

MOLLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 26th September 2023 at 8.00pm

Present:

Councillor David Sullivan

Councillor Phil John

Councillor Peter Gorman

Councillor Steve Lapper

The Clerk

Residents and Public – 1

Welcome and introductions

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.

Apologies for Absence

Received from District Councillors Phil Chapman and George Reynolds, Councillor Jim Broomfield

Declarations of Interest *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.*

1112 Minutes of the meeting held 25th July 2023 (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 Vice Chairman, Councillor John, in the absence of the Chairman. It was agreed that there were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

1113 Clerks Report

Financial Statement

The Clerk reported that five cheques had been raised in July and August 2023.

727	Thomas Fox	Grass cutting 5+6	647.20	In Budget
728	DM Payroll Service	Payroll services	50.00	In Budget
729	Vision ICT	Website hosting	182.86	In Budget
730	Thomas Fox	Grass cutting 7+8	647.20	In Budget
731	Playsafety	Play equipment inspection	192.60	In Budget

£809.75 VAT was claimed and received in July with £386.26 VAT outstanding at the end of August 2023 which has not been claimed.

Taking the above into account, the expected bank balance is £18299.37 which is reconciled to Bank statement sheet No.224 at 30th August 2023. This balance contains the remaining reserves of £2857.50 for Orchard Piece Community Play Area. The General Fund at the end of August stands at £14,215.07.

Resolved: To accept the financial report

1114 Consultations

- a) Bank mandate update – Councillor John reported that this process was ongoing
- b) Extra grass cuts- Councillor John reported that the grass cutting contractors, Thomas Fox, had suggested that due to the mild spring and summer, the grass cutting could be extended for an additional 2 cuts this year. This was deemed unnecessary and it was recommended that we do not take this action, but also that we request that the grass was cut shorter at each cut in future. It was also noted that the Parish Council's financial position and the spending required on village maintenance warrants that we hold back any additional expenditures.

1115 Planning matters

Applications

- 23/02251/LB Mansion House Farm Replace a modern 1960s stone surround to fireplace in the sitting room / parlour with a new carved stone surround. Install a wood burner and a new flexible stainless steel flue liner. *It is recommended that the Parish Council do not object to this application.*
- 23/02557/F The Grange, Oxhey Hill Flat roof, stone-built entrance porch with glazing and parapet wall. *It is recommended that a visit is arranged to inspect this application.*

Decisions

- 23/02184/TPO5 T1 – March House Silver birch – dead. Replant 1no. Persian ironwood T2 - Sycamore – almost dead- less than 5% live growth, sporadic through lower crown, Replant 1no. Sweet gum. **APPLICATION PERMITTED**
- 23/02083/F Acorn House First floor rear extension and rear ground floor roof porch **APPLICATION REFUSED**

Applications after Agenda Published

- 23/02492/F Uphill, Church Lane Flat roof, stone-built entrance porch with glazing and parapet wall. *It is recommended that a visit is arranged to inspect this application.*
- Proposed base station installation upgrade by Cornerstone at Mollington Sewerage Works Remove 3x antennae replace with x6, 2x dishes 1x GPS and module. Upgrade existing equipment cabin internally and associated ancillary works. *It is recommended that Mollington Parish Council do not object to this application.*
- 23/02641/F Fairways, Church Lane First floor side extension with roof dormer. Replacement windows/doors. Entrance canopy. Flue - re-submission of 23/00716/F *It is recommended that a visit is arranged to inspect this application.*

1116 Councillors Reports

Councillor Broomfield

None received

Councillor John

Maintenance:

Refurbishment of the notice boards and roofing at the bus stop has been completed by a village workforce. This has been done to a high standard and the Parish Council extended their grateful thanks to all those involved in completing this work. Additionally further refurbishment to the white gates at the entrance(s) to the village is planned, including repairs and repainting.

Village Hall:

Councillor John reported the following points:

- The VH committee has modified and updated the terms and conditions for hiring of the hall to address the safety/ security aspects and noise concerns raised in the past.
- VH continues to hold monthly coffee social mornings for villagers, this is gaining support and hopefully further villager attendance throughout the autumn and winter months.
- The free / exchange library books in the hall is gaining pace with contributions from villagers. It is hoped that more contributions will be forthcoming over time.

- VH held a film show (Spiderman) together with sandwiches and popcorn / drinks for children on 2nd Sept 23 using the newly installed internet streaming service and projector / screen/ audio system.
- VH will hold “A History of Mollington” on Friday 29th Sept 23.
- VH will have a quiz night on 20th Oct 23
- VH will arrange a games night in November (date to be confirmed)
- Plans are in place to undertake internal painting activities no later than end of November dependant on bookings / availability of volunteers.
- Initial discussions taking place with prospective contractors for phased cladding refurbishment, reviews on quotations / scope will be undertaken within the next few months and hopefully work started before the start of winter.
- Defibrillator needs to be checked for operation, there may be a requirement to change batteries, this will be done by Councillor John

Councillor Lapper

It was reported that all of the 20 mph signs had now been installed, with one spare in storage that remains uncollected by OCC.

The replacement mirror for the top of Lower Farm Lane has been sourced, and will be ordered and installed as soon as possible.

Orchard Piece play area will need attention; brambles and weeds will need cutting back and the slide and springers will need repairing or replaced. Both play areas need topping up with bark and raking over.

The recent RoSPA inspection in July highlighted a number of issues, mainly due to wear and tear, that will need addressing as soon as possible.

It was suggested that a work party meets to discuss the work need to both play areas, in line with the budget available.

Councillor Gorman

None received

Councillor Sullivan

It was reported that the footpath leading out from the Village Hall to Shotteswell has now, belatedly, been cleared. A foot bridge on the footpath leading out to Warmington was been reported to Oxfordshire County Council due to the missing planks being considered a safety issue – the planks have now been replaced.

There are no issues apparent with the five dog bins in the village.

1117 Councillors Points of Interest:

Orchard Piece Planning update- the planning application for the land north of Orchard Piece is ongoing, with a number of documents recently being added to the Cherwell Planning website, including letters from residents and wildlife and tree surveys.

Improved rural transport – OCC are presently consulting over improving rural community transport, and have identified the possibility of a bus route that would allow 2 hours in Banbury, before returning. This would be in addition to the 77 service from Leamington that stops on the main road by request, and the twice weekly Ability Bus service.

Councillor Sullivan responded on behalf of Mollington Parish Council welcoming the initiative to improve rural transport and the proposed Service D serving Mollington, agreeing with the consultation findings that the scheduled one hour and 51 minutes in Banbury would not be sufficient and would adversely impact on the use of the service. A suggested service allowing a period of three hours in Banbury would be needed, preferably a morning or afternoon or both. It was also noted that the signage and timetabling at both the 77 service stop on the main road, and at the bus shelter in the village, were out of date and could be confusing for potential users of any service.

Defibrillator- it has been identified that following a recent check, the defibrillator situated outside the Village Hall will need to have the batteries replaced and the appropriate servicing records completing and updating. Councillor John and the Clerk will ensure that this is done as soon as possible to make sure that the defibrillator is operational and available for use.

Cherwell Local Plan 2024- the consultation document from Cherwell regarding their draft vision for the future development in Cherwell has been distributed to the councillors. Information from Cherwell District Council is available on the noticeboard regarding exhibitions and ways to be involved in the discussions.

1118 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 28 November 2023 Mollington Village Hall at 8.00pm

Parish Council meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman, Mollington Parish Council

Public Participation Session

The question was raised regarding the next publication of the Mollington Matters, as the last edition was in March. Although information is up to date on the website regarding the new councillors elected in May, and their individual roles, it was agreed that if enough content was submitted, an autumn edition should be considered.

The dead cherry trees outside the Village Hall are to be cut down; if funding is available, they will hopefully be replaced.

As trustees of the Village Hall, Mollington Parish Council should have an overview of the Village Hall accounts. These were not presented at the end of year review at the 2023 AGM, but are reported to be complete.