

**Minutes of Parish Council Virtual Meeting – 8.00pm Tuesday 23rd June 2020**

**Present:**

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

Residents and Public - 1

**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. Members of the public should mute their device microphones until the Public Participation Session.

**Apologies for Absence** received from Cllr Denise Hall and District Cllr Phil Chapman.

**Declarations of Interest** – None

**956 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters arising** – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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

**957 Clerks Report  
Financial Statement**

Clerk reported that 2 cheques had been raised during May 2020

592	Thomas Fox	April Grass Cut	305.28
593	Arrow Accounting	Internal Audit 2019 – 2020	169.00

All payments are within Budget. There was £501.62 VAT outstanding at the end of May which will be claimed back as at the end of June 2020.

Taking the above into account, at the end of May the expected bank balance was £40,830.74 which is reconciled to Bank statement sheet No.189 at 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020. This balance contains the reserves of £13,327.00 for Orchard Piece Play Area and £10,156.57 for Mollington Playing Fields Play area.

Resolved: To accept the Report

## 958 Planning

**Applications** 20/01493/AGN Steel portal-framed agricultural building Point to Point Farm. As this is an agricultural application outside the village boundary it was proposed and Resolved that the Parish Council issue no comment on the application.

No further applications have been reported since the agenda was published

### **Decisions made since the last Meeting.**

20/01112/F Erection of a single dwelling house on land North West of Old Farm House and adjoining Orchard Piece. Application withdrawn.

## 959 Consultation

Recommended to support the NALC view on the impact and future of local government, housing and transport during and after Covid 19 lockdown (previously circulated)

Resolved: To support the NALC comments.

## 960 Councillor Reports

### **Councillor Summers**

**Ability Bus** is due to recommence from 7 July – Clerk to put poster on notice board and website. All passengers will be required to wear masks.

**The Parish Council's playground equipment** remains closed due to the Covid 19 restrictions. Maintenance is not being carried out at the moment. Notices have been put up. It is likely that when given the all clear to reopen a risk assessment will be required. This will be completed and issued to councillors once this is clear.

New equipment for younger children has been installed in Mollington Playing Field. The order has been placed for the equipment in Orchard Piece playing field. We are awaiting an installation date and will work with the installers to ensure a safe installation. This is likely to require the closure of the playing field during construction. Work will be carried out under Permitted Development Part 12A of the planning regulations.

**Rats** have been reported in Orchard Piece playing field and it is proposed to cut back the vegetation at the edge adjacent to houses in Chestnut Road for which a quote of £450 inclusive of VAT has been received from the only response for quotes. Rat removal will cost a further £312 plus VAT (previously circulated). It is not proposed to take out the annual maintenance cover. Resolved: To accept the proposal.

**Gate posts** in between Mollington Playing Field and Chestnut Vale are rotting. It is recommending the posts are replaced with metal posts which will suit the existing gate and will last for a number of years, existing ends of wooden fence to be finished off and new metal posts to be cemented in. Cost £210 plus costs of metal posts and cement. Resolved: To ask Everything Hedges to carry out the work at above costs.

**The Village Hall** is currently closed and will continue to do so in line with government advice. Risk assessments and cleaning between use appears to be necessary prior to any reopening. The Village Hall Committee will take a view on this, once Covid 19 restrictions on indoor gatherings are lifted.

Work is due to start on the refurbishment to the hall patio area in order to make it a more usable space.

The Village Hall funds have received the council grant of £10,000 from CDC.

### **Councillor Lapper**

A Traffic mirror had been requested to assist traffic at junction of Lower Farm Lane with March Lane. OCC will not approve nor provide a mirror. If sourced a location for the mirror would need to be agreed.

### **Councillor John**

Councillor John has arranged a meeting with T Fox for tomorrow morning at 8.00am. to re-state the grass cutting schedule, especially regarding the cutting of verges at top of Roundhill Rd and onto Southam Rd.

### **961 Councillors points of information**

District Councillor George Reynolds reported that OCC are expected to have funding from central government for some cycle paths / footpaths, but that such projects are very expensive and that he understood all funding seemed to be already allocated in other districts.

**962 Dates of Future Meetings** The next scheduled meeting date of the Parish Council is Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 8.00pm. This may be a Virtual Meeting.

**Parish Council Meeting finished at 8.32pm.**

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Chairman, Mollington Parish Council

### **Public Participation Session**

A Resident recommended Banbury Pest Control company to deal with local rats.

It was suggested that maybe hand sanitisers / wipes could be provided for playground equipment. The risk Assessment would need to be updated so that Covid 19 or similar risks may be considered.