MOULSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL 2020, AT 7:30pm BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

Cllr Baker Cllr Bryan (Chair) Cllr l Cllr Sachse Cllr Simpson (SODC) Cllr l Mr G. Twibell (Parish Clerk) One member of the public Cllr Elvy (Vice Chair) Cllr Partridge PRESENT:

1.	Co-option Of New Councillor Having advertised the casual vacancy created by the resignation of Cllr Twibell for the requisite period, and no request for an election being received by SODC Electoral Services, the parish council moved to co-option. Cllr Bryan proposed that Mr. Partridge be co-opted as councillor, seconded by Cllr Baker. Cllr Partridge to complete and sign both an acceptance of office form and register of interests and return to the clerk. Clerk to set up a parish council email address and account.	Cllr Partridge Clerk
2.	Apologies For Absence Cilr Murphy (SODC)	
3.	Declarations Of Interest Cllr Elvy declared an interest in the applicant of planning application 20/S0976/FUL and will take no part in the discussion.	
4.	Minutes Of The Previous Meeting Cllr Elvy proposed that the minutes of the parish council meeting on 18th March be signed by the chair as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Sachse.	
5.	 Reports From District and County Council Cllr Simpson had circulated a written report and highlighted some key points: Explained that while the statutory requirement to progress planning applications remained during the Covid-19 crisis, she did not want contentious applications to be fast-tracked without due process and consultation with other bodies. Currently no planning officers had been re-allocated to Covid-19 activities. Thanked Cllr Sachse for her timely efforts in building and running a support network for residents. Had looked into the allotment situation (see section 11. below). Had been advised no procurement process could start until after the current crisis was over at the very earliest opportunity. 	
6.	Planning Applications and Enforcement P20/S0976/FUL Moulsford School, Moulsford, OX10 9HR. Extension of time limit to existing permission for single temporary classroom. MPC: No strong views. SODC: Considering.	
	P20/S0897/HH 21 Underhill, Moulsford, OX10 9JH Single storey side extension and first floor rear extension, and a small increase to ridge and eaves height to accommodate roof insulation above the rafters. MPC: No strong views. SODC: Considering.	
	P19/S2768/FUL Greenlands Farm Cow Lane Moulsford OX10, 9JT Creation of Rolling Fields Glamping Site (As amplified by additional information received 30 October and 27 November 2019 and amended by new drawings, Ecological Walkover Report and Site Access Appraisal received 03 March 2020). MPC: No strong views. SODC: Considering.	
	Cllr Baker made the meeting aware of an imminent application from a household in Willow Court Lane. Details awaited.	
7.	 Local Response To The Covid-19 Crisis (C-19) Cllr Bryan paid tribute to the efforts of Cllr Sachse in so quickly establishing a support network and in putting together the regular village newsletter and a C-19 dedicated interim edition. Cllr Sachse reported that within two weeks of being set up the support network had already dealt with 37 requests from the community, mainly shopping and prescription collections. 	

	 After three separate printed communications delivered to households and social media activity, the group remained keen to reach everyone in the village. Some 50 volunteers had come forward with offers of help. This, it was believed would allow the group to function in the longer term with a likely increase in demand. Cllrs Bryan and Simpson mentioned C-19 grants now available from district councillors and Cllr Simpson had already dealt with applications from some villages. Will send application forms for completion and return, allowing Moulsford to also apply, via the clerk. Cllr Sachse reported that the village support network was running smoothly. Moulsford News is continuing as normal. Advertisers will be contacted to establish if still operating during the lockdown, and relevance of advertising to them. Editorial content may also dwindle as many activities are paused. Need for an interim issue in May will be assessed nearer the time. Cllr Elvy will supply the parish council article for the May issue. Advice had been given about bonfires and consideration for neighbours who may have respiratory problems. 	Cllr Simpson Clerk Cllr Elvy
8.	Matters From The Floor • None.	
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9.	 Actions From Previous Minutes Completed: Cllr Sachse has implemented and publicised a village support network, which includes assistance for prescriptions from Cllr Gray, Cholsey PC. Cllr Simpson had supplied details of a national database of similar networks. Business disruption insurance queried but no cover for C-19-related matters. Cllr Baker reported that as the playground is now closed off due to C-19 restrictions, a work party to clean the equipment was out of the question. Defer until the autumn. Continuing: Cllr Baker is pursuing a speed survey in Halfpenny Lane with Cllr Gray who is progressing with OCC highways. The clerk is following up with Cllr Gray on youth funding and its applicability to Moulsford. Clerk, having found a contractor, is to obtain a quote for A329 footway clearing. Cllrs Bryan and Baker still looking into a Millennium tree replacement and cost of same. Driveway lighting electrical quote still awaited. Clerk to chase. Cllr Baker is awaiting further advice from landscape consultants. 	Cllr Baker Clerk Clerk Cllr Bryan Cllr Baker Clerk Cllr Baker
10.	 Pavilion Management Committee (PMC) Update. Cllr Bryan summarised a written report from Mr Mansford, PMC chair. Year-end accounts now finalised and show an around £5,000 reserve, accumulated over several years. With the building now closed and mothballed this will help cover a deficit in income during the C-19 crisis. 	
11.	 Moulsford Events Committee (MEC) Update The clerk reported receipt of on-paper accounts for 2019/20. Will circulate to all members. Cllr Bryan suggested that in the absence of any in-person events perhaps the committee might consider virtual events as an alternative, taking advantage of the parish council's Zoom video conference licence. 	Clerk
12.	Playground Maintenance/Upkeep • Cllr Baker progressing a number of items: landscape report, quotes for replacement equipment, rot-proof steel supports for what equipment remains, cleaning and timber treatment. The latter, together with any fund-raising cannot take place until restrictions are lifted.	Cllr Baker
13.	Reports/Correspondence/Other Matters. From Cllr Baker • The wildflower meadow maintenance by work party is difficult with the rules on public gatherings. To maintain a colourful display will require reseeding at a cost when fund-raising is disallowed. Cllr Elvy said that the meadow's prominence in a space where everything else is closed made its upkeep important.	

	 Clir Baker agreed to cost the seeds required and to email interested parties to ask for volunteers to do some maintenance and edging while adhering to social distancing rules. As to the grass bordering the meadow, the clerk reported grass cutting was suspended pending the rec., having flooded for a time, being sufficiently dry and firm to support the mowing equipment being used. Cllrs Baker and Sachse reported increasing use of the Cranford sports field by groups of people, believed to be because the grass is shorter and the sports field is largely out of sight. From the clerk New legislation permits virtual meetings to take place, and the requirement for an annual parish council meeting and an annual parish meeting has been removed for 2020. In the absence of May's chair and vice chair election, the incumbents will remain until 2021. Clir Sachse suggested that in the absence of the annual parish meeting, heads of village organisations still be asked to provide 2019/20 reports for publication on the village web site and in Moulsford News. Clerk to action. Cllrs Baker and Bryan will cooperate on a joint report. The clerk reported an email on 30_{th} March from the estates manager at SODC about the village allotments. She said the parish council's tenancy at will on the land (notionally expiring the following day) would not be renewed and allotment holders would need to vacate their plots to permit future sewage treatment plant construction, and not return until a new lease was issued. This went against an agreement reached in late 2018 with the then estates manager during a site visit when it was stated all except for the holders of two plots would be unaffected by the works. The two holders being displaced would be provided with currently disused plots which would be cleared and graded ready for occupation. The parish council had replied seeking a compromise that access still be granted to those allotment holders outside the construction site area	Clerk Cllr Baker Cllr Bryan Cllr Partridge
14.	Will attempt to organise something with the distribution network. RFO's Report/Budget	Cllr Sachse
	 The numeric and narrative financial reports for the period since the March meeting are attached herewith. There were no receipts during the period. Payments were £28.62 for stationery (A4 copy paper and postage stamps), £76.80 for 2019/20 payroll preparation and £41.44 for waste bin emptying. The council ended the 2019/20 financial year with a total of some £11,000.00 in its bank accounts, £3,685 of which is already committed to the playground refurbishment project and the resurfacing of Ferry Lane. This amount to be transferred from the deposit account to the projects account. 	
15.	• None.	
16.	Date Of Next Meeting • Next meeting 7:30pm, Wednesday 13th May, 2020. Venue TBA.	
	The meeting closed at 9:40pm.	
	Signed: Dated:	

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1. Payments, receipts and balances for the period to 31st March, together with updated bank balances are shown below.

Transactions To Mar 31 st , 2020 (since last meeting)		Receipts	Payments (inc. VAT)	
Stationery			£28.62	
Payroll Services			£76.80	
Waste Bin Emptying			£41.44	
	Total	£0.00	£146.86	
	Current	Projects	Deposit	Total
Cash At Bank on 31st March, 2020	£1890.12	£2516.20	£6517.24	£10923.56
Cash At Bank (Previous Meeting)	£2592.74	£2516.20	£6517.24	£9188.90

- 2. As no invoice has been received for the pavilion roof repairs it has been assumed that at this late stage none will be forthcoming, saving the council a budgeted expense of £650.00. This item will not be carried forward to the 2020/21 budget.
- 3. There are four cheques issued in 2019/20 which had not been presented at close on 31st March. This accounts for the variance in actual current account balance vs. that shown in the accounting system.
- 4. The council moves into the new financial year in a strong position. The two grants of £1,000.00 (SOC) and £2,000.00 (OCC), an events committee contribution of £535.00 and a Cranford School contribution of £150.00 will be transferred to the projects account, adding to the funds for playground repair/replacement and the resurfacing of Ferry Lane.
- 5. The council finished the 2019/20 financial year with a surplus of some £11,000, £3,685 of which is already committed to playground refurbishment and Ferry Lane resurfacing.
- 6. The balances of three bank accounts on 31/03/2020 match exactly with the amounts shown in the council's accounting system for the same date.
- 7. The first 2020/21 precept payment of £7,125 was received on 1st April.

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