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**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday 26th February 2019
at 8.00pm in Mollington Village Hall**

Present:

Councillor John Summers (Chairman)
Councillor Denise Hall
Councillor Cathrine Webb
Councillor Steve Lapper
District Councillor George Reynolds CDC and OCC
District Councillor Phil Chapman CDC

The Clerk

Residents and Public - 6

Welcome and Introductions

Apologies for Absence – Received from Councillor Cheryl Huntbach

Declarations of Interest – None

896 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters arising – Tuesday 22nd January 2019

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

**897 Clerks Report
Financial Statement**

The Clerk reported that no cheques had been raised during January 2019

No Cheques				
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HMRC had paid back £1107.33 VAT as previously claimed.
There was a further £16.48 VAT outstanding at end of January, which will be claimed back in due course.
Taking the above into account, the expected bank balance was £15,469.76 which is reconciled to Bank statement sheet No.173 at 5th February 2019.
Resolved: To accept the Financial Report

Statement of Internal Control

The Clerk had prepared a Statement of Internal Control, to show how the PC governs its risks, which had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the meeting.
Resolved: To accept the new Statement of Internal Control

Standing Orders – Nothing to Report

Election Update. The Election Timetable was again available at the Meeting. Nominations Open Tuesday 26th March. Nomination Papers should be available by then and at PC Meeting on 26th. Completed Nomination Papers should be taken personally by the candidate to CDC Elections Office, Bodicote House – must be by 4.00PM on Wednesday 3rd April. Polling Day is Thursday 2nd May 2019. A Statement of ‘Persons Nominated’ is published by CDC Elections Office on Thursday 4th April.

898 Planning matters

Applications – The following applications were reported

- 19/00041/DISC re 17/00793/F Discharge of conditions March House March Road. It was recommended that as discharge of conditions are a matter for the planning department the Parish Council should make no comment to this application. PC Agreed.
- 19/00121/F Extension to single storey dwelling Point to Point Farm. It was recommended that as this application was not visible from the village that the Parish Council should make no objection to the application but should recommend that planners take account of the previous applications to ensure the application is in keeping with the rest of the dwellings. PC agreed. Clerk to notify CDC.
- 19/00014/TCA Tree works Glenfinnan Lower Farm Road. Noted application permitted
- 19/00254/TCA Tree works Mansion House Farm Roundhill Road. Noted application approved
- 19/00050/LB Internal works The Chestnuts Main Street. It was reported that this application had already been submitted under 18/01748/LB and that the PC had supported that application. It was recommended that the Parish Council make no further comment on this application. PC agreed.
- 19/0222/F Erection of day room (re-submission) Stable Block Farnborough Road. It was reported that the Parish Council had previously strongly objected to this application and that so far as the Parish Council were concerned the reasons for that objection had not changed. It was therefore recommended that the Parish Council object to the application on the same grounds as previously submitted particularly due to the size of in excess of 35m² including an en-suite bathroom. It was also recommended that planners ensure the previous planning condition that required surface water and foul drainage plan had been both approved and implemented. The PC had also recommended the size should not exceed 15m² as stated in previous correspondence to CDC planners and by CDC to the applicant. In light of these objections and the public interest in this site the Parish Council recommends that his application is considered by the full planning committee and requests the District Councillors to reflect the PC's concerns at the planning meeting.
Resolved: to object to this planning application on the above grounds; Clerk to advise CDC
- 18/01466/F and 18/00139/LB amendment reference raising height of wall Old Farmhouse Ivy Lane - for information as previously not objected to.

Any other applications published post agenda

- 19/00152/LB Installation of an extractor fan in the shower room above the porch Mansion House Farm Roundhill Road. It was recommended that as these works were internal the Parish Council should not object to the application. PC agreed Clerk to advise CDC.

Decisions

It was reported that CDC had made the following planning decisions since the last Parish Council meeting:

- 18/02106/F Extension forming carport with games room over DeeJay Farm Chestnut Road. Permitted
- 19/00014/TCA Tree works Glenfinnan Lower Farm Road. Noted Permitted
- 19/00011/TCA and 19/00254/TCA Tree works Mansion House Farm Roundhill Road. Permitted
- 18/01748/LB Replacement of upvc windows and doors, restoration of single stone mullion window (ground floor, front elevation), addition of two rooflights to rear and internal alterations The Chestnuts Main Street Permitted

899 Consultations

Community buses - It was reported that alternative options for community buses were being explored, including:

- Volunteer Driver Service North Oxfordshire, which provides transport throughout the Cherwell district, where volunteer drivers use their own cars to take people to appointments when there is no reasonable alternative for them to travel. Passengers pay 45p per mile to help cover the driver's fuel cost.
- Oxfordshire Comet a bookable service provided by OCC, similar in nature to the County Connect previously subscribed to be the Parish Council on behalf of residents
- Dial a Ride – currently awaiting feedback from the service

Details of all to be posted on the Parish Council Notice Board, web site and included in the Spring edition of Mollington Matters

OCC Parish Survey. It was reported that this survey had been received from OCC, which was very much along the lines of discussions at the recent OCC Parish Council Liaison meeting and covered the following points of relevance to the Parish Council:

- Interest in providing highways grass cutting, The PC currently provides the urban grass cut under a deed with OCC. Although the PC also cuts the rural grass there is no requirement or payment for this at the moment. The PC has been in discussion with OCC to formalise this over the last 2 years and it is recommended that this is reinforced through the survey
- Highways super user. As above the PC have had discussion with OCC regarding this and would be happy to provide this service with proper training and it is recommended that this is reinforced through the survey
- Emergency Plan. There is a plan in place that the village hall would be used in a village wide emergency e.g. extended loss of power to the village. At the Liaison meeting it had been indicated that mobile generators would be available to villages who had such a central facility. It was recommended that the survey included an approach for funding for a hard standing for such a generator. In addition, it was also recommended that vulnerable residents be provided with a health capsule to keep their private personal health information for use in emergencies. It was proposed that this would be done in conjunction with the Village Hall/Church to identify and discuss issues with those residents who might benefit from these capsules.

Resolved: To accept above be submitted in response.

Mollington Educational Fund – Mr Bob Wadsworth outlined the purpose of the Fund and how the Trustees recommended the funds were retained and could help learning within in the Village. The Trustees recognising that playground equipment serve an educational purpose proposed to purchase playground equipment for the Mollington Playing Field in Chestnut Road that was suitable for younger children who accompany parents and older children to that playing field. The potential amount of fund available is about £8000. The PC supported the idea. A vote of thanks was given to the Trustees of the Educational Fund.

900 Councillors Reports

Chairman reported: - **Village Maintenance** - it was reported that a grass cut had been requested for week ending 15 March 2019. The cutting schedule for 2019 growing season is:

3rd April 2019;17th April 2019;1st May 2019;15th May 2019;29th May 2019;12th June 2019; 26th June 2019;10th July 2019;24th July 2019;7th August 2019;21st August 2019;4th September 2019;18th September 2019;2nd October 2019

It is likely that a cut during the summer will be deferred to March 2020 as in previous years

Mollington Playing Fields – It was reported that Everything Hedges would be approached for a quote to repair the bin base (previously reported)

Mollington Matters – It is planned that the spring edition will be ready for distribution by 17 March 2019. In order to achieve this Councillors are asked for any content to be provided by Friday 8 March in word or pdf format, with photos if possible. Thoughts to date include: Election; Playing Fields (Grant); Community Transport; Events (Play and Fete); Highways (update on Lower Farm Road, Roundhill Road and Chestnut Road); and Contact lists

Councillor Webb

Footpaths – All footpaths look to be in good condition; if anything to report please let Parish Council know. There is still no further news from OCC regarding the 'missing footpath'

Neighbourhood Watch / Police Liaison – Reports had been received from Local Police: -

1. A lot of stolen property Found 25Th Feb 2019

A warrant was executed this morning in Banbury and a number of items were found at the property. Please see attached pictures and if you recognise any of the items please call 101 for the attention of DC Travis P1122. (No pictures in Minutes)

2. Tenancy Deposit Scheme Alert

Action Fraud have received several reports where fraudsters are claiming to be landlords of properties offered for rent online. Prior to a viewing the suspect requests that the individuals pay a deposit and sometimes a month's rent upfront, claiming that this money will be put into the Tenancy Deposit Scheme, and is therefore protected under government legislation.

After the individual pays the money, the suspect sends a bogus email purporting to be from the Tenancy Deposit Scheme confirming they have received their deposit. However, this is not the case as the money was sent directly to an

account associated with the suspect and the victim is left out of pocket and without the home they had thought to be putting a deposit on.

What You Need To Do

- Always make sure you, or a reliable contact, has viewed the property with an agent or landlord before agreeing to rent a property.
- Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Only transfer funds when you're satisfied a genuine property, safety certificates and valid contract are in place.
- Only pay for goods or service by bank transfer if you know and trust the person. Payments via bank transfer offer you no protection if you become a victim of fraud.
- Once you've paid your deposit, you can check whether it's protected by entering your tenancy deposit certificate code on TDS website (www.tenancydepositscheme.com).

Message Sent By

Action Fraud (Action Fraud, Administrator, National)

Dogs/bins - A reminder was given regarding the law when taking your dog in the car – particularly regarding restraining your dog.

Councillor Hall – Village Hall – It was reported that a few maintenance items had been carried out recently; the CH boiler had been serviced and the Cooker / Oven cleaned. Some decorating required after roof repairs.

Over the years the Village Hall has had problems with visitors to the Hall parking their vehicles on the grass surrounding the car park, causing damage to the grass and verges. The Village Hall Committee have decided to install wooded bollards in the appropriate areas. The PC agreed as the grass areas are PC property

Councillor Lapper – Roads – Pleased to report that the main roadworks had been completed. However, further work is still required on Lower Farm Lane, Main St near the Chapel, Roundhill Road and Church Lane. These areas are due a visit by the Dragon Patcher. Chestnut Road is due a visit by the Dragon Patcher in the summer.

The Parish Council agreed that it was grateful for the way the works had been carried such that access through the village for residents was maintained with as little disruption as possible. It was noted that further potholes should continue to be reported via Fix my Street

PC are still waiting for 'Twenty is Plenty signs'. Councillor Lapper would also raise the issue of the speed limit sign at the junction with Southam Road and signs limiting access for HGV at the March Lane end if the village

It was reported that fly tipping on Roundhill Road had been reported to CDC

Councillor Huntbach

The Orchard Piece playground consultation is still ongoing, but the fantastic news is that we have been awarded £10,000 from the National Lottery 'Awards for All.' We are still waiting for a couple of quotes for the play equipment and once these are received, we will finish the application to Cherwell District Council. Cllr Huntbach expects to visit Banbury college in the next couple of weeks to get feedback and assistance from the students who are helping with the project.

We still have to raise more funds and hope to appeal to residents for ideas and help with this. A vote of thanks was given to all who had helped with fund raising so far.

Cllr Huntbach will be attending playground inspection training in April.

901 Councillors Points of Information – Cllr Webb reported that there had been more fly tipping on Southam Road, which had been reported to CDC, in order to clear up.

Parish Council Meeting finished at 8.55 pm

Dates of Future Meetings The next scheduled meeting date of the Parish Council is Tuesday 26th March 2019 in Mollington Village Hall at 8.00pm.

Chairman, Mollington Parish Council

Public Participation Session – No issues raised