

MAIDS MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the meeting of the parish council held on Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Present: M Byrne, P Hardcastle, C Cumming, G Maw.

Apologies: A Mohandas

Clerk: Jacky Dale-Evans

Members of the Public: 9

192/20 **To receive apologies for absence and welcome. A Mohandas sent her apologies, and these were accepted.**

193/20 **To accept the resignation of Cllr James Withnell. Accepted.**

194/20 **Public Open Forum 1: No matters were raised.**

195/20 **Members' Interests:** Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda, as required by the Maids Moreton Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011. **None**

196/20 **Approval of minutes:** To agree the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Zoom on 7th October 2020. **Agreed by all councillors. Signed by MB.**

197/20 **To agree to advertise 2 vacancies for councillors.** Adverts were posted on the notice board on 29/10/2020.

198/20 **Correspondence requiring a decision to be made.**

- a) Email received from a resident asking for something to be done about antisocial behaviour at the playing fields car park. **It was agreed to repair the gatepost on the gate to this area and to close when it is necessary. Suggested timeframe was dawn to dusk in the winter, as necessary in the summer.**

199/20 **Clerks Report** – See attached report. **Noted. It was highlighted by PH that the speed sign did not appear to be working and this was requested to an agenda item for December 2020.**

200/20 **Finance and Accounts**

- a) To agree which councillors are going to be responsible for internal controls and bank authorisations. **GM agreed to take on both of these responsibilities in the short term. It was noted that this was not considered good practice and that when new councillors were either elected or co-opted they would be asked to take on one of these tasks.**
- b) To review and act on invoices received and bank payments to be made from October 2020. Invoices detailed on the **Schedule of Payments**, together with bank balances, reserves, and earmarked funds. **All payments agreed. All bank balances, reserves and earmarked funds noted.**

201/20 **Planning – New and Ongoing**

Application Number	Details	Progress
16/00151/AOP	Land Off Walnut Drive And Foscombe Road Maids Moreton Buckinghamshire MK18 1QQ	Going back to committee for reconsideration 19/11/2020

PH and CC put together comments, which were approved by councillors via email and sent to Buckinghamshire Council on 3/11/2020, in relation to application 16/00151/AOP. This will be considered

Approved by:

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by the planning committee on 19/11/2020. The data from the recent traffic survey was included in our comments. MB thanked PH and CC for their commitment and efforts in putting the comments together.

- 202/20 **Neighbourhood Plan Update:** Nothing to report.
- 203/20 **Wildflower/Wildlife Verges** – GM has been in contact with Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Environmental Records Centre who are keen to assist us. However, with CV19 and Lockdown restrictions it may be difficult to proceed before spring 2021. They have suggested we mark potential areas for wildlife corridors, and they will assist via email if necessary. **GM to work with PH to create a map of potential areas and to determine what options are to be considered.**
- a) **Option 1** – leave grass uncut and let nature provide seeds. Zero cost.
 - b) **Option 2** – prepare a seed bed and plant wildflower seeds. Quotes needed.
 - c) **Option 3** – plant plug wildflower plants in verges. Quotes needed.
- 204/20 **Community Board Meetings** –PH attended the Road Safety and Cycle Community Board Meeting. He reported that a cycle way was proposed for the bridleway along Holloway. All agreed that cycles and horses were not a good mix and that this was not a good idea. **PH to check the details and report back to next meeting.**
- 205/20 **Speed and Traffic Survey**
- a) **Data from this survey was included in the comments sent to Buckinghamshire Council relating to planning application 16/00151/AOP.**
 - b) PH has sent a report out to all councillors regarding the speed and traffic survey. This report is available on the Maids Moreton Parish Council Website www.maidsmoreton.co.uk/reports. After some discussion it was agreed that active speed reduction measures were considered important within Maids Moreton. However, there is no allocated budget within Transport for Bucks for speeding issues. Roads with fatality issues were their priority. **It was agreed that the survey is good evidence for any future projects relating to road and traffic safety carried out in the village.**
 - c) **It was suggested this data be included as evidence supporting our Neighbourhood Plan.**
 - d) **It was suggested that a letter be sent to TVP asking for enforcement of speed limits in and around the village centre. MB and PH to draft a letter for JDE to sent on behalf of MMPC.**
- 206/20 **Budget Setting 2021/22** – MB, GM and JDE presented the proposed budget. The budget, although showing a year end deficit, was agreed. It was agreed that keeping the precept unchanged was a priority following CV19 and related financial implications. It was agreed that funds in reserves could be allocated to this budget for 2021/22.
- 207/20 **Tree Planting** – Only 1 quote was received, and this was considered to be high, albeit justified for the works being quoted for. It was agreed to try and get additional quotes for comparison and review. **JDE to get additional quotes.**
- 208/20 **Footpaths and Bridleways** – **MB and PH are going to take on a review of all footpaths and bridleways, including signage and access points, in the village and report back at the December meeting.** A report will then be sent to Buckinghamshire Council as the responsible authority for footpaths and bridleways.
- 209/20 **Grants 2020-21** – To review and award grants as applied for by local organisations.

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- a) Maids Moreton Conservation Group – Gravel for Paths – **Agreed.**
- b) Maids Moreton Parish Church – Christmas Lights – **Agreed.**
- c) Maids Moreton Parish Church – Maintenance of the Graveyard – **decision deferred as needs further clarification on the legality of agreeing this grant application. JDE to ask for clarification from BMKALC and Buckinghamshire Council.**

210/20 Cricket Pavilion.

- a) Quotes were discussed and it was agreed that a new floor was necessary. However, further information was requested on the quotes received. **GM to request clarification on the suitability of the specified vinyl for use in a cricket pavilion and to report back to councillors via email.**
- b) It was agreed that,
 - i) once fit for hire, the cricket pavilion could be rented out to suitable, long term, hirers. **JDE to check insurance and risk assessment requirements.**
 - ii) **JDE to apply for membership to ACRE – cost £80 per annum.**
 - iii) **JDE to confirm what additional requirements are needed in relation to CV19.**

211/20 **Councillors Open Forum:** Councillors to bring items forward for the next agenda. **None.**

212/20 **Public Open Forum:** members of the public may make further comments and suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting having heard the discussions at this meeting. **None.**

The meeting was closed to members of the public during item 213/20.

213/20 **Confidential Business** – to discuss and agree the annual appraisal of the clerk. The appraisal was agreed, to include a 2 point pay increase effective from 1st September 2020.

214/20 **Date, time and venue of the next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on 2nd December 2020 at 7.30pm at Maids Moreton Village Hall or via Zoom if the current regulations are still in place.

Jacky Dale-Evans

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