## MOULSFORD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th MAY 2020, AT 7:30pm BY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

PRESENT: Cllr Baker Cllr Bryan (Chair) Cllr Elvy (Vice Chair) Cllr Partridge Cllr Sachse Cllr Simpson (SODC)

Mr G. Twibell (Parish Clerk)

1.	Apologies For Absence None	
2.	Declarations Of Interest None	
3.	Minutes Of The Previous Meeting Cllr Sachse proposed that the minutes of the parish council meeting on 8th April be signed by the chair as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Elvy.	
4.	Reports From District and County Council  Cllr Simpson had earlier circulated a written report and highlighted some key points:  • SODC's first virtual planning meeting is at 4.30pm on 28 May. Members of the public may watch online, but not take part. Written statements only from the public, full public participation pending stronger IT security. Parish Councils soon to be informed of changes to planning decision-making and online meetings.  • Local Plan 2034 is progressing and the inspector will review soon. An examination in public by teleconference could take place as early as June 2020.  • The minister for housing, communities and local government intends reforming the planning system, potentially restricting district and parish councils' powers and leaving decisions to regional bodies. Given this, neighbourhood plans felt to be even more important.  • Parish councils encouraged to submit ideas for making roads safer for cyclists and pedestrians. Cllr Sachse queried if it might be appropriate to seek a more complete restoration of the A329 footway to the shop/filling station, to follow the parish council's investment in its clearance. Cllr Sachse will pursue further.  • SODC has been awarded £1.4M of central government funding to help offset losses due to the current disruption.	Cllr Sachse
5.	<ul> <li>Planning Applications and Enforcement</li> <li>P20/S1220/FUL, Friends of The Elderly, The Old Vicarage, Moulsford, OX10 9JB. Extra care development of 34 apartments (C2), associated communal facilities, provision of vehicular and cycle parking and associated landscape works. MPC Object. SODC Considering. Having discussed the application and taken a vote, the council is unanimously agreed it will object most strongly, a view shared by all those residents who have responded so far, and by both ward district councilors. Cllr Baker will speak with the CPRE to solicit a view. The clerk will similarly seek the opinion of the Ramblers as the proposed development is directly adjacent to a well-used footpath. Cllr Bryan will inform the village residents group, will discuss with Cllr Gray, OCC, and compile a consolidated council response.</li> <li>P20/S1135/HH, 3 Willow Court Lane, Moulsford, OX10 9HZ. Upgrade of existing</li> </ul>	Cllr Baker Clerk Cllr Bryan
	external walls & single storey extension. MPC NSV. SODC Considering.  • P20/S0976/FUL, Moulsford School, Moulsford, OX10 9HR, Extension of time limit	
	<ul> <li>for single temporary classroom. MPC NSV. SODC Approved.</li> <li>P20/S0897/HH, 21 Underhill. Single storey side extension and first floor rear extension, minor change ridge and eaves height. MPC NSV. SODC Approved.</li> </ul>	
	P19/S2768/FUL Greenlands Farm, Cow Lane. Glamping Site (amended by new drawings, ecological report & access appraisal). MPC NSV. SODC Considering	
6.	<ul> <li>Cllr Sachse reported that requests for assistance from the volunteer network were reducing and queried whether more publicity was required. Cllr Sachse will ask street coordinators to re-establish contact and check in with those who have already asked for help.</li> </ul>	Cllr Sachse
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	<ul> <li>The grounds team at the Prep. School - some of whom are currently furloughed – have offered help with mowing lawns for those unable to do it themselves.</li> </ul>	
7.	Matters From The Floor None.	
8.	Actions From Previous Minutes Completed:  Cllr Partridge's register of interests received and council email now working.  Clerk expedited and now received a Covid-19 grant from SODC.  Clearance of footway to shop/filling station now completed.  First estimate for lighting bollards wiring changes and safety inspection received.  Clerk has written to Mr Bosher over land at Glebe Close. Reply received and Mr. Bosher will visit to assess any work required.  Cllr Elvy has liaised with Moulsford Events Committee (MEC) to explore the potential value of hosting virtual events. However virtual working, home schooling and child-minding mean committee members and parishioners alike have little time to organise or take part in anything.  Continuing:  Cllr Baker is pursuing a speed survey in Halfpenny Lane with Cllr Gray who is progressing with OCC highways. Deferred until Covid-19 measures are relaxed.  The clerk is following up with Cllr Gray on youth funding and its applicability to Moulsford.  Cllrs Bryan and Baker still looking into a Millennium tree replacement and cost of same. It was suggested a local supplier may be a better option.  Driveway lighting electrical quote received. Clerk to obtain two more.  Cllr Baker is awaiting playground advice from landscape consultants, is chasing.  Clerk will contact MEC treasurer for an electronic copy of 2019/20 accounts.	Cllr Baker Clerk Cllr Bryan Cllr Baker Clerk Cllr Baker Clerk
9.	Pavilion Management Committee (PMC) Update.  • The committee has been awarded a support grant of £10,000 from SODC to help cover loss of income during the Covid-19 epidemic.  Moulsford Events Committee (MEC) Update	
10.	Events are currently suspended pending a return to normal business.	
11.	<ul> <li>Playground Maintenance/Upkeep</li> <li>Making any progress is very difficult currently due to the restrictions. Will continue as soon is realistic once more.</li> </ul>	Cllr Baker
12.	<ul> <li>Reports/Correspondence/Other Matters.</li> <li>From the clerk</li> <li>Local MP's details on the Web site have been updated following a request.</li> <li>Council's insurance expires on 31st May. Renewal quote is £1,392.38 compared to last year's of £1,353.28. Before renewing clerk to enquire if any discounts, given the reduced risk under Covid-19 closure of facilities, lockdown and distancing.</li> <li>Following a request from the pavilion caretaker has asked the village cricket club to return any remaining keys. A former captain responded who has some, not all of the keys and is attempting to locate the remainder.</li> <li>Following complaints from Underhill residents of several incidents of blocked sewers, SODC has investigated. On every occasion the flushing of inappropriate materials was to blame. A note for Moulsford News has been supplied advising exactly what should and what should not be flushed down toilets.</li> <li>From Cllr Baker</li> <li>The Covid-19 epidemic means the wildflower meadow work parties are curtailed but a small number of volunteers has recut borders, weeded and helped with the planting of 90 plants donated by Root One garden centre. This has helped avoid the need for new seed to retain a colourful display. Root One's donation has been acknowledged in a letter.</li> <li>From Cllr Sachse</li> </ul>	Clerk Clerk Moulsford News
	<ul> <li>For the support network, has established contact with a resident of Wellbarn estate. Cllr Baker also offered contact details for an employee at the estate if required. Cllr Sachse will progress.</li> <li>OCC had confirmed the new money for bus stop enhancement was received from Moulsford School for two new stops to be created near the school itself.</li> </ul>	Cllr Sachse

13.	<ul> <li>days thereafter. Cllr Elvy will write the council's contribution.</li> <li>Queried cutting of the recreation ground. The clerk explained that this year had been an exception with a delayed start to the cutting through flooding and subsequent soft ground, then coping with longer than usual grass when cutting resumed. The length of the grass has now settled at a more normal level.</li> <li>Having attended another parish council's meeting, queried an impending rise in the SODC cost of emptying dog bins and wondered if a change to asking people to take waste home instead might be appropriate. The clerk is aware and is monitoring the cost, but expressed concern that any changes that might dissuade dog walkers from picking up waste might exacerbate what is already a problem now with some not bothering at all.</li> <li>RFO's Report/Budget</li> </ul>	Cllr Elvy
	<ul> <li>The numeric and narrative financial reports for the period since the April meeting are attached herewith.</li> <li>There were two receipts during the period: The first instalment of precept at £7125.00 and the SODC Covid-19 grant of £400.00. The only payment was £1954.41 towards the pavilion mortgage. 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 has been transferred from the deposit account to the projects account.</li> <li>The clerk will circulate the 2019/20 accounts once returned by the internal auditor and will circulate the 2020/21 budget in due course.</li> <li>A finance meeting will be convened to review the 2020/21 budget and discuss, approve and formally sign the 2019/20 accounts in readiness for the external audit.</li> </ul>	Clerk Clerk
14.	Other Business • None.	
15.	• Next meeting 7:30pm, Wednesday 10th June, 2020. Venue TBA.  The meeting closed at 9:40pm.	
	Signed: Dated:	

## RFO Report - May 2020

Payments, receipts and balances for the period to 11th May, together with updated bank balances are shown below.

Transactions (since 1st April)		Receipts	Payments (inc. VAT)	
Precept		£7125.00		
Cllr Simpson Covid 19 Grant		£400.00		
Transfer of £2000 Deposit→Current		£2000.00	£2000.00	
PWLB Mortgage			£1954.41	
Transfer of £3685 Deposit→Projects		£3685.00	£3685.00	
	Total	£7525.00	£1954.41	
	Current	Projects	Deposit	Total
Cash At Bank on 11th May, 2020	£1768.65	£6201.20	£7957.60	£15927.45
Cash At Bank (Previous Meeting)	£1581.72	£2516.20	£6517.24	£9033.44

The full accounts for 1019/20 are currently with the internal auditor. To be circulated upon return for signing by the RFO and the Chair, prior to submission to the external auditor.