

Minutes - Monthly Meeting, Moulsoford Parish Council

Thursday 8th February 2024, Moulsoford Pavilion

Members present:

Vice chair : Cllr H Shaw (HS)
RFO and member: Cllr B Partridge (BP)
Members: Cllr M Mousley Jones (MMJ)

Clerk/Minutes: Andrew Harris (AH)

Apologies:

Chair: Cllr Sue Powell (SP)
Cllr M Eagle (ME)
District Cllr Cllr Anne-Marie Simpson
Cllr Ben Manning

Public & press: 15 members of the public

Meeting started 19 30

Item	Outcome	Next steps/actions
<u>Administration</u>		
1. To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given	Apologies received in advance from SP and ME plus also Cllrs Anne-Marie Simpson and Ben Manning	None
2. Declarations of interest	No change	None
3. Requests for dispensations	None	None
4. To approve the minutes of previous council meetings	MM proposed approval of meeting minutes for Thursday 11th January 2024 HS seconded.	SP has signed off, AH to file and post final version on website and public noticeboard.
<u>Planning</u>		
5. P23/S4049/FUL and P23/S4051/LB Cranford House: Extensions to senior block, dining room and Willow Theatre, swimming pool re-development (single-storey classroom accommodation for the junior school replacing the existing covered swimming pool).		The MPC noted the withdrawal of these proposals and awaited the production of the traffic plan.

Audit and Budgetary issues		
6. Review of Finances end January 2024 (BP)	BP commented on the current accounts with no major matters arising	
7. Agreement Plan for Audit	A plan should be produced for major audit time scales, subject to item 8) below. HS had distributed a new Risk Assessment draft to BP/AH/SP.	BP/HS/AH to progress
8. Document Appointing Auditor	This document was approved, appointing Rachel Brown as auditor at a cost of £195.00 and was signed by AH and to be countersigned by SP.	AH to progress :
9. S 137 payments	As in previous these years these were recommended for Moultsford Parish Church £200 and the Citizen Advice Bureau £50	Agreed that these amounts would be paid for 2023-2024 and marked in minutes.
10. Monthly Payments /Procedures & bank account access	Agreed that a sample electronic payment should be attempted to ensure that the bank account procedures were fully understood. Aim to drastically reduce the number of cheques plus modernise and document payment processes. A direct debit for Hugo Fox had been set up for website fees.	HS/AH/BP to progress
Parish Matters		
11. 20 mph Proposal	There was a general discussion with both MP Councillors and members of the public on the proposal and wider issue of traffic speeds in the village. Preston Bemis presented an analysis of the OCC traffic data which offered a different conclusion than that advised by OCC themselves of average speeds.	MPC to review next steps in the light of survey result and overall traffic issues in the village
12. Update on Status of Allotments	It was confirmed that all those believed to be allotment holders had been contacted asking for arrears and confirmation that they wished to continue. Some had already responded.	Next stage to seek to arrange renewal of lease with SODC and agreements with allotment holders for 2024-2025. Action: SP/MMJ/AH
13. Update on River Access	This item was held over to the next meeting	
14. Playground	AH confirmed Inspection Company had failed to meet its dead-line for completing inspection which was due by end January 2024.	AH to chase and seek alternatives, if necessary.
15. Recreation Ground	There was a discussion, following a brief presentation by Pete Greathead, on the proposals for landscaping parts of the recreation ground, including planting	

	<p>some native and non-native trees and hedging.</p> <p>MMJ said that she was advocating improved bio-diversity in Moultsford's green spaces. A visit by an OCC tree specialist, to look at opportunities for planting, would take place on February 12th, and all were welcome. Pete Greathead is donating mixed some native hedging to be planted at the Community Tree Planting and Village Litter Pick event on Sunday 25th February.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Next Steps/Actions: Planning would continue in the light of feedback received at this PC meeting and other meetings of local residents</p>
16. 100 Club	This item was held over to the next meeting	
<u>Any Other Business</u>		
17. Broadband (Pavilion)	<p>The cost of repositioning the line of £225 plus VAT was discussed and approved. It was also agreed and approved that an extra £240 + VAT could be spent if it was required to re-route the line externally, to preferred location.</p> <p>(Total cost circa £500 (£225 plus £240 plus VAT)).</p>	Action HS and PMC
18. Ionos account	It was agreed and approved that Cloud storage with Ionos would be investigated as a matter of urgency. Anticipated cost for ten users would be approx. £240.00 per year.	Action HS/AH
19. Fund raising	David Williams, a local entrepreneur with his own business encouraged the council to look towards fund raising by approaching local businesses.	
<u>Next meeting</u>		
20. Agenda items for next meeting – Thursday 14th March 2024		ALL to advise AH/SP on any additions.

Meeting ended: 21:30