MOULSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2020, AT 7:30pm BY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

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

1.	Apologies For Absence None.	<u>Action</u>
2.	Declarations Of Interest Cllr Elvy declared an interest in planning enforcement case SE20/402 and will take no part in any related discussion.	
3.	Minutes Of The Previous Meeting Cllr Sachse proposed that minutes of the parish council meeting on 11th November, 2020, be signed by the chair as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Partridge.	
4.	 Reports From District and County Council From Cllr Simpson: Updated the meeting on the status of two high-profile planning applications. 1) P20/S1220/FUL Friends of the Elderly, 34 extra care apartments. The applicant has been slow to supply requested information, probably because of its thorough approach. If the application is referred to committee, residents and parish councillors will have a chance to speak. 2) P20/S4418/FUL retrospective temporary permission for 9 extant floodlights. This follows an earlier refusal for permanent lighting, and subsequent enforcement action. As temporary, wheeled floodlights are considered chattels, apparently no real case to enforce. Cllr Baker questioned whether the village should revisit the idea of a neighbourhood plan, given the scale of planning matters in the last year. Cllr Simpson will ask SODC's neighbourhood planning officers to advise early in the new year. 	Cllr Simpson
5.	Planning Applications and Enforcement Cases P20/S4418/FUL Cranford House School, Moulsford, OX10 9HT Temporary planning permission for 9 floodlights (increased by three), until 30th April 2021 (As amended by revised layout and type of lighting accompanying email from agent received 4 December 2020). All councilors to email clerk with objections with a view to a consensus response which must be submitted before 29 th December, 2020. P20/S2560/HH Tibetan Cottage, 3 Willow Court Lane, Moulsford, OX10 9HZ Modernisation & extension of existing bungalow (As amended by new Proposed Site Plan, Tree Protection Plan and Arboricultural Method Statement received 20 October 2020). MPC: NSV. SODC: Approved	All Clirs/ Clerk
	Enforcement Case SE20/427 Moulsford Manor, Willow Court Lane, OX10 9HU Without planning permission, the construction of a tree house. Enforcement Case SE20/402 Cranford House School, Moulsford, OX10 9HT Without planning permission, the erection and use of floodlighting.	
	Though not an official enforcement case, a member of the public has reported to SODC planning that sports facilities which form part of the successful farm shop/sports fields planning application were now in use, advertising banners were being displayed, and an unauthorised structure had appeared on the site. The member of the public has pointed out that all of this is in contravention of several planning conditions attached to the original approval for the farm shop/sports field site. Cllr Simpson agreed to investigate further.	Cllr Simpson
6.	Local Response To The Covid-19 Crisis (C-19) The local support network continues, but no further requests for help received. Believe most people now have their own care structures in place. Mr. Mansford observed there may be a need for a social contact facility for people living alone.	

7.	 Matters From The Floor A member of the public queried the recent refusal of application (P20/S2071/FUL) (Cranford School floodlights) and noted a planning condition in the original permission for the AstroTurf pitch itself in 2011 which stated: 'there shall be no lighting on or around the Astroturf pitch either permanent or temporary' and wondered how this tracked with a recent new application (P20/S4418/FUL) for temporary permission for lighting until April 30th. Cllr Bryan urged all residents to respond to the new application, making their views very clear. In response to above Cllr Baker has also referred the application to the CPRE. Cllr Baker also raised concerns over the extension for the floodlights to 30th April. While the application states that no there will be no significant impact on wildlife, Cranford is known as a bat roost and bats are active as early as March. 	
8.	Actions From Previous Minutes Completed: Collr Bryan had arranged a further response to planning enforcement to be sent. Planning Enforcement and Environmental Health contacts published. Note on work around protected tree roots copied to all Cllrs. Webinar on communications details passed to Clerk A village resident has agreed to act as broadband champion. Parish council will support as required. Cutting of hedge on the Underhill/A329 corner resolved. Beetle and Wedge meeting organised for 10:30am, Friday 18th December. All allotment holders informed of changed start date for Underhill STP work. Hedge overgrowth advised via fixmystreet.com All reports for Moulsford News completed and supplied. Continuing: Cillr Simpson exploring A329 pedestrian safety improvements under the Active Travel initiative. Clerk to pursue. Halfpenny Lane speed survey followed up with Cllr Gray who is progressing. Weed spraying reviewed by the clerk, deferred to March 2021. Cillr Bryan to arrange joint heads of committees meeting. Cranford School is keen to retain the cricket shed and equipment into next year. Cllr Baker will discuss with Moulsford Cricket Club. Playground safety report received. Cllr Baker drawing up a list of actions required.	Clerk Cllr Gray Clerk Cllr Bryan Cllr Baker Cllr Baker Cllr Bryan
9.	 Pavilion Management Committee (PMC) Update. With a relaxation in the prevailing regulations, the committee had decided to reopen the building within the Covid guidelines. Already some exercise classes using. Mr. Mansford will advise availability for a restricted list of other activities. Sufficient funds to continue until the summer, by which time a return to business as usual is expected. Situation will be reviewed as necessary. Raised the matter of recreation ground improvements and potential impact on the pavilion. Mr. Mansford will be happy to be involved with the working group. 	Mr. Mansford Mr. Mansford
10.	 Moulsford Events Committee (MEC) Update There are ongoing plans to hold a joint Church and events committee carol service outside on the recreation ground. Mr. Mansford said the pavilion would help as much as it could and will look into the current regulations, Cllr Elvy will discuss with Mr. Reynolds the events committee chair. Cllr Bryan reported a kind offer from Cranford School for its large Christmas tree. Will thank the school and arrange for delivery to the pavilion. 	Cllr Elvy Cllr Bryan
11.	 Playground And Recreation Ground Maintenance/Upkeep Cllr Baker reported the safety inspection report now received. Most flagged items are designated low risk and will not need immediate action. Flagged areas of the fort/slide have been swept clear of leaves. One post supporting somersault bars has rotted at the base is now loose and requires removal. Other timber components also rotting and will require some remedial action in the next 12 months. The see-saw buffers require replacement. On the wider recreation ground project several members of the public have come forward offering to be involved. Cllr Bryan suggested a sub-committee of the parish council be formed to progress things. RFO to partition a budget for the work. Cllr Baker to request a first invoice from the landscape architect for work to date. 	Cllr Baker Clerk Cllr Baker

12.	Reports/Correspondence/Other Matters.	
	 From Cllr Baker: Mentioned hearing from a member of the public with concerns over outdoor lighting at Moulsford School which appeared to have been installed to facilitate parental drop-off and collection. These lights seemed to come on regardless of it being a weekend. Cllr Bryan agreed to discuss at his next meeting with the school which Cllr Partridge also agreed to attend. Cllr Baker agreed to contact CPRE with a view to obtaining general advice on lighting. From the clerk: 	Cllr Bryan Cllr Partridge Cllr Baker
	 Two more electricians had visited and quoted for the driveway bollard lighting work, now making six quotes received in total. From the latest two, the one from DRG Electrical in Wallingford offered the best value for money. The council resolved to invite them to carry out the work. A resident had volunteered his services as broadband champion and will coordinate the village effort to secure central government funding under the Rural 	Clerk
	Gigabit scheme for a full-fibre service in the village. Clerk to forward information held and will refer village enquiries and offers of help in progressing the scheme. • Having received and accepted a quote from Beechwood Solicitors, the firm now acts on the parish council's behalf in the matter of allotment licenses and leases with SODC. As of time of writing the council is close to agreeing and signing the	Clerk
	necessary legal document that grants SODC the right to occupy its part of the site for sewage plant works, while impacting as little as possible the rights of allotment holders in continued access to the allotment land.	Clerk
13.	 RFO's Report/Budget The numeric and narrative financial reports for the period since the November meeting, and an updated 2020/21 budget are attached herewith. There was one receipt during the period of 0.06p bank interest, while payments were £399.00 for grounds maintenance, £81.00 for the playground safety inspection, £240.00 external audit fee, £539.20 for three months' clerk's salary, and £134.80 for three months' clerk's PAYE contribution. An application for OCC Councillor Priority Funding is pending. Currently the council holds some £7,000 in reserves, with a further £1,800 in spend anticipated. 	
	 A decision on the level of precept required for the parish council for 2021/22 is awaited by SODC. After discussion, and considering the hardships during the 2020 calendar year, the council decided to keep its 2021/22 precept at the same level as the current year, with no increase. RFO to advise SODC accordingly. The external audit report had been received and is published on the village Web site as required by legislation. The auditor declared its satisfaction that the accounts for 2019/20 had been properly kept and that all public disclosure and governance standards had been met. 	RFO
14.	 Other Business Cllr Sachse said the handover of editorship was progressing. The copy deadline for the next issue (February) is 20th January 2021. Cllr Elvy raised the issue of recreation ground security. Mr. Mansford cautioned about the cost of duplicate keys which can be prohibitive. Cllr Elvy will forward advisory materials to the clerk who will discuss with the pavilion caretaker. 	Cllr Elvy Clerk.
15.	 <u>Date Of Next Meeting</u> Next scheduled meeting is 7:30pm, Wednesday 13th January, 2021 by Zoom. The meeting closed at 10:15pm. 	
	Signed: Dated:	

Payments, receipts and balances for the period to 8th December, together with updated bank balances are shown below.

Transactions (since previous meeting)	Bank	Receipts	Payments	
Bank Interest	Transfers	£0.06	(inc. VAT)	
Pre-winter Grounds Maintenance (Rec/Playground/Hedge/Hawthorn) Playground Safety Inspection			£399.00 £81.00	
External Audit Fee			£240.00	
Clerk's Salary (3 months)			£539.20	
Clerk's PAYE (3 months)			£134.80	
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	Current	Projects	Deposit	Total
Cash At Bank on 8th Nov, 2020	£2,248.89	£8,201.20	£7,084.08	£17,534.17
Cash At Bank (Previous Meeting)	£2,329.89	£8,201.20	£7,084.02	£17,615.11

¹⁾ A bank reconciliation performed on 8th December confirms that the account balances as shown on the bank statements align with the balances shown in the council's accounting system, pending presentation and clearance of four cheques to suppliers.

- 2) Of £8201.20 in the projects account, £4,000 is allocated to Ferry Lane resurfacing and £1,605 allocated to playground refurbishment. It would be prudent to allocate more funds before the end of the financial year.
- 3) Anticipated outgoings for the remainder of the financial year amount to some £1,800.
- 4) Pending a current application for an OCC Councillor Priority Fund award towards A329 footway maintenance, no further significant income is anticipated.

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