

MOULSFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
26th MAY 2021, AT 7:30pm IN THE PAVILION MOULSFORD

PRESENT: Cllr Bryan (Chair)
Cllr Partridge

Cllr Elvy (Vice Chair)
Six members of the public

Cllr Baker

1.	<u>Election of Chair and Vice-Chair</u> There being no other nominees, Cllr Bryan was elected as Chair and Cllr Elvy elected as Vice Chair.	<u>Action</u>
2.	<u>Declarations of Acceptance of Office.</u> The Chair and Vice Chair signed the declaration of acceptance of office and, in the absence of the Proper Officer, these were witnessed by Cllr Partridge and Cllr Baker respectively. These will be sent to the Parish Clerk for safe keeping.	Clerk
3.	<u>Codes of Conduct and Registers of Interest.</u> All councillors present agreed to act in accordance with the Codes of Conduct and to ensure that the register of interests accurately reflects their current circumstances.	All Cllrs
4.	<u>Declarations of Interest.</u> No new declarations were made.	
5.	<u>Apologies For Absence</u> Cllr Sachse, Mr G. Twibell (Parish Clerk)	
6.	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> Cllr Partridge proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 th April 2021, be signed by the Chair as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Baker.	
7.	<u>Planning Applications and Enforcement Cases</u> <i>New and changed only.</i> P21/S1624/FUL Moultsford Preparatory School, Moultsford, OX10 9HR Existing single classroom and WC block – extension to time limited existing planning permission for a further 3 years. MPC No strong views. SODC considering P21/S1011/HH Barn Cottage, Willow Court Lane, Moultsford, OX10 9HZ Erection of part width double storey extension, and single storey extensions. Creating a new ground floor dining/family room with boot room/WC, a first-floor bathroom and bedroom (as amended by plans received 13 May 2021). MPC Considering. SODC Considering. P21/S1147/HH Laburnham Cottage, The Street, Moultsford, OX10 9JD Single storey timber orangery to replace existing extension. MPC No strong views. SODC Approved. All comments and feedback to the clerk who will consolidate and respond.	All/Clerk
8.	<u>Matters From The Floor</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the request of parishioners, Cllr Elvy updated the meeting on discussions regarding the access to the river at the Beetle and Wedge (B&W). The situation has not changed in that OCC Highways maintain that the whole of the unregistered land between Beetle and Wedge House and the Beetle and Wedge Boathouse is defined as highway. The owner and representative of the Beetle and Wedge Boathouse maintain that they own the unregistered land and challenge the extent of the highway. The PC are taking advice on their legal position although the current view is that the issue is between the B&W, OCC Highways and EA. In the meantime, MPC are seeking clarification from EA on the definition of public mooring on the jetty. The next steps are to gather evidence that the B&W are acting improperly by trying to have control over the area and are preventing the public from their rightful access. Members of the public expressed their concerns that the B&W are trying to gain control over the whole area by physical possession and making it uncomfortable for the public to use. It was felt that his situation has to be challenged in order to 	

	<p>maintain the rights of access that have been enjoyed harmoniously since the agreements made in 2005 when the highway was defined by OCC. It was stressed that there was no intention to harm the B&W business, particularly given the last 15 months of Covid restrictions, and there was no reason why things could not continue as they had prior to the change of B&W ownership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that MPC will continue to work constructively with B&W, OCC and EA with the aim of gaining consensus on the highway. It was agreed that it would be helpful for the parishioners to express the depth of feeling in the village by recording incidents and registering their concerns with OCC Highways. Cllr Bryan raised the concern of Ferry Lane residents, particularly those from Thames Reach, regarding the increased car parking in Ferry Lane when the B&W Boathouse is open. This is being addressed with OCC Highways and will be discussed with the recently elected OCC councillor for Cholsey and Benson once contact has been made. This issue will be included in representations to OCC Highways regarding the highways. It was suggested that a village meeting should be held in order to share information on the access to the river with parishioners. Arrangements TBA. MPC understood that the ferry is not likely to operate this year as South Stoke PC does not support the idea. The clerk is still awaiting advice from OCC Highways and the Environment Agency on what part the parish council could usefully play in ongoing discussions. A reply is awaited. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
9.	<p><u>Actions From Previous Minutes</u></p> <p>Completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site meeting with the OCC gypsy and traveller team held. Specific advice will be sought as and when required. Meeting to discuss maintenance of the cricket square held with Cranford School. It was agreed that their use of the pitch was temporary and could end soon. This was not a problem and CH expressed their appreciation of the arrangement. They had given MPC £500 which is much appreciated and has been added to the Rec funding. <p>Continuing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Baker has requested Halfpenny Lane road accident details from TV Police. Impact of light on bat populations being investigated. Ongoing. Clerk is pursuing OCC Highways over refreshing road markings in the village. The clerk to investigate repairs to some village benches. A new handyman is being sought. A Moulsoford News advertiser was suggested. Option to replace benches to be explored in conjunction with Rec project. Clerk to follow up. Beetle and Wedge Moorings enquiry with environment agency. Reply awaited. Highways enquiries with OCC. Replies awaited. Clerk investigating new charges for sewage disposal in light of new works. There was no response to the neighbourhood plan article in Moulsoford News. It was agreed to hold an info session in the pavilion and ask the SODC lead to attend. Objective is to reach a decision on whether to proceed with a plan for Moulsoford. Clerk to arrange info session. 	<p>Cllr Baker</p> <p>Cllr Baker</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs</p> <p>Bryan/Elvy</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10.	<p><u>Pavilion Management Committee (PMC) Update.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update from PMC but the PC was pleased to see that the pavilion was getting back towards full use as lockdown restrictions allow. 	
11	<p><u>Moulsoford Events Committee (MEC) Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first post-lockdown event scheduled for Friday, 21st May 21 had to be cancelled due to the weather. It is now planned to start on Friday 28th May 21. It was noted that the MEC Chairman was stepping down and a process initiated to elect a new Chair for MPC ratification. Cllr Bryan observed that MPC needed to set a fundraising target for MEC, this will be proposed by Cllr Baker for the Rec project fund and will reflect the priorities established by the Rec committee. 	<p>Cllr Baker</p>
12	<p><u>Reports/Correspondence/Other Matters.</u></p> <p>From Cllr Baker:</p> <p>The Rec project is proceeding and identified ideas for short term priorities, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearing overgrown areas in woods Tree pruning & thinning Cricket equipment disposal 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hedge planting <p>From Cllr Partridge: Now that the work to install a new STP has been completed it should be possible to mark out proposals for the new allotments. There is also a lot of rubbish and rubble on the site that needs to be removed using a skip. It was agreed that MPC would look to fund the skip hire, Cllr Partridge to advise on size required. There was discussion on combining this requirement with the work on the rec but it was agreed that it was likely that both tasks would need their own disposal arrangements.</p> <p>From Cllr Bryan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no specific item for District and County Councillor reports in this meeting's agenda so the update from Cllr Simpson was outlined and this will be distributed to Councillors after the meeting. <p>From the Clerk (by proxy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information on the new allotments has been received from SODC. It was agreed that an outline of the suggested layout should be sent to SODC to get this underway and allow current and new holders to get to work asap. <p>From Cllr Baker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPC need to follow up on SODC's flood survey which Moultsford has not received. Clerk to pursue. <p>From Cllr Elvy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Elvy mentioned the sad news this week of the death of Rupert Elvin. Rupert, and his father Maurice, have been a great help to the PC in keeping the village tidy. The Parish Clerk had sent a card to the family on behalf of the PC, expressing our condolences and appreciation for his efforts. 	<p>Cllr Partridge</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Partridge</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13.	<p><u>RFO's Report/Budget</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The accounts for the last financial year had not been finalised by the internal auditor and were not available at this meeting. Approval of these will be moved to the next meeting in June, well within the statutory timescales. • In the absence of the RFO the updated accounts will be reviewed off-line and any queries can be raised with the RFO with the aim of agreement at the next meeting. • The payment of the annual insurance was approved by the councillors. 	<p>All Clerk</p>
14.	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no other business 	
15.	<p><u>Date Of Next Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The discussion of the most suitable days of the week to hold the PC meetings needs to be resolved in conjunction with the Clerk. The Chair will raise this with the Clerk on his return to work and will confirm the date asap. The aim is to hold the next meeting in the week of 14th June 2021. • The meeting closed at 9:40pm. <p>Signed: Dated:</p>	