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**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
at 8.00pm in Mollington Village Hall**

**Present:**

Councillor Denise Hall (Deputy Chairman)  
Councillor Steve Lapper  
Councillor Cheryl Huntbach  
District Councillor George Reynolds CDC and OCC  
District Councillor Phil Chapman CDC

The Clerk

Residents and Public - 5

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Apologies for Absence** – Received from Cllr John Summers and Cllr Phil John

**Declarations of Interest** – None

**913 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters arising** – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 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 Deputy Chairman.

**Matters Arising** – it was confirmed that Everything Hedges had reset one of the bins in Mollington Playing Field (Bin 1 nearest the entrance) but has now been asked to reset a Bin 3 (the furthest from the entrance)

**914 Clerks Report**

**Financial Statement**

The Clerk reported that 2 cheques had been raised during May 2019

551	T Fox	April Grass Cutting	£610.56	In Budget
552	Arrow Accounting	Internal Audit 2018 - 19	£145.00	In Budget

There was £211.28 VAT outstanding at end of May, which will be claimed back in due course. Taking the above into account, the expected bank balance was £28167.67 which is reconciled to Bank statement sheet No.177 at 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019. This balance contains the reserve of £11661.00 for Orchard Piece Play Area and the General Fund stands at £16506.67  
Resolved: To accept the Financial Report.

**Consultations**

**CDC Parish Liaison** – The Clerk and Cllr Phil John had attended the CDC Parish Liaison Meeting at Bodicote House on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The Clerk summarised the main points raised at the Liaison Meeting: -

Cllr Barry Wood, Leader of the Council, reported on property developments, particularly meeting improved standards in energy efficiency, boiler standards, insulation and a zero-carbon development in Bicester, electric charging points for new housing developments. Of more local

interest he reported on a Hennef Way congestion relief plan and on the new Castle Quay 2 development which was started in February, between Spiceball Leisure Centre and Castle Quay Shops.

A presentation was given about the new Cherwell Lottery, enabling local organisations to raise funds; this is not available for Parish Councils but could be utilised by Village Halls. Details available at [cherwelllottery@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:cherwelllottery@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) or call 01295 221800

Another presentation was made by the new CDC Planning and Economy Team which finally separated from South Northants old team last month. They are particularly keen to engage better with Parish Councils and to this end have already issued an online survey for PC to complete, which Mollington PC is currently finishing and will return. New Planning software / Web access is also being introduced in July.

### **CDC Planning Survey**

A Draft response had been completed and previously circulated for agreement by Cllr Summers on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. It was resolved to accept the response and Clerk to forward survey to CDC.

### **915 Planning**

#### **Applications**

- 19/00985/F Retrospective conversion of upper floor of the existing garage to ancillary residential annex Merrydown Whiteway. This conversion was carried out 10 years ago following the approval to construct the garage in 1995. Given the time since the work was carried out and the lack of comment from neighbours or residents during the last 10 years it is recommended that there is objection from the PC.
- 19/00879/F Single storey extension to provide bathing and bedroom facilities 30 Chestnut Road. This extension is in keeping with that carried out by neighbours in Chestnut Road. Following a site visit it is recommended that there is no objection.

#### **Decisions**

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

- 19/00121/F Extension to single storey dwelling Point to Point Farm Claydon Road – Permitted.

### **916 Councillors Reports**

**Chairman, Cllr Summers reported:** - Mollington Matters – A shortened version of Mollington Matters had been circulated to councillors. Amendments and comments are requested by 5 July in order that copies can be produced for circulation before 14 July

**Councillor Hall** – Village Hall - The VH Committee had recently arranged a deep clean of the Village Hall. There were still some parking problems, where visitors still park on the grass verges.

#### **Councillor Lapper –**

**Roads** - The speed awareness signs have been put up at all three routes, in and out of the village. Road repairs are ongoing; there has been some large pot holes marked up for repair on Roundhill Road.

Email has been sent to Nick Watson OCC to find out when this is to be done - No response yet.

**Re-surfacing of Chestnut Rd / The Holt is still scheduled for Monday / Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July.** In order to reduce the chances of resident vehicles being parked on the roads on these days it was decided to prepare Notices for the Notice Boards, flyers for cars or letterboxes and messages for website and Facebook. OCC plan to put out notices but extent was not known. It is also planned to include in Mollington Matters.

## Footpaths

While walking the footpaths it was noted that a lot of weeds are growing on Chestnut Rd footpath, up to Orchard Piece. To check with contactors to see if they are able to include a weed control solution for footpaths.

Missing footpath - So far this has taken over 3 years to try to get resolved and the outcome will hopefully be good for villagers as they may get a footpath back. The latest on this is that a Draft Application has been put in, by the landowners, for a diversion of the missing Footpath. A decision will be made by OCC to see if it's an acceptable diversion and if so it will then be put out for public consultation to see if villagers agree with any proposal.

## Councillor Huntbach

**Crime/Neighbourhood watch** – Cllr Huntbach has set up to receive alerts from TVP (Thames Valley Police), if appropriate they will be shared them on the Mollington Community Facebook page. We may benefit from having a link on the Mollington Parish Website, but we also have to make sure we get information to those people who are not online.

### Information from Thames Valley Police (TVP)

The Police Team give the following advice: -

-Do not give any personal information (name, address, bank details, email or phone number) to organisations or people before verifying their credentials.

-Always install the latest software and app updates on all of your devices. Protect your email account with a strong, separate password and enable two-factor authentication (2FA) where possible.

- Many frauds start with a phishing email. Remember that banks and financial institutions will not send you an email asking you to click on a link and confirm your bank details. Do not trust such emails, even if they look genuine. You can always call your bank using the phone number on a genuine piece of correspondence, website (typed directly into the address bar) or the phone book to check if you're not sure.

- Destroy and preferably shred receipts with your card details on and post with your name and address on. Identity fraudsters don't need much information in order to be able to clone your identity.

- Be extremely wary of post, phone calls or emails offering business deals out of the blue. If an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is. Always question it.

If you think that you have been a victim of fraud please call Action fraud to report on 03001232040

**Neighbourhood Watch** - We need to establish if the network of Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators is up to date and these people still want to be involved. After this it is suggested that we have a get together and invite the Police Rural Neighbourhood Team to discuss the issues they are facing and how we can support them in that. A resident offered to help with liaison.

**Playing Fields** - After inspecting Orchard Piece playground, we have had to take the decision to remove the swings as they are not in a good condition. We had no option for the safety of the children who use the park. The swings were removed on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The work to refurbish the park has been ongoing for a number of months and has stalled for a number of reasons, mainly companies not supplying quotes, or those we have received have been very expensive. We have had a few ideas about what equipment we would be able to have.

It is proposed that we remove the current swings, playhouse (the fort), climbing frame and bridge and install new swings, a multi-play climbing frame and make the area a lot tidier and more appealing. We would keep the current tunnel and slide.

**Dogs** - Jeanette Angel is still going to take delivery of dog waste bags from Cherwell's dog wardens and is happy for anyone to collect these from her. Jeanette's details will be in the next edition of Mollington Matters. Dog fouling is still an issue in parts of the village where people are not seen. I would encourage people to collect these bags, which are free, and dispose of them thoughtfully.

**Councillor John (Not Present)** – Village Maintenance report: -

It is planned to undertake a full survey of the grass cutting activities done by the contractor, Thomas Fox, in July, with a follow up with the contractor directly to review / assess performance and any issues that villagers may want to raise.

**917 Agenda Items from the Annual Parish meeting**

It was noted that the PC need to take forward the priorities from the Annual Parish Meeting that are not covered in the councillors' areas of responsibility.

It is recommended that:

- Conservation area plan has been circulated to councillors. It is recommended that the management plan (Page 51) is reviewed by councillors to ensure that the parish council continue to meet the requirements.
- Classification of the village for planning purposes is taken forward by the chairman and discussed with CDC planners (comments added to the recent planning survey)
- Christmas trees and flower displays – it is recommended that this be taken forward, in a way that does not conflict with the conservation plan requirement to avoid 'fussy domestication', by Councillor Lapper who suggested the item
- Emergency plan draft response to OCC has been circulated and it is recommended that this be taken forward by councillors Hall and John in conjunction with the village hall committee as it revolves around the use of the village hall.

PC Resolved to accept the above recommendations.

**VE day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary May 2020.** No further ideas had been received at this time.

**918 Councillors Points of Information** – Cllr Lapper reported that resident(s) had suggested selling part of OP Play area (to nearby residents), in order to raise more funds for the Community area.

**Parish Council Meeting finished at 8.35 pm**

**Dates of Future Meetings** The next scheduled meeting date of the Parish Council is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 in Mollington Village Hall at 8.00pm.

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**Public Participation Session** – No issues raised