

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

Date: Thursday 27th January 2022 Time: 7.30pm

Place: Mortimer West End Village Hall

Present: Cllr Nick Thurlow
Cllr David Lister
Cllr Kevin Cross
Cllr Andrew Arthur
Cllr Tom Watt

In Attendance: County Cllr Rhydian Vaughan
Borough Cllr Chris Tomblin
Christine McGarvie – Clerk
1 member of the public representing the Mortimer Parochial Church Council

1/22 Apologies for absence

Borough Cllrs Simon Mahaffey and Nick Robinson gave apologies.

2/22 To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda

None.

3/22 Minutes of the last parish council meeting

3.1 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of 25th November 2021

The minutes of the meeting held 25th November 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

3.2 Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda

None

4/22 Open Forum

A representative from the Parochial Church Council spoke in support of a grant request for grass cutting and hedge work at St.Saviour's churchyard. She explained that the grass has only been cut 3 times a year previously but it needs to be increased to 4 times a year. There is also a very overgrown hedge which needs to be cut back now as it is encroaching on graves.

The church does not have a lot of support from residents and finances are stretched.

Councillors offered their help with any tasks that could be done by volunteers.

5/22 Planning & Development

5.1 To note receipt of new applications and make comment see Appendix A

21/03797/FUL – The Laurels, Soke Road. Replacement of 1 no. dwelling

The Parish Council resolved to respond with no objections.

5.2 to update on any planning decisions

see Appendix A

6/22 Highways & Footpaths issues

6.1 To provide an update on use of the Speed Indicator Device.

The SID was used in Church Road for several weeks in December and the report was sent to the PCSO. There was one incident of a vehicle travelling at over 100 mph during the day. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Police and Crime Commissioner to highlight this case.

Action: Clerk

6.2 Road Closure

Clerk has received notification that West End Road will be closed from 7th February 2022 for up to 5 days from 9am to 4pm each day.

6.3 Other highways issues.

Clerk to chase up the flooding issue in Soke Road which was reported to Hampshire Highways.

Action: Clerk

Clerk to raise a case with Hampshire Highways to report the damage to the side of the road in Church Road near the junction to Wall Lane which happened when works were carried out by Thames Water.

Action: Clerk

7/22 Parish Environment

7.1 To discuss project to install automatic bollards at the entrance to the recreation ground car park and village hall.

A meeting was held with the contractor, the Cricket Club and the Village Hall representative so that requirements could be agreed. The Purchase order has been raised and a 50% deposit has been requested. It was agreed that a credit check should be done on the company before paying the deposit.

Action: Clerk

It was agreed that the Clerk should formally request the financial contributions from the Village Hall and Cricket Club towards the project.

Action: Clerk

There are at least two wooden bollards missing from the edge of the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that the Clerk should request a quotation from the Lengthsman for replacing these.

Action : Clerk

7.2 To discuss purchase of a flagpole for the village and a plaque

The Parochial Church Council have agreed to the flagpole in the churchyard being replaced. The former Chairman's family have also agreed that a flagpole and plaque would be a fitting memorial. Clerk to seek quotations for a suitable flag pole.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Thurlow to contact the PCC to ask if they are in agreement with a plaque being installed with the flagpole. Cllr Thurlow to draft wording for the plaque and agree with the family of the former Chairman.

Action: NT

Clerk to purchase flag and investigate a protocol for when the flag should be flown and how it should be managed.

Action: Clerk

It was also agreed that the Clerk should ask the War Memorial Trust to carry out a free assessment of the War Memorial in the churchyard.

Action: Clerk

8/22 To discuss producing a Parish Council Newsletter

It was agreed that a newsletter would not be produced as there was little engagement with the last one. Instead, the Chairman and Clerk will work on improving the website. Once the website has been improved posters will be produced to direct residents to the website. The poster will include a QR code.

Action: Clerk /NT

9/22 Reports

9.1 Report from County Councillor

County Councillor Rhydian Vaughan had provided a written report before the meeting.

Hampshire County Council are setting up a Queen's Jubilee Fund to support the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations with the aim of planting trees.

Improvements are being carried out on the Brighton Hill roundabout in Basingstoke and work is likely to continue until December 2023.

The Economic, Transport and Environment select committee are looking at the possibility of introducing 20mph speed limits in some areas but costs may be prohibitive and enforcement will be an issue.

9.2 Borough Councillor reports

Borough Cllr Chris Tomblin reported that Cllr Paul Miller has been announced as the new Mayor and Cllr David Leeks as Deputy Mayor. A motion was passed at the last full council meeting to improve the customer service call centre answer times. There was also a motion passed to allow officers more power to speed up the handover of services such as adoption of highways when developments are handed over.

Work is still ongoing on the new Local Plan. There has been some push back on the Government's requirement for 17400 new houses in the Borough. The new draft Local Plan is expected to go out for consultation in late Summer or Early Autumn 2022. This has been delayed until reports are available on water supply and other infrastructure issues which will inform the plan.

9.3 Clerk's report

Issues have been reported with the defibrillator at the village hall and it is currently out of action due to not having the required pads. Clerk has ordered pads and will ensure that the defibrillator is properly registered once the pads are in place.

Clerk will register as the main guardian and carry out the monthly safety checks. Concern was raised about the potential liability if the defibrillator is faulty. Cllr Thurlow agreed to draft some wording to make it clear that the Parish Council could not be considered liable.

Action: NT/Clerk

9.4 To receive reports from parish council representatives

Clarks Educational trust – Cllr Lister reported that he attended a meeting last week. Repairs are still being carried out on the house and tree work in the garden. house. The charity's finances are healthy.

Mortimer Quarry Liaison – No meeting.

10/22 Consultations

None

11/22 Finance

11.1 To approve payments, bank reconciliation and receipts

The payment list shown below in Appendix B was approved.

11.2 To consider grant request from St. Saviours Church

The Parochial Church Council requested a grant of £1252.80 to cover the cost of grass cutting and hedge cutting at the churchyard.

The Parish Council agreed to grant £600 towards the work at the Churchyard and to submit a request for a County Councillor's grant for an additional £650.

11.3 To agree budget for 2022/2023 and set precept

An updated version of the budget was discussed and agreed. The Parish Council resolved to set a precept of £10,250 for 2022/2023. Clerk to send precept request to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

Action: Clerk

12/22 The next meeting will be held on 24th March 2022 7.30pm

Signed:
(Chairman)

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Appendix A
January 2022

Planning Applications for Consideration

1	21/03797/FUL – The Laurels, Soke Road. Replacement of 1 no. dwelling	Deadline for comments 8 th Feb 22
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Planning Application Decisions made

1	21/03060/HSE - Holmwood Welshmans Road Padworth Common Erection of detached garage	Granted
2	21/01363/HSE – Blue Hayes, Church Road. Two storey rear extension	Granted

Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

1	21/03769/CONS – Benyons Enclosure, Welshman’s Road - Variation of condition 2 of Planing Permission ref 18/02243/CMA to allow importation of material until 2032	Deadline 22 nd November 2021
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Appendix B

	Statement 1/11/2021	Statement 31/12/2021
	£15,351.12	£14,861.52

Payments since last meeting date :

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	November salary	244.80
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	December salary	244.80
TOTAL			£489.60

New Items for payment

EP/SO/Cheq	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	January salary	244.80
EP	SCS Automation UK Ltd	Deposit for bollards	7530.80
EP	MWE Village Hall	Hall hire	45.00
TOTAL			£7,820.60

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	£7,530.52
Savings Account balance as at 31st December 2021	£16,607.81
	£24,138.33

