

**MOULSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
10th MARCH 2021, AT 7:30pm BY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

PRESENT: Cllr Baker Cllr Bryan (Chair) Cllr Elvy (Vice Chair)
Cllr Partridge Cllr Sachse Mr Mansford (PMC Chair)
Mr G. Twibell (Parish Clerk) Six members of the public

		<u>Action</u>
1.	<u>Apologies For Absence</u> Cllr Simpson (SODC)	
2.	<u>Declarations Of Interest</u> None.	
3.	<u>Minutes Of The Previous Meeting</u> Cllr Elvy proposed that the minutes of the meeting on 10th February, 2021, be signed by the chair as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Partridge.	
4.	<u>Reports From District and County Council</u> • A district council update was received on 3 rd March and circulated.	
5.	<u>Planning Applications and Enforcement Cases</u> <i>New and changed only.</i> P20/S4643/FUL Moultsford Preparatory School, Moultsford, OX10 9HR Variation of conditions- 2 (Approved plans), 7 (New vehicular access), 8 (Vision splay details), 12 (Off-site highway works) & 9 (Turning Area & Car Parking) on application P20/S0173/FUL. Proposed erection of building for pre-preparatory school with associated outside teaching space, access, drop off and collection area, and landscaping. It was noted that this change included removing the need for a pelican crossing on the A329, a change that MPC had pressed OCC Highways to agree. Members' individual views to Cllr Bryan for consensus response. MPC No strong views. SODC Approved. P20/S4706/FUL Wallingford Road, between Goring and South Stoke, RG8 0JA Development and operation of a Transitional Hybrid Energy Project and associated infrastructure including access. MPC Object. SODC Considering. P20/S2071/FUL Cranford House School, Moultsford, OX10 9HT Lighting to the Astro Pitch. Appeal against refusal. MPC Object. SODC Considering.	
6.	<u>Local Response To The Covid-19 Crisis (C-19)</u> • Cllr Sachse reported that the support network was still in place and active but there remained a low level of demand.	
7.	<u>Matters From The Floor</u> As a precursor to discussions on the area around the Beetle and Wedge Boathouse, Cllr Bryan stated that the fact that he owns a neighbouring property had already been declared on assuming the role of Councillor. While he did not believe that there was a conflict of interest, for the avoidance of doubt he asked Cllr Elvy to chair any discussion arising under this item. • A member of the public raised parking at the Beetle and Wedge Boathouse where three parking spaces on the highway had been marked out, implying they were restaurant parking when in fact they remained public. He had also been told by a member of staff not to park there. The parish council had since addressed on two occasions this issue with the restaurant owner. • Another member of the public raised river and wharf access, mooring, and the placement of tables and chairs on the wharf area, mentioning a December meeting with the owner and the parish council, and the outcomes therefrom. • The clerk, in correspondence with the Oxford County Council Highway Records Manager, had learned that there was permission in place for the restaurant to use the wharf area and to place tables and chairs upon it. This permission was re-affirmed most recently in district council planning permission granted on 19-02-2020 which clearly showed the wharf as 'outdoor dining area, covered'. However the public retain the right to 'pass and repass over' the area. • The discussion moved on to the public mooring and a proposed reinstated ferry service operated by the restaurant owner. Plans show the Moultsford ferry terminus as sharing the Environment Agency public mooring. • A member of the public mentioned a consultation under way at South Stoke on the addition of a pontoon on that side of the river to accommodate the ferry, with the suggestion that similar would be placed in Moultsford. The clerk said there had	

	<p>been no communication from South Stoke parish council to this effect. The situation in Moulsoford is different in that the slipway at South Stoke is parish council-controlled while the mooring at Moulsoford is owned and managed by the Environment Agency. Cllr Elvy suggested the ferry conversation be continued at a future meeting when the council was in possession of the facts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public advised that the rights to operate the Moulsoford Ferry are recorded in the deeds of Ferryman's Cottage. • On the wider question of the use of the wharf area and access, Cllr Elvy agreed to explore any local authority and Environment Agency arrangements that the previous owner of the Beetle and Wedge Boathouse may be aware of. • The clerk has made a number of as-yet-unanswered enquiries of the Environment Agency, and will share any new information to all interested parties. • A member of the public observed the progress of works on the new Sewage Treatment Plant and enquired when and how the payment system for sewage disposal for North Road and Underhill might change upon completion of the works. The clerk agreed to pursue this with SODC. 	<p>Cllr Elvy</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8.	<p><u>Actions From Previous Minutes</u></p> <p>Completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 district council reports have been received. • OCC Highways had confirmed to the clerk that the Beetle and Wedge does have formal permission to use the wharf area for seating and tables. • The parish council is now a member of the CPRE. • Clerk will take the Zoom special offer at 20% for a year's subscription. <p>Continuing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Baker is awaiting details on local bat populations before reporting further on the effects of floodlighting. • Cllr Baker has requested Halfpenny Lane road accident details from TV Police. • Clerk is pursuing OCC Highways over refreshing road markings in the village. • Cllr Bryan to arrange joint heads of committees meeting. • Clerk is progressing a site meeting with the OCC gypsy and traveller team. • The clerk to investigate repairs to some village benches. • Maintenance of the cricket square to be raised at the Cranford School meeting, most probably by Zoom. 	<p>Cllr Baker</p> <p>Cllr Baker</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Bryan</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs</p> <p>Bryan/Elvy</p>
9.	<p><u>Pavilion Management Committee (PMC) Update.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for a further grant of £3,000 was successful which gives the committee some financial latitude to operate, even absorbing the extra costs of Covid cleaning. • The bookings secretary is now back working after being furloughed and initial booking enquiries are being received. • Committee next meets on 17th March and will report back with reopening proposals together with a more detailed note to the events committee on how they may make use of the building. 	<p>Mr Mansford</p>
10	<p><u>Moulsoford Events Committee (MEC) Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Baker reported. There was enthusiasm from the committee to restart but conscious of the need to work within parish council and pavilion management committee guidelines. 	
11.	<p><u>Playground And Recreation Ground Maintenance/Upkeep</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site meeting with a tree surgeon was encouraging. More permanent location for a Christmas tree identified, near to the existing millennium Oak. Clerk to explore power supply to that location. • Also looked at wooded boundaries and will submit a quote for making the trees safe, removing Ivy etc. Cllr Bryan suggested a wider community involvement with work parties. • Part of the cricket equipment has been removed and next will come removal of the derelict shed, netting etc. • Cllr Baker had removed the failed monkey bar post. • Possibility of moving the remaining playground equipment away from the tree line when it is retro-fitted with steel feet as a preservation measure. • Next working group meeting will generate a report covering the broader issues of rezoning of the recreation ground and equipment siting. • New playground signage is in progress. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Baker</p> <p>Cllr Baker</p> <p>Cllr Bryan</p>

12	<p><u>Reports/Correspondence/Other Matters.</u></p> <p>From the clerk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought approval to renew annual OALC membership at £146.16. • A member of the public had thoughtfully reported activity at the cricket shed which turned out to be the handover of equipment to Cranford School. • A member of the public had reported an advertising hoarding along a fence at the A329/Underhill junction which turned out to be a short-lived promotion. • The neighbourhood planning online meeting took place on 1st March. Clerk had circulated a synopsis to all members. There was further discussion around neighbourhood plans and their value to a community. Progressing one required a sub-committee but a £10,000 grant is available to help with even a basic plan, with a further £9,000 available for more complex plans. It was agreed all members would review in-progress plans available at the district council Web site with a view to a discussion at the next meeting. Clerk to collate individual councillor responses. • Driveway lighting work had been rescheduled for 15th March. Mr Hughes had agreed to coordinate. <p>From Cllr Baker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public reported a long-term outreach partnership between the village Church and the Church at Huhudi in South Africa. They wondered if the wider village might like to be involved and sought parish council assistance. After discussion it was decided that the best way to approach the village community was through the Moulsoford News. Cllr Baker will follow up. • Cllr Baker reported a contact from the Bioabundance Community Interest Company which is campaigning to 'protect, extend, and restore nature across the district' with a focus on challenging the local plan. Other parish councils have already joined as supporters. The council agreed to suggest initially an article for the Moulsoford News to test community interest. <p>From Cllr Elvy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised a query from a member of the public about conifers encroaching the footway in North Road. The clerk will investigate and check on historic FixMyStreet reports. <p>From Cllr Partridge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is meeting the SODC and contractor teams at the allotments site on 18th March with a view to discussing the works and the repairs necessary along Underhill. <p>From Cllr Sachse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Sachse reported the Moulsoford News deadline is the 24th March. Cllr Bryan will submit the MPC report. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>All/Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Baker</p> <p>Cllr Baker</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Partridge</p> <p>Cllr Bryan</p>
13.	<p><u>RFO's Report/Budget</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The numeric and narrative financial reports for the period since the February meeting, and an updated 2020/21 budget are attached herewith. • There were two receipts during the period of 2 x 0.05p bank interest, while payments were £32.26 for stationery, £36.00 for CPRE membership, £67.00 for SLCC membership and £1,250 for the landscape architects. • Imminent payments include the clerk's salary and PAYE, OALC membership, and Zoom and Web/Email hosting. • Currently the council holds £7,435 in allocated reserves, £5,084.20 in unallocated reserves and £1,381.17 in its current account. 	
14.	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Elvy referred to the ongoing discussion over parking, river access and potential ferry operations at the Beetle and Wedge and suggested a brief informal discussion when more information was available before proceeding further. The clerk to look into any earlier relevant planning permissions. 	<p>Clerk</p>
15.	<p><u>Date Of Next Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next scheduled meeting is 7:30pm, Wednesday 14th April, 2021 by Zoom. • The meeting closed at 9:54pm. <p>Signed: Dated:</p>	

