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**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday 27th August 2019  
at 7.30 pm in Mollington Village Hall**

**Present:**

Councillor John Summers (Chairman)  
Councillor Denise Hall  
Councillor Steve Lapper  
Councillor Cheryl Huntbach  
Councillor Phil John  
Councillor George Reynolds CDC and OCC

The Clerk

Residents and Public - 2

**Welcome and Introductions** – The Chairman welcomed all present. The Parish Council wish to offer sincere condolences to Mr Peter Jones on the recent death of his wife, Mrs Pam Jones.

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** – District Councillor Phil Chapman. CDC

**Declarations of Interest** – None

**925 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters arising** – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 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**

- Disposal of Orchard Piece swings – Parish Council had not received any offers for the swings so it was agreed not to sell them and Cllr John to dispose of as he sees fit.

**926 Clerks Report  
Financial Statement**

The Clerk reported that 5 cheques had been raised during July 2019

558	T Fox	Grass Cuts and Herbicides application	727.98
559	AED Locator (EU) Ltd	Battery Pack for Defibrillator	108.90
560	C Huntbach	Repair Picnic Table – Playing Fields	16.31
561	J Summers	Mollington Matters Printing	55.00
562	T Fox	Grass Cuts in June	610.56

All payments are within Budget.

There was £536.13 VAT outstanding at end of July which will be claimed back in due course.

During July the Parish Council received the annual wayleave payment from Western Power Distribution in the sum of £3.55

Taking the above into account, the expected bank balance was £26,124.96 which is reconciled to Bank statement sheet No.179 at 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019. This balance contains the reserve of £11661.00 for Orchard Piece Play Area and the General Fund stands at £14463.96

Resolved: PC accepted the Financial Report.

## 927 Consultations

**National Highways Report.** Councillors requested to return their comments to Cllr Summers by 19 September in order that they can be summarised into the survey.

**Review of Cherwell Polling Districts and Polling Stations.** Responded to the survey that the Polling Station (Village Hall) has good access, parking is plentiful and is the right location for residents of Mollington.

## 928 Planning Applications

- There had been no new planning applications since the last meeting

## Decisions

- 19/0331/AGN Steel portal-framed agricultural building for hay storage Point to Point Farm – Approval not required

## 929 Councillors Reports

**Councillor Hall** – Village Hall – Because of visitor parking on the grass at the Village Hall the PC agreed that a quote(s) should be obtained for installing wooden posts at the edges of the grass verges. Clerk to approach Everything Hedges.

The VH Committee are planning a Quiz in the autumn – details to follow.

## Councillor Huntbach

**Orchard Piece Play Area** - Cllr Huntbach summarised the current position regarding provision of new play equipment for OP Play area, so that the Parish council could consider several scenarios. £10,000 grant (Big Lottery) already received was to make improvements to the play area, install new equipment and make it more accessible for the community to use. The PC had also raised £1661 so currently there is £11661 in reserve for improvements at OP Play area. It is important that we stick to the original ideas in order not to breach the conditions of the Lottery grant approval.

The grants from Cherwell District Council have closed for this year, however if the PC get the application in (it is almost finished) we will be at the front of the queue for next year's allocation. It is hoped that this application will be successful and should be sufficient to cover costs of some of the proposals, including improving access and fitness ideas, which will meet the grant conditions. It is proposed to submit the application for a CDC grant before the end of this calendar year, in fact as soon as possible. It should be noted that, if approved by CDC, the monies would not be received until April 2020 at the earliest.

For Safety reasons the swings have already been removed and, at the recent ROSPA inspection, it was confirmed that the 'Fort' is 'High Risk' and consequently this is to be demolished as soon as practical.

The Parish Council considered a number of options and quotes from two suppliers of which two options would meet the objective and could be funded either immediately or with the approval of CDC for matched funding.

The options considered further were: to proceed with procurement of new swings and improved disabled access for Orchard Piece; or to delay the procurement until such time as further funding applications had been considered by Cherwell District Council.

Following discussion about the availability of funding; the risk to the existing lottery funding by either proceeding with a smaller scheme or delaying pending approval of further funding from CDC it was resolved that the Parish Council would defer the procurement until the application to CDC had been completed and approved.

**Resolved:** that Cllr Huntbach would:

- complete the application based on the Wicksteed quote of 28 July 2019 reference 05/SW/280719/A. The total cost of the project was estimated at £20,633 including a provision for the hard access and carriage of the equipment; and
- prepare a notification to residents to be included in the Autumn edition of Mollington Matters to explain the delay and outline the plan for Orchard Piece Community Area.

**Councillor John** – Village Maintenance and Emergency Plan

Quotes are being obtained for the reduction of several trees (6) on Orchard Piece Play area; there had been 2 residents requests for reductions as the branches are overhanging neighbouring properties. The first quote was for £850 (within budget) and this was approved pending receipt of second quote. Planning permission is required as in the Conservation area; once approved work is not expected to proceed until the autumn.

A dead tree at the Village Hall Car park has been removed.

Hedges have been cut at Mollington Playing Fields and the hedges at Orchard Piece Play area are expected to be cut within a week or so.

**Councillor Lapper**

**Roads** – White lines have been painted on the new surface at the top of Chestnut Rd. It was suggested that some resident hedges need to be cut further back to improve safety on exit from Chestnut Road onto Main Street. SL to contact OCC Highways

**Footpaths** - Lower Farm Lane to Paddocks – the path is still overgrown and Cllr Lapper is to continue liaison with OCC in order to get it cut back.

**Councillor Summers** –

Classification of the village for planning purposes. Nothing to report  
Conservation area management Plan – Nothing to Report  
VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 8-10 May 2020. Nothing to report.

**930 Councillors points of information** - For note only - Cllr lapper confirmed that salt for salt bins is already in plentiful supply within the village; ready for winter.

**Parish Council Meeting finished at 8.35 pm**

**Dates of Future Meetings** The next scheduled meeting date of the Parish Council is Tuesday 22 October in Mollington Village Hall at 8.00pm unless urgent business requires a meeting in September.

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Chairman, Mollington Parish Council

**Public Participation Session** - No issues raised