

**Minutes of Parish Council Virtual Meeting
Tuesday 23rd March 2021 at 8.00pm**

Present:

Councillor John Summers (Chairman)
Councillor Denise Hall
Councillor Steve Lapper
The Clerk

Residents and Public - 0

Welcome and Introductions – The Chairman welcomed all present. Members are reminded that this is a meeting in public not a public meeting and all points, questions and comments should be addressed through the Chair. The virtual meeting should not last more than 40 minutes and members of the public should mute their devices until the Public Participation Session.

Apologies for Absence received from Cllr Phil John, District Councillors George Reynolds and Phil Chapman

Declarations of Interest - None

Members are asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting

1006 Minutes of the meeting of 23rd February 2021 (previously circulated) and Matters arising. The minutes had been circulated in advance of the Meeting. They were agreed to be a true record of the Meeting and were signed by the Chairman

Matters Arising – None

**1007 Clerks Report
Financial Statement**

The Clerk reported that no cheques had been raised during February 2021:

Nil				
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There was £506.50 VAT outstanding at the end of February which will be claimed back from HMRC at end of March.

Taking the above into account, at the end of February, the expected bank balance was £19391.65 which is reconciled to Bank statement sheet No.198 at 5th March 2021. This balance contains the remaining reserves of £3492.50 for Orchard Piece Community Play Area and £1061.57 remaining in Mollington Playing Fields reserve. The General Fund was £15344.08.

Resolved: To accept the Financial Report

Annual Parish Meeting – The annual parish meeting is scheduled to take place on 27 April 2021. At the present time the meeting on 27 April is likely to be a virtual meeting, however the legislation for virtual meetings currently expires in May. In light of the absence of attendees at the virtual meetings it is recommended that the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) is rescheduled to 25 May and held before the Annual Parish Council Meeting on the same date. Subject to Covid 19 guidance this meeting may take place in the Village Hall. A final decision on the form of the meeting will take place in May prior to the agenda being published. Resolved: to hold the APM in May when physical meetings may be possible.

1008 Planning Matters

Applications

The following applications have been published since the Agenda was issued.

- 21/00309/F Extend rear of garage Wykham Church Lane. It is recommended that the Parish Council do not object to this application
- 21/00872/F & 21/00941/LB Variation of Condition 2 (plans) of 18/01956/F - minor amendments to the scheme, including revisions to the internal plan layouts, windows & doors Manor House Main Street. As these are CDC conditions it is recommended that no comments are made to the application.
- 21/00843/DISC Discharge of Condition 3 (details of openings, doors & windows) of 18/01956/F Manor House Main Street. As these are CDC conditions it is recommended that no comments are made to the application.
- 21/00822/DISC Discharge of Conditions 3 (doors & windows) & 4 (roof works, including ventilation) of 18/01957/LB Manor House Main Street. As these are CDC conditions it is recommended that no comments are made to the application.
- 21/00767/F Replacement roof dormers and replacement cladding Amare Cottage Roundhill Road. It is recommended that the Parish Council make no objection to this application.

Decisions

- 20/02504/F Single storey extension 11 The Holt – refused
- 21/00095/F & 21/00096/LB Replacement of existing garden room with the erection of an oak framed garden room Poplars Cottage The Paddocks – withdrawn
- 21/00349/TCA Fell 20 Leylandii bordering either side of front driveway and replace with native hedging; fell 15 Leylandii Cypress and replace with fence; fell 10 Leylandii Cypress; and fell 2 infected apple, 4 Orchard Piece 4 Orchard Piece - permitted

1009 Consultations

- The CDC Local Plan Review village survey draft response was circulated. Subject to any comments from Councillors it was recommended that the survey response be submitted to CDC before the deadline of 31 March 2021

1010 Councillor Reports

Councillor Summers

Playgrounds – Mollington playground bark has been topped up. It is proposed to top up further in the spring with another 2 cubic metres of bark to be purchased from Wickes at a cost of £210. Thomas Fox have quoted for the reinstatement and refurbishment of the path to the Mollington Playing Field as follows:

- To carry out an application of herbicide to the main pathway that runs alongside driveway by village hall leading to the play area approximately 25m
- To scrape off the current surface of the path, level, and add more stone if required, compact down
- To remove any resulting waste
- To create a new pathway on a small 3.5m return to the driveway, supplying, laying and compacting down new stone.

The quote is £540+ VAT but is likely to be increased for additional stone on the existing path. It is recommended that his quote is accepted and TF commissioned to do the work after the Easter holidays when the playground is expected to be quieter during the day time.

Orchard Piece – Covid 19 guidance has been interpreted to mean that the outdoor gym equipment can be used from 29 March. Subject to confirmation a revised risk assessment will be carried out and posted on the website and playing field.

Mollington Matters – a summer edition of Mollington Matters is planned. Councillors are requested to send any articles and schedule of events to Councillor Summers in word format by the end of June.

Councillor Lapper

Following discussions with OCC, they have confirmed that they will provide new road signs for Church Lane, Cow Lane, Ivy Lane and The Row. Signs for House names will not be provided.

Councillor Hall

The Village Hall remains closed and further advice from central government on opening is awaited. The VH Committee have made a claim to the CDC COMF Fund for support on provision of Sanitiser stations, Notice Board and new windows that will open.

Councillor John was absent but had submitted a progress report to the meeting.

A meeting had been held with Thomas Fox. Points covered were: -

- Grass bank on Roundhill Road will be left unmown for a period to encourage grass and wildflower growth. Progress on this will be monitored and it is currently felt that cuts will be reduced to every 6 weeks instead of 2 weeks. First cut to be in middle of April. Inspection to be made afterwards to check on effect.
- First grass cut for all other areas will be on 31st March
- Some hedge cutting had been done in priority areas, for safety reasons, where there are overhanging small branches on Roundhill Road, Main Street and top of Holloway. This extra hedge cutting will cost £390 plus vat.

1011 Councillors Points of Information

Cllr Hall enquired if the PC paid Government for GDPR monitoring; it is understood that PC is exempt from payment, although the PC does of course comply with GDPR.

Cllr Lapper raised the issue of the wooden steps to the slide at Orchard Piece play area. The contractor, Everything Hedges, had visited and said that they need not be replaced for the time being and that it would be most viable to wait until the whole wooden structure should be replaced, when it becomes necessary otherwise, new steps would be fitted to old wooden platform, which may not be best solution.

1012 Dates of Future Meetings The next scheduled meeting date of the Parish Council is Tuesday 27th April 2021 at 8.00pm. This will be a Virtual Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting finished at 8.35pm

Chairman, Mollington Parish Council

Public Participation Session - No public present