

MORTIMER WEST END PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Date : Thursday 21st January 2021 Time: 7.30pm
Place: Conference call due to Coronavirus Covid -19 restrictions
Present: Cllr Nick Thurlow
 Cllr David Lister
 Cllr Kevin Cross
 Cllr Andrew Arthur

In Attendance: County Cllr Rhydian Vaughan
 Borough Cllr Roger Gardiner
 Christine McGarvie (Clerk)

1/21 Apologies for absence

Borough Councillor Simon Mahaffey gave his apologies.
Cllr Jonathan Bray did not attend the meeting.

2/21 To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda

None received.

3/21. Minutes of the last parish council meeting

3.1 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of 26th November 2020 and 7th January

The minutes of the meeting held 26th November and 7th January were agreed as a true and accurate record. The minutes will be signed by the Chairman at a future date.

3.2 Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda

None

4/21 Open Forum

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

It was agreed that the Clerk should draft guidance about how planning applications are dealt with, to include how resident or applicant representations will be dealt with. This guidance will be made available on the parish council website once agreed by the Parish Council.

Action : Clerk

5/21. Planning & Development

5.1 To note receipt of new applications and make comment

See Appendix A. No new applications

20/03317/HSE – Heatherstone, Soke Road amendment to the plans.

It was agreed to respond with no objections to the amendments.

6/21. Highways & Footpaths issues

6.1 To discuss the Village gateway and Soke road improvement project

HCC Highways have reported that the new road markings have been done and it has been confirmed that the dragons teeth have been painted on the road but it is not clear whether everything that was requested has been done. Cllr Thurlow to take some site photos so they can be compared to the project brief.

There is no date yet for when the signs, gateway and bridge bollards will be installed.

Action : NT

6.2 Flooding in Soke Road

Cllr Lister raised a concern that there is an area that floods frequently on the bend in Soke Road. Clerk to raise a case with Hampshire Highways requesting that the drainage is investigated.

Action : Clerk

6.3 To provide an update on Speedwatch and use of SID in semi-permanent locations

Speedwatch cannot take place at the moment due to Covid restrictions. The Speed Indicator Device (SID) is in Mortimer West End and the Clerk has been moving it between the two locations. Pamber Parish are now ready to use the SID in their locations so Clerk will hand it over to them in the next few days.

Clerk to send Excel version of the SID data to Cllr Thurlow. It was agreed that some of the data should be made available on the Parish Council website for residents to access.

Action : Clerk

7. Parish Environment

7.1 To discuss any new parish environment issues

Cllr Thurlow raised the issue of increased litter in the hedgerows and ditches of footpaths. Church Road and Soke Road also have a lot of litter in the ditches. It was agreed that nothing would be done until lockdown was over but that there may be a need for the Parish Council to fund a litter pick by the Lengthsman.

7.2 Gate at the top of the recreation ground into Back Lane.

Cllr Arthur reported that the gate at the top of the recreation ground into Back Lane is not shutting properly. Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to repair the gate latch and this should be funded by the Gravel Allotment Trust.

Action : Clerk

8/21 Reports

8.1 Report from County Councillor

Cllr Vaughan had provided a monthly report which had been forwarded to all councillors.

Cllr Vaughan is a member of the Adult Social Care and Health committee. Figures suggest that the country is not yet at the peak of the Covid epidemic. All NHS staff are under pressure including ambulance drivers. Fire crews are helping to supplement the ambulance crews. 65% of new Covid cases are now from the new variant which is easier to catch but it does not seem to have a higher viral load. Hampshire County Council have managed to reduce the deficit in their budget to £50million and they are hoping for additional support from Government to deal with this. The household waste recycling centres remain open, subject to Covid restrictions. £320,000 has been made available by HCC to provide school meals for vulnerable children in the February half term. The road from Silchester to Little London road is blocked for up to 5 days in order to fix a leaking drain.

8.2 Borough Councillor report

Cllr Roger Gardiner reported that there have been some issues with bin collections due to staff illness or having to isolate although both the recycling and general waste collection services have continued as normal. It is possible that the garden waste and bulk collection service may have to be restricted due to staff shortages.

The Borough Council are looking at refurbishing the Denes council building. They hope to be able to move out of the Parklands building. This would make savings and allow smarter ways of working such as hot desking. The public areas of Denes building would also be refreshed as part of this project.

Unfortunately, the temporary mortuary in Winklebury has had to be opened.

The Fire station will be set up as a vaccination site by early February.

8.3 Clerk's report

Nothing to report.

8.4 To receive reports from parish council representatives

Cllr Arthur reported that the Village Hall are applying for the Covid support grants to replace the lost income whilst the hall has had to be closed.

Cllr Thurlow reported that the Mortimer Relief in Need charity have agreed some donations via email.

9/21 Consultations

No new consultations. Clerk sent a response to the B&D budget consultation on behalf of the Parish Council as agreed at the November meeting.

10/21 Finance

10.1 To approve payments, bank reconciliation and receipts.

See Appendix B below for list of payments. The payments for January were approved.

10.2 To finalise budget for 2021/2022 and set precept

The budget was discussed and it was agreed to add another £500 to the grounds maintenance budget for litter picking. It was agreed to allocated £4000 to the recreation car park bollard project but it is hoped that this could be reduced if other funders could be found. Cllr Rhydian Vaughan indicated that the members bid grant fund reopens in June. Greenham Trust will also be contacted to see if they can support the project.

The Parish Council agreed the budget and agreed to request a precept of £9500 for 2021/2022. Clerk to action.

Action : Clerk

11/21. Date of Next Meeting

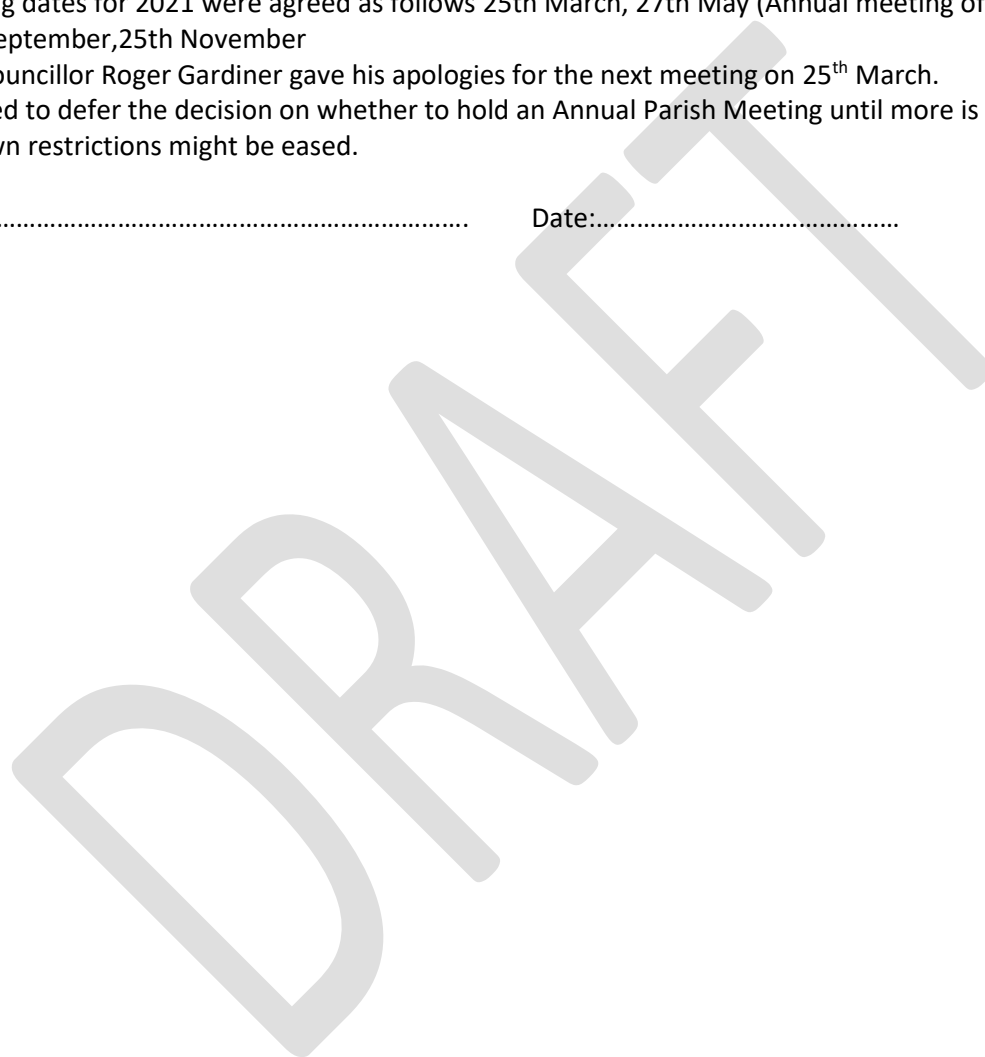
The meeting dates for 2021 were agreed as follows 25th March, 27th May (Annual meeting of the Council), 29th July, 30th September,25th November

Borough Councillor Roger Gardiner gave his apologies for the next meeting on 25th March.

It was agreed to defer the decision on whether to hold an Annual Parish Meeting until more is known about when the lockdown restrictions might be eased.

Signed:
(Chairman)

Date:.....



Planning Applications for Consideration

1	None	
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Planning Application Decisions made

1	20/03104/OOBC Burnt Pine Reading Road Padworth Common – Demolition of existing bungalow, 2 bedroom annexe, workshop and replacement with two storey dwelling, triple car garage with 2 bedroom annexe and workshop	Withdrawn
2	20/02343/FUL – Macartneys, The Common, Silchester. Retention of existing building (to be used as a games room and ancillary home office) and change of use of the land back to residential (Clerk responded with No objections between meetings under delegated powers on behalf of the Parish Council)	Granted
3	20/02015/HSE Wind Whistles, Welshmans Road Garage conversion with extension and first floor storage area	Granted

Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

1	20/03317/HSE – Heatherstone, Soke Road. Erection of single storey rear extension, two storey side extension, single storey front/side extension with rooms in the roof space and dormer window. Erection of single storey side extension following demolition of existing garage (objected)	Deadline 21 st Jan
2	20/03150/HSE – Rose Cottage, Farm Lane Single storey kitchen extension and utility room extension and replacement porch (No objections)	Deadline 7 th Jan
3	20/02978/FUL – Chapel of Countess of Huntingdons – Erection of BBQ lodge (no objections)	Deadline 19 th Jan
4	20/02394/HSE - Wildacre Pamber Road Silchester RG7 2NU Alterations to existing access and creation of new access (no objections)	Deadline 23 rd November
5	20/02637/CONS - Benyons Inclosure Welshmans Road Padworth Common - Variation of condition 3 to permission BDB/73759 for the revision of the end date to 31 October 2032	To be decided by HCC

Appendix B

	statement (3/11/2020)	Statement 31/12/2020
	£15,934.08	£13,809.25

**Payments since last meeting
date :**

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	November salary	244.80
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	Expenses postage and homeworking	25.44
EP	Mr N Thurlow	Cancer research donation	50.00
EP	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Poppy Wreath	17.00
EP	Hampshire County Council	Deposit for Church Road gateway	1542.79
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	December salary	244.80
TOTAL			£2,124.83

New Items for payment

EP/SO/Cheq	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
EP	VisionICT Ltd	Website hosting	150.00
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	January salary	244.80
TOTAL			£394.80

Receipts since last meeting date :

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
			£0.00

Payments not yet presented

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			£0.00

Receipts after statement date :

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
TOTAL			£0.00

Treasurers account balance after new payments	£13,414.45
Savings Account balance as at 31st December 2020	16606.14
	£30,020.59

Appendix C

Bank Reconciliation 15th January 2021

Authority name Mortimer West End Parish Council

Prepared by Christine McGarvie Clerk and RFO

Date 15th January 2021

Approved by Nick Thurlow Chair of council

Date 15th January 2021

Balance per bank statements as at 31st December 2020	£	£	
Treasurers Account		13809.25	
Savings Account		16606.14	
			30415.39

Less any un-presented cheques/payments at 15th January 2021

Add any uncleared cheques/cash/payments 0

Net Bank balances as at 15th January 2021 **£30,415.39**

CASH BOOK

Opening balance cashbook 1st April 2020 10706.83

Add: Receipts in the year 9708.03

Less: Payments in the year 6,605.61

Closing balance as per cash book as at 15th January 2021 **£13,809.25**

Opening balance savings account 16602.22

Add: Receipts in the year £3.92

Less: Payments in the year 0

Closing balance as per cash book as at 15th January 2021 **£16,606.14**

Overall closing balance **£30,415.39**

difference £0.00