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MINUTES of the meeting of the parish council held on Wednesday 2nd December at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Present: M Byrne, P Hardcastle, C Cumming, G Maw, A Mohandas **Apologies:** FP
Clerk: Jacky Dale-Evans **Members of the Public:** 4

215/20 **To receive apologies for absence and welcome.** Fiona Powell, who has come forward as a possible new parish councillor, sends her apologies. County Cllr W Whyte and County Cllr W Stanier both sent their apologies.

216/20 **Public Open Forum 1:** None

217/20 **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.

PH declared an interest on item 223/20 as he lives near one of the planning applications being discussed.

218/20 **Approval of minutes:** Agreed.

219/20 **Co-option of a Parish Councillor:** There having been no request for an election to fill the current vacancy, Members are now required to approve the co-option of one Parish Councillor to fill this vacancy.

Fiona Powell was co-opted to the position of Parish Councillor in her absence.

220/20 **Correspondence requiring a decision to be made.**

- a) A letter has been received from BC explaining that the application for a Community Right to Bid on Scotts Lane, Maids Moreton had not been accepted.
- b) JDE forwarded the letter of thanks from MMCG to the councillors.
- c) Further to the email from a personal trainer working in the village it was agreed to offer the Cricket Pavilion to him at a initial rent of £150 per calendar month for a trial period of 3 months. **JDE to liaise with PT.**

221/20 **Clerks Report** – See attached report.

- a) JDE updated the councillors on the delay in maintenance work on the car park at the playing fields. **JDE to ensure residents are made aware.**
- b) Cllr Stanier has offered support with MVAS if we need it.

222/20 **Finance and Accounts**

- a) GM to report on Internal Controls.
 - i) GM reported that the new financial controls/schedule of payments was working well and that all payments were being monitored by 2 councillors.
 - ii) **GM to conduct a financial internal control audit before February 2020 and report on 3rd February 2020.**
- 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 invoices approved.**

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223/20 Planning – New and Ongoing

Application Number	Details	Progress
20/03947/APP	4 Manor Park Maids Moreton Buckinghamshire MK18 1QY Demolish existing garage, erection of single storey front, single storey side and single storey rear extensions and dropped kerb	New - (amendment to approval 20/01133/APP)
	The above application was discussed, and it was agreed to SUPPORT this amendment to the original planning application.	
20/03942/APP	Land To The Rear Of 2 3 4 The Pightle Maids Moreton Buckinghamshire Erection of 2 dwellings	New (amendment to approval 18/02821/APP)
	<p>PH reported on the facts of this application, although abstained on the vote and following discussion due to his declaration of interest in agenda item 217/20.</p> <p>The above application was discussed. It was felt the amendments to this application would result in an overdevelopment of the site, access and parking.</p> <p><i>The meeting was closed so members of the public could express their views.</i></p> <p>Residents felt that the original application was suitable for the site, but that the amendments were not in keeping with the local area or the local need for housing stock.</p> <p><i>The meeting was re-opened.</i></p> <p>All other councillors agreed to OBJECT to the amendment to the original planning application.</p>	
16/00151/AOP	Land Off Walnut Drive And Foscode Road Maids Moreton Buckinghamshire MK18 1QQ	Went back to committee for reconsideration 19/11/2020
	The draft S106 for this application is available on the AVDC planning portal. PH, GM and CC to meet to discuss an appropriate response. Due to the urgent nature of our response and the short time-frame offered by BC, they will email this round to all councillors for approval prior to sending a response to BC.	

JDE to send planning decisions to BC via the AVDC planning portal. GH, GM and CC to liaise with councillors regarding the S106 response.

224/20 Neighbourhood Plan Update:

- a) No update on the NP this month due to the time pressures on application 16/00151/AOP.
- b) The email regarding land behind Fayrefield, Towcester Road was discussed. Due to the considerable number of failed planning applications on this piece of land, it was not felt suitable for inclusion in the NP.
JDE to response to email enquiry.

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225/20 **Wildflower/Wildlife Verges** –

- a) GM has highlighted 3, possibly 4, areas of verge that would be considered suitable for use as a wildflower area.
 - i) The verge outside the rugby club.
 - ii) The verge outside the vets
 - iii) The verge along Walnut Drive
 - iv) Some aspect of the verge along The Leys (subject to continued use as a path for village residents)
- b) It was felt that the different options for cultivation of the wildflower aspect of these verges would be discussed once the locations are identified.

GM to report again at the next meeting.

226/20 **Community Board Meetings** – No meetings were held this month.

227/20 **Tree Planting**

- a) The quote from GM Outdoor Services was accepted.
- b) It was agreed that JDE would, with the help of MMCG and PH, apply for grant funding for the clearance of the bramble from Buckingham and surrounding villages Community Board under their priority “Green Spaces and Communities”. It was felt the bramble clearance would provide more space on the playing field for community activities and offer additional areas for picnic tables in the future.

JDE to apply for grant funding.

228/20 **Footpaths and Bridleways** – MB to report his findings to BC via their website.

229/20 **Grants 2020-21** – To review and award grants as applied for by local organisations.

- a) Maids Moreton Parish Church – Maintenance of the Graveyard – to discuss the advice of BMKALC and Buckinghamshire Council and to agree if this grant can be legally granted. – **REFUSED** on the grounds that it was felt it was illegal to support the maintenance of the graveyard. JDE to notify St Edmunds Church.

230/20 **Cricket Pavilion.** – the quote from Westbury Carpets for 3mm vinyl was **APPROVED**, as was the laying of a damp proof membrane. JDE to arrange for the installation to be completed ASAP.

231/20 **Speed Sign** – JDE has been discussing the available functions of the MVAS with SWARCO.

The meeting was closed so members of the public could pass on information:

- a) The MVAS was thought to be capable of recording speeds of traffic users, although it was suggested that this was not possible via Bluetooth and that an adapter was needed.
- b) The location of the second site for the MVAS was discussed.

The meeting was reopened.

JDE to investigate and report back.

232/20 **Play Around the Parishes 2021** – it was **AGREED** to book a 5 hour Family Fun Day during the summer holidays. JDE to discuss booking dates with BT to ensure all bookings are spread out in the local area.

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233/20 **National Highways and Transport Survey** – 2 councillors had already completed this survey. **JDE to put the link onto MMPC website and Facebook pages so residents could complete if they wish to do so.**

234/20 **Taxi Licensing Survey** – CC has completed this survey.

235/20 **Fencing around Church Close/Church Street**

a) The fencing suggested by VAHT was discussed. It was felt this type of fencing was totally unsuitable for use in a conservation area. There are several things we can investigate:

- i) Enquire if the change from wooden post and rail fencing to metal fencing would need planning permission in a conservation area?
- ii) Enquire if VAHT would be prepared to replace the fence like for like due to the conservation area and proximity to St Edmunds Church.
- iii) Enquire if VAHT would share the cost of a wooden fence with MMPC.

JDE to investigate and report back to councillors via email. JDE to get quotes for a wooden fence from local suppliers.

236/20 **Parish Five Year Plan** – All agreed that a rolling 5 year plan, linking to the NP would be a good asset to the management of the village. MB to put together a draft for discussion at the next meeting in February 2021.

All councillors to send suggestions to MB for inclusion in this plan. Once agreed by councillors this would go for consultation to residents of the village, possibly at the same time as the NP.

237/20 **Councillors Open Forum:**

- a) PH reported that his Outlook email was still playing up. JDE suggested that this was resolved internally if possible. All agreed Stackmail is not user friendly. JDE suggested all try to convert to Outlook if possible.
- b) WW would like it noted that the BART Bus is open and ready for bookings. Please see their website and Facebook page for more information.
- c) MB would like to put together a working party to focus on the play area. MB, GM and AM to be on the working party. **JDE to ask FP is she would be on this working party. JDE to ask Maids Moreton School if they would like to put forward a parent/teacher representative to work with parish council on this.**

238/20 **Public Open Forum:**

- a) **Speeding on Moreton Road/Duck Lake/Towcester Road is a continuing issue. JDE to add to February agenda.**

239/20 **Date, time and venue of the next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on 3rd February 2021 at 7.30pm at Maids Moreton Village Hall or via Zoom if the current regulations are still in place.

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Members of the public: if you would like to see any of the attachments please visit www.maidsmoreton.co.uk/meetings or contact the clerk at maidsmoretonclerk@gmail.com.

Approved by:

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