Powell Clerk Cllr Baker</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13.	<p><u>RFO's Report/Budget</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RFO's report detailing transactions and balances up to 15th February was presented and is attached herewith. This now includes a schedule of retained, earmarked funds, currently for Ferry Lane works, recreation ground/playground works, and pavilion maintenance. • Cllr Powell queried the £4,000 fund set aside for Ferry Lane resurfacing and whether it would be enough given the increased traffic the lane is seeing. The clerk explained this was an historic amount made up of a £2,000 county councillor grant and £2,000 of parish council money. At the time of the works it was to be augmented by a further £2,000 from OCC Highways, making at the time enough to complete the length from the A329 to the Beetle and Wedge. 	
14.	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
15.	<p><u>Date Of Next Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting Thursday 24th March, 2022, 7:30pm, Moultsford Pavilion. • The meeting closed at 10:21pm. <p>Signed: Dated:</p>	

