

MAIDS MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the meeting of the parish council held on Wednesday 7th October at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Present: M Byrne, P Hardcastle, C Cumming, G Maw. A Mohandas **Apologies** J Withnell

Clerk: Jacky Dale-Evans **Members of the Public:** 12

168/20 **To receive apologies for absence and welcome.** Apologies from JW.

169/20 **Public Open Forum 1: None**

170/20 **Members' Interests: None declared.**

171/20 **Approval of minutes:** To agree the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Zoom on 7th September 2020. **Agreed.**

172/20 **Clerks Report** – Noted. JDE highlighted point no 1 on the clerk's report. The estimated expenditure of £500 per legal agreement for the Scout Hut and the Cricket Pavilion were noted and agreed.

173/20 **Finance and Accounts**

- Bank Reconciliation and accounts were agreed.
- Report on Internal Control audit completed by JW.** JW not present, no report given. **JW to provide report for November meeting.**
- Invoices approved. **MB and JW to sign invoices and authorise via Lloyds Bank online banking.**

174/20 **Bank Balances** – Noted. 2nd instalment of precept received.

	Treasurers Account (Current)	Business Bank Instant (Savings)
Opening Balance 30/09/2020	£33,065.79	£20,660.32
Paid in September 2020	£15,981.00	£0.14
Paid out September 2020	£1,563.83	0
Closing Balance	£47,482.96	£20,660.46

Reserves/Earmarked Funds	Playground/Playing Field	£8,010.34
	Elections	£5,000.00
	Interest	£4.12
	Neighbourhood Plan Grant 2020/21	£7,646.00
Total Reserves		£20,660.46

175/20 **Planning – New Applications**

Application Number	Details	Progress
No New Applications		

176/20 **Planning – Ongoing Applications** – PH circulated a planning brief for the councillors.

- Foscote Hill Farm 20/02612/APP** – has new information on the planning portal, however this is all redacted as it is confidential. PH reported that we do not need to add anything to the comments already made.

Approved by:

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- b) **Walnut Drive** 16/00151/AOP – this application is going back to committee, planned date 19/11/2020. PH, CC and GM will meet to put together our comments for approval by councillors at the November meeting. The officers new report will not be available until 1 week prior to the new meeting date. **PH, CC and GM to meet and bring suggested comments for approval to the meeting in November.**
- 177/20 **Neighbourhood Plan Update:** Dave Chetwyn, Jane Wood and PH will meet by Skype on Tuesday 13th October. **The work undertaken on the Community Right to Bid will be of significant use to feed the NP and the councillors extended a vote of thanks to PH and Jane Wood for all their time and efforts.**
- The planning system is under review and it is unknown what impact this will have on NP's. The advice remains to keep going with current NP input and hope it has weight in the future.
- The planned completion date for councillor input into the NP is the end of this financial year. However, there will still be the public consultation and review to complete.
- 178/20 **Newsletter** – this was distributed around the village w/c 28th September. Feedback is that the new format is clear, concise, and easy to read. Whilst delivering MB and PH were approached by residents with positive views on the content of the newsletter. It was agreed that a Newsletter would be produced quarterly and be led by MB.
- 179/20 **Dog walking path on the playing fields** – Areas of the playing field will be cleared as part of the tree planting (see agenda item 186/20). Once this clearance has taken place, the new white line and signage will be implemented.
- 180/20 **Fireworks Display** – there was a discussion relating to the merits and issues involved in putting on a Fireworks display this year. After much discussion it was agreed that no fireworks display would take place due to the restrictions in place for CV19. **JDE to speak to Gary Robinson to let him know.**
- 181/20 **Wildflower/Wildlife Verges** – GM and PH have looked at maps of the village and spoken with Fiona Everingham from Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Environmental Records Centre. She is interested in getting involved with the project in Maids Moreton and will hopefully provide information on species that need supporting, what type of plants and where to plant them. Wildlife need “corridors” of wild flowers and plant life in order to connect populations and prevent genetic isolation. **PH and GM to report back in November.**
- 182/20 **Community Board Meetings** – Nothing to report.
- 183/20 **Speed and Traffic Survey** – PH **proposed a motion** for expenditure of £3,200 excluding VAT for the proposed speed and traffic survey with The Transportation Consultancy. He has 3 quotes, and this was considered the best value for money option. This provides 8 ATC's (Automatic Traffic Counters) around the village and will feed both the Neighbourhood Plan and future evidence for planning application statements. If permits are received, siting of the ATC's will commence on Friday and data collection will start on Saturday 10th to Friday 16th of October. The ATC's will collect data on the total number of vehicles, the split between heavy vehicles, light and motorbikes, and the speed of all vehicles. The motion was discussed, and questions were asked regarding placement of ATC's. **All agreed the motion.**
- 184/20 **Notice of Completion of External Audit** – Noted

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- 185/20 **Budget Setting 2021/22** – GM, MB, JDE all agreed to form a budget setting working party. JW to be invited to join the working party. **Working party to bring a suggested budget to the November meeting for discussion.**
- 186/20 **Tree Planting** – PH reported that several areas of scrubland need to be cleared to facilitate the tree planting being carried out by volunteers from the village. It was agreed that quotes and timescales would be requested. Agreement to be at November meeting, or via email if necessary, as time is of the essence in clearing the ground in time to plant bare rooted tree stock. **PH and JDE to get quotes for proposed ground clearance.**
- 187/20 **2nd Entrance to the Park curb barrier** –Mr Geoff Brandon (GB) was asked for his opinion. The councillors discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the new curb protection. The Buckinghamshire Fire Service have been asked for their opinion and they do not have any issues with the location of the barrier. It was agreed to leave the barrier in place, however, to leave the door open for GB to come back to the parish council should there be an actual issue caused by these bollards.
- 188/20 **Email Remote Assistance** – it was agreed to use JDE as technical support for the time being.
- 189/20 **Councillors Open Forum:** None.
- 190/20 **Public Open Forum:** None.
- 191/20 **Date, time and venue of the next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on 4th November 2020 at 7.30pm at Maids Moreton Village Hall or via Zoom if the current regulations are still in place.

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