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**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday 28th January 2020
at 8.00pm in Mollington Village Hall**

Present:

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

Residents and Public - 3

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.

Apologies for Absence – received from Councillor Cheryl Huntbach and District Councillor Phil Chapman CDC.

Declarations of Interest – None

937 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters arising – Tuesday 22nd October 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 - Ability CIC commenced a weekly bus service from Mollington to Banbury and return, via Claydon, Cropredy and The Bourtons. It is understood that initial uptake has been good.

**938 Clerks Report
Financial Statement**

The Clerk reported that 11 cheques had been raised during October, November and December 2019

570	Thomas Fox	Grass and Hedge Cuts	1218.24
571	CDC	Dog Bin Collections	114.00
572	HMRC	PAYE	137.60
573	Clerk	Quarters Salary to Sept.	549.90
574	Thomas Fox	October Cut	305.28
575	J Summers	Printing Mollington Matters	55.00
576	Everything Hedges	Repair Playground Gate	60.00
577	SLCC	Annual Subscription	78.00
578	ALCC	Annual Subscription	40.00
579	HMRC	PAYE	137.40
580	Clerk	Quarters Salary to Dec 19	550.10

All payments are within Budget. There was no Vat outstanding at the end of December.

During December the Parish Council received a Grant of £10,156.57 from Mollington Education Fund for the provision of additional Playground equipment at Mollington Playing Fields. The equipment has now been ordered from Wicksteed.

Taking the above into account, the expected bank balance was £37,585.86 which is reconciled to Bank statement sheet No.184 at 3rd January 2020. This balance contains the reserve of £11661.00 for Orchard Piece Play Area and the reserve of £10,156.57 for Mollington Playing Fields area. The General Fund stands at £15,768.29

Resolved: To accept the financial statement.

939 Risk Assessment – A new Parish Council Risk Assessment had been prepared during January 2020 and had been circulated to Councillors.

Resolved – PC agreed to accept the new Risk Assessment.

The Chairman and Clerk signed the assessment.

940 Appointment of Internal Auditor for current year 2019\20

Arrow Accounting have been the PC internal Auditor for the last 4 years and have done a good job, so it was proposed that they are appointed again for this financial year.

Resolved; to appoint Arrow Accounting and sign letter of acceptance; Chairman and Clerk signed the acceptance letter.

941 Budget and Precept for 2020/21

It was proposed to maintain the Parish Precept at the same amount as this current financial year, i.e. £11000 per year, for the next financial year 2020/21.

There are some small increases required in the budget for next year, but these are more than balanced out by surplus funds likely to be carried forward from this year. Surplus funds this year have accumulated mainly because there was no need to have an election last May, which had to be budgeted for (£823 saved), and no need for play area repairs (£500 saved), because much of the play equipment is being replaced.

The Parish Council are required to advise CDC of the Precept Request this week. The Parish Council resolved to approve a Precept demand of £11,000 for financial year 2020/21

942 Planning Matters

Applications

- 20/00083/TPO Planning application received since the agenda was published. The application is outside the conservation area and the issue that we need to consider is T12 a poplar tree that is proposed to be removed to ground level due to risk to the Highway and is subject to a Tree Preservation Order. The report recommends that there is a risk to the highway.

Resolved: to recommended that the PC make the following comment to CDC: That the relevant Officers at CDC consider the risk to the highway prior to making a decision to allow removal of the tree, which is subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)

Decisions

- 19/00121/F Extension to single storey dwelling Point to Point Farm Claydon Road. Permitted
- 19/01894/TPO Reduce crown and remove dead wood from Ash and Cherry trees to the south east side of Sophena House Main Street. Permitted
- 19/01957/TCA Crown reduction to rebalance the canopy and cut back imposing limbs of Yew tree at Lanscombe Church Lane. Permitted
- 19/01951/Disc Discharge of condition 3 The Chestnuts Main Street. Permitted.
- 19/02204/TCA Fell 4 self-sown Sycamore, reduce Oak tree and fell Maple- The Olde Forge Main Street. Permitted.

- 19/02249 Crown reduction of 2m to Maples to clear branches and allow light to neighbouring properties and lift beeches to 5m to increase light and space to the play area Orchard Piece Play. Permitted and work carried out in December.
- 19/0234/Disc Discharge of condition 3 The Chestnuts Main Street. Application permitted.

943 Councillors Reports

Councillor Hall – Village Hall

The hall management committee have recently completed installing posts in appropriate areas around the village hall car park, in order to prevent cars being driven up on to the grass verges. Hopefully this will remedy the constant problem that has been experienced in recent years. The committee are still looking at ways of improving the outside patio area to the hall to make it a more usable area.

The touring theatre are returning to the hall on Saturday 21st March with their production of a Jeeves and Wooster play. Tickets are £12.00 per person and the bar will be open.

The Victory in Europe day dance will be on Friday 8th May. Tickets are £12.00 which includes food. The bar will be open again and the band is booked. Period dress if possible.

Councillor Huntbach - Apologies had been received from Cllr Cheryl Huntbach, but she had forwarded a report.

Orchard Piece Play Area – The large trees on the play area, at the back of houses at the top of Chestnut Road, had been cut back in December, as planned.

The grant application for OP Play Area equipment has been received by CDC; They had a couple of small questions at the beginning of January and these have been answered. Parish Council now awaits a decision on the application, which should be known by March.

OP Play area has been selected as a cause for the Tesco Blue Token Scheme. The scheme will be in store until the end of March, so, the more tokens that are contributed by Tesco in store shoppers, the more money that will be granted to the Play Area equipment fund.

Neighbourhood Watch -A resident has offered to help Cllr Huntbach with the co-ordination and a meeting to move this forward is to be arranged as soon as circumstances allow.

Councillor John – Village Maintenance

OCC have repaired the drains on Lower Farm Lane.

A meeting with Thomas Fox has been arranged for 4th February. The objective is to review Grass Cutting performance against contract.

2 vehicles that appeared to have been abandoned on roads in the village have now been moved by the owners.

Councillor Lapper Roads

An email has been received from Nick Watson, OCC Highways, regarding repairing Mollington roads. No dates have yet been arranged for Roundhill Rd work, although there are some pot holes marked up.

Resident from the School House on Roundhill Rd enquired about the surface of the road leading to their property as it is falling away; Nick Watson to look into this as he was not sure who is responsible for it's up keep.

'20 is Plenty' traffic calming signs have been sourced. Several types are available.
Resolved: PC agreed to purchase 3 signs, to be placed at entrances to the village on March Lane, Holloway and Roundhill Rd

Footpaths -

Cllr Lapper will email Beth at OCC regarding the footpaths etc. in March.

Councillor Summers

Mollington Matters and Classification of the village for planning purposes. Spring edition of Mollington matters to be prepared for distribution in April. Any Pieces that Councillors want to be included to be sent to Cllr Summers by end March.

The classification of villages was raised at the local planning meeting and is due to be reviewed by CDC as part of their local plan. Villages will be consulted at the appropriate time.

Conservation Management Plan was raised with CDC at the planning seminar and is due for review. We will be consulted and engage in the review at the appropriate time.

VE Day 75th Anniversary 8-10 May 2020.

As previously reported the nationwide plans (previously circulated) for the weekend are as follows:

8 May

- 3.00pm Battle 's and VE 75 Years Pipers to play the Battle 's O'er
- 3.00pm National Toast to the Heroes of WW2
- 6.55pm A Cry for Piece Around the World Town Criers will be undertaking a Cry for Piece
- 7.00pm Ringing out the Peace church bells will ring out
- 7.00pm onwards Parties and Celebrations

9 May

- Parties and Celebrations continue

10 May

10.30am Church Services of Celebration and Commemoration

The Application to the Battle of Britain memorial flight to fly past was unsuccessful.
It is proposed to register the events in Mollington as they are finalised and publish in Mollington Matters in spring.

944 Councillors points of information

None

Parish Council Meeting finished at 8.45pm

Dates of Future Meetings The next scheduled meeting date of the Parish Council is Tuesday 25th February 2020 in Mollington Village Hall at 8.00pm.

Chairman, Mollington Parish Council

Public Participation Session

No new issues raised