**ARDINGTON AND LOCKINGE PARISH COUNCIL**

**A&L (2020) 6**

**MINUTES of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council at 8.00pm on Tuesday 10 November 2020.**

**Present: Councillors:** Ron East,Paul Gibbs,NicolaHancock, John Hedgecock, Derek Morrow and Hugh Roberts

**Clerk:** Clive Knights.

**County Councillor,** Michael Fox-Davies. **District Councillor**, Janet Shelley,

**Apologies:** PCSO**,** Tim Deane and **School Governor,** Nicola Merry.

1. There were no declarations of interest and no hospitality had been received or offered.
2. **Matters Arising from the Meeting of the Parish Council on** **Tuesday, 8 September 2020 and approval of the Minutes.** All the actions had been taken and the Minutes were signed. There had been no S106 money for the Masons Yard development. **ACTION 6.1 Janet Shelley** to enquire why the Masons Yard Development (Old Works Yard) did not receive any S106 money and who made the decision. **ACTION 6.2 The Clerk** to chase Estate Yard to create a new notice board for East Lockinge with funds from CBPT through Terry Bond. Internet banking must be requested by a signatory to the PC’s account: a parish councillor, not the Clerk. **ACTION 6.3 Nicky Hancock and the Chairman if required** agreed to make this submission. **ACTION 6.4 The Clerk** to provide Nicky Hancock with the information required. **ACTION 6.5 The Clerk** to request from Lockinge Estate larger and more substantial notices requesting “No Cycling” for the permissive footpaths. Management of the Science Vale Cycle Network by central government had been appalling. **Mike Fox-Davies ACTION 6.6** agreed to take up with SVCN the poor state of the gravel surface in A&L quite unsuited for bicycles with narrow tyres. Also the steep new bridge over Ginge Brook would need a salt box. The 50 mph speed limit on the A417 was the major difficulty in trying to improve the safety for pedestrians crossing the A417. A narrow illuminated island had been used on some roads as a refuge for pedestrians. **Mike Fox-Davies ACTION 6.7** agreed to explore possible solutions.
3. **Matters Arising from the Planning Meeting of the Parish Council on** **Tuesday, 29 September 2020 and approval of the Minutes.** All the actions had been taken. Paul Gibbs had introduced the changes agreed. The Clerk had sent the response to every one listed. The Government, NALC and our MP had acknowledged receipt of the response. The Minutes were signed by the Chair.
4. **Reports.**

**County Councillor’s (CC’s) Report** had been circulated before the meeting. It mentioned the Covid-19 and lockdown restrictions and libraries would close. Roads would be gritted when necessary. Medical equipment should be returned to the NHS, The County was opposed to the reservoir and raised the issue through David Johnston of GARD. The surface of the SVCN cycle route needed to avoid rough shingle. Not all cyclists have off-road tyres. The SVCN cycle paths should have a tarmac surface. The SVCN needed an inspection to initiate improvements,

**District Councillor’s (DC’s) Report** had been circulated before the meeting. The SVCN had been inspected recently. There would be an online event about the Oxford-Cambridge Arc. The terror threat was severe, During Covid-19 lockdown leisure centres would be closed. Help is available at communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk. PPE can be obtained through Janet Shelley.

**Clerk’s Report.** Litter had to been picked three times per week during the Clerk’s exercise regime in both parishes. Regular reconciliations were conducted on the PC’s account statements. Lights had been repaired at 60 West Lockinge, 34 Church Street, Old School House, East Lockinge and that at Butcher’s Cottage, Ardington would be repaired. Herbicide had been sprayed on the playground in September and on the village’s gutters and pavements in May and September. The new swing was in place at the playground. The support beam for the basket swing awaited installation. The Clerk had sought repayment of VAT of £108.50.

1. **Finance**. ParishCouncillors approved previous payments of £968.00 reimbursement of the Clerk for two grass payments and a street light repair, approved two payments to Charlton Environmental for spraying in May and September (£132.00 and £189.60), and approved payments of £390.00 for a swing and beam. At this meeting approval was to be given for the Clerk’s payments and his tax for January and March both £340.00 by Standing Order (Ex 4) and both £68.00 tax by cheque respectively Ex 4). There was income of £4,235.00 from the Precept. The Parish Council’s approval was sought for a re-imbursement of £1,456.00 by the Clerk for two village grass payments (£312.50 and £595.00), for playground grass and hedge £460.00) and street light repair at 60 West Lockinge (£88.50). **ACTION 6.8 The Clerk** to make the outstanding payments.
2. **Playground Report.** Following the recommendations of the RoSPA report a cradle swing had been installed and a support beam for the basket awaited installation. (totalling £390.00 including recoverable VAT of £65.00).
3. **Flooding.** OCC had indicated that before clearing the conduit the Estate, with riparian responsibilities, should clear the stream bed either side of the bridge. **ACTION 6.9 The Clerk** to request the Estate to do this work as soon as possible to avoid flooding.
4. **The Street light attached to 38A East Lockinge. ACTION 6.10 The Clerk** to seek to re-establish the electrical supply.
5. **Notice Boards. ACTION The Clerk 6.11 to (a**) ensure the notices a clean and tidy and **(b)** use Gorilla tape to secure the glass on the notice board at East Lockinge.
6. **Grit and salt bins. ACTION 6.12 The Clerk** to check the level of grit in the bins.
7. **Collapsed brick wall along sunken lane. ACTION 6.13 The Clerk** to draw this collapse to the attention of the owners of Ardington House.
8. **Items for Trumpeter and Facebook. ACTION 6.14 The Clerk** to insert the notice about the next virtual Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council’s Facebook pages have 90 followers.
9. **Date of next meeting.** Possiblya virtual oneat 8.00 pm. Tuesday, 12 January 2021.
10. **Subsequent virtual meetings** at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesdays in 2021: 9 March, 11 May, 13 July 14 September and 9 November.
11. Signed as a true record,

Chair Date: 12 January 2021.

**Distribution:** Ron East, Paul Gibbs, Nicola Hancock, John Hedgecock, Derek Morrow and Sir Hugh Roberts.