

**MOULSFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021, AT 7:30pm BY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

PRESENT: Cllr Baker  
Cllr Partridge  
Seven members of the public

Cllr Bryan (Chair)  
Cllr Sachse

Cllr Elvy (Vice Chair)  
Mr G. Twibell (Parish Clerk)

		<u>Action</u>
1.	<b><u>Apologies For Absence</u></b> None.	
2.	<b><u>Declarations Of Interest</u></b> None.	
3.	<b><u>Minutes Of The Previous Meeting</u></b> Cllr Sachse proposed that the minutes of the meeting on 13th January, 2021, be signed by the chair as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Elvy.	
4.	<b><u>Reports From District and County Council</u></b> From Cllr Simpson (SODC): • Will submit a written report.	Cllr Simpson
5.	<b><u>Planning Applications and Enforcement Cases</u></b> <i>New and changed only.</i> <b>P20/S4643/FUL Moultsford Preparatory School, Moultsford, OX10 9HR</b> Variation of conditions- 2 (Approved plans), 7 (New vehicular access), 8 (Vision splay details), 12 (Off-site highway works) & 9 (Turning Area & Car Parking) on application P20/S0173/FUL. Proposed erection of building for pre-preparatory school with associated outside teaching space, access, drop off and collection area, and landscaping. Members' individual views to Cllr Bryan for consensus response. <b>MPC No strong views. SODC Considering.</b>  <b>P20/S4706/FUL Wallingford Road, between Goring and South Stoke, RG8 0JA</b> Development and operation of a Transitional Hybrid Energy Project and associated infrastructure including access. <b>MPC Considering. SODC Considering.</b>  <b>P20/S2071/FUL Cranford House School, Moultsford, OX10 9HT</b> Lighting to the Astro Pitch. Appeal against refusal. <b>MPC Considering. SODC Considering</b>	
6.	<b><u>Local Response To The Covid-19 Crisis (C-19)</u></b> • Cllr Sachse reported that the support network was still in place and active but there remained a low level of demand.	
7.	<b><u>Matters From The Floor</u></b> • A member of the public queried the current status of public access to the river following change of ownership at the Beetle and Wedge Boathouse. They felt that areas designated as common land could no longer be accessed due to the placing of tables, chairs and structures, the slipway had been covered over and private mooring signs had appeared on an area of common land. They felt that use by the village had now been restricted compared to 18 months ago and now the launching of small craft from the Environment Agency public mooring was very difficult. • On a point of detail the clerk observed that following enquiries made last year, the land under discussion is designated as highway and not common land. • Cllr Bryan understood that the previous owners of the Boathouse had reached agreement with Oxfordshire County Council to use the wharf area for tables and chairs, on the understanding that given 24 hours' notice they would accommodate other users. Cllr Bryan further noted that the concrete slipway was on land owned by the Boathouse and its closure was quite legitimate. • The member of the public further observed that parking spaces on the public highway had been marked out, implying they were private and for the use of Boathouse patrons when in fact this was not the case. More broadly there was concern that over time the public may lose all access to the river. • Cllr Bryan said that the parish council had had a meeting with the owner just	

	<p>before Christmas to discuss such issues and that the dialogue was continuing. It had been made clear in the Moulsoford News, most recently in the October issue, that the parking spaces outside Beetle and Wedge House were for public use, as was the public mooring to the north of the wharf area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Baker said that concerns over the slipway had been voiced during construction work on the site last year, observing that while the previous owners had allowed its public use, the new owners were entitled to close it if they wished. She further referred to the many River Thames guide books that detail public launching points and that none listed Moulsoford as such. She felt that overall the status and use of the area had become blurred by time and urged that a new consensus view be achieved.</li> <li>• Cllr Bryan added that the situation had been further complicated by the issue of a new ferry licence to the Boathouse owners which required them to maintain access to the ferry for people of all abilities.</li> <li>• The meeting agreed that the clerk would obtain the latest documents and plans from the Land Registry after which Cllr Bryan would compare with the historical document and the plan supplied by OCC Highways to ensure that the agreed access to the river has not been reduced. The clerk will further seek Environment Agency and County Council input on any understandings those organisations may have over their respective areas.</li> <li>• A member of the public queried a new telecommunications cabinet installed in the grass verge at the end of Glebe Close and whether any planning permission was required. Clerk to address.</li> <li>• A member of the public queried the use of floodlighting at the Boathouse. Cllr Baker agreed to investigate any likely effects on wildlife and recommendations to avoid such problems.</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Bryan Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Baker</p>
8.	<p><b><u>Actions From Previous Minutes</u></b> Completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning response to P20/S4643/FUL agreed and supplied.</li> <li>• Cllr Bryan raised external lighting with Moulsoford School. Action has been taken to minimise nuisance and the school remains happy to discuss with its neighbours.</li> <li>• Electrical work to the pavilion driveway lighting will begin on 8<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>• Cllr Baker has received invoice from the recreation ground landscape architect.</li> <li>• Moulsoford News software resolved.</li> <li>• SODC advised of precept freeze.</li> <li>• Resolved not to sign up to Wallingford's low carbon hub scheme for solar panels.</li> </ul> <p>Continuing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halfpenny Lane speed survey. Cllr Gray is progressing.</li> <li>• Clerk liaising with Cllr Gray over refreshing road safety markings.</li> <li>• Cllr Bryan to arrange joint heads of committees meeting.</li> <li>• Clerk to organise a site meeting with the OCC gypsy and traveller team.</li> <li>• Decision to join the CPRE with Cllr Baker as lead. Clerk to organise.</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Baker Clerk Cllr Bryan Clerk Clerk</p>
9.	<p><b><u>Pavilion Management Committee (PMC) Update.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee last met on the 27<sup>th</sup> January and it was decided to seek a further business support grant of £4,000.00 to cover lost income.</li> <li>• The bookings secretary remains furloughed while the caretaker continues to provide essential care and maintenance during closure.</li> <li>• The committee reiterated its support for any practical community events.</li> </ul>	
10	<p><b><u>Moulsoford Events Committee (MEC) Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting since the most recent parish council meeting.</li> </ul>	
11.	<p><b><u>Playground And Recreation Ground Maintenance/Upkeep</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Baker had circulated notes from the most recent working group meeting.</li> <li>• Upgrading the main structure to steel feet is estimated at around £2,500 + VAT.</li> <li>• Imminent meeting with a tree surgeon to discuss some clearing of vegetation.</li> <li>• Unlikely that village cricket team will reform. Cllr Elvy urged caution if considering removing the pitch.</li> <li>• A member of the public suggested discussing the future use of the pitch with Moulsoford prep. school while another suggested a tennis court as an option. These ideas will be taken forward at the next working group meeting.</li> <li>• An offer of a live Christmas tree was discussed. Cllr Baker will discuss siting with the tree surgeon.</li> <li>• Cllr Bryan will look at refreshing playground signage.</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Baker</p> <p>Cllr Baker Cllr Bryan</p>





