

MINUTES OF MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs Jeff Channing (in chair), John Millns, Gareth Jenkins, Julia Barnett, Andy Simmonds and clerk to the council, Sue Holder. Also in attendance were: Louise Govier, National Trust, Cllr Andrew Gibson, Cllr Ian Jeffrey and 5 Parishioners.

17/080 APOLOGIES: None

17/081 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

17/082 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 23RD NOVEMBER 2016: were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

17/083 MATTERS ARISING:

- Commercial dog walkers – it was reported that Cllr Simmonds has spoken to the manager of a dog walking company, that frequently bring large numbers of dogs to walk in the parish, about the complaints we have received. The details will also be passed to the National Trust Rangers and the Test Valley Borough Council Dog Warden.

17/084 PARISHIONERS OPEN FORUM: None

17/085 NATIONAL TRUST

Louise gave the following report:

- It was confirmed that whilst there are no restrictions on the allotment land there are no plans to change the use of this land.
- The new biomass boiler is now running.
- A topographical survey is planned to re-design a more efficient carpark at the Visitor Centre.
- It will be necessary to install a new sewage treatment plant underneath the farm yard as the existing septic tank is no longer fit for purpose.
- Parish passes are being taken up.
- A Rex Whistler exhibition is currently on at The Abbey.
- A display of Mrs Russell's war diaries is planned for March.

17/086 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

- It was reported that a new highways maintenance contract has been signed with Amey, and new equipment is being purchased.

17/087 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

- It was reported that a re-organisation of all wards is taking place in time for the 2019 elections. It has been proposed that Borough Councillor numbers will reduce to 43 and the Dun Valley ward is likely to get bigger. A 10-week consultation will finish on the 3rd April, during which time Cllr Jeffrey would support any objections to the proposals. The final proposal will be published on the 10th October.

17/088 HIGHWAYS

a) Mottisfont Village Centre

Following a lengthy debate, the parish council resolved to support the Hampshire County Council design for a virtual footpath in the Mottisfont Village Centre, clearly

marked out with appropriate signage for a conservation area, in addition to pursuing with the National Trust the possibility of extending the existing footpath at Hazel Cottage to the visitor's car park. The work will be funded from section 106 money, Hampshire County Council funding and the parish council. It was noted that this scheme will address pedestrian safety only and not traffic calming concerns. Cllr Simmonds has requested that the junction is marked out so that the public and parish councillors could see clearly what is proposed.

b) **Other Highways Issues:** Cllr Simmonds reported the following issues for Hampshire Highways:

- The white line needs reinstating in Mottisfont Lane from the Abbey carpark.
- The drain near Spearywell Farmhouse has been reported.
- The edge of Jermyns Lane is failing, and the surface here is poor.
- The pothole at the Mottisfont and Dunbridge Station still needs to be repaired.
- Barbed wire on Footpath 6 requires repair.
- Hatt Lane needs to be swept.
- Drains on Hatt Hill need clearing.
- Barley Hill road surface is starting to crumble and split.

17/089 VILLAGE HALL

- It was reported that the village hall lease has 9 years to go which is an issue for potential grant funding. National Trust will advise the best way to resolve.
- A new kitchen is being installed at the village hall funded by the lottery.

17/090 FINANCE

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| a) Bank Balance 00182619 | £ 9318.93 |
| 01542503 | £10452.95 |
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b) **Payments for Approval (R) = Retrospective**

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| Clerk expenses Dec / Jan | £432.72 | #577 |
| National Trust – Rent | £875.00 | #578 |

- c) **Noticeboard maintenance** - resolved to make necessary repairs to the noticeboard at Dunbridge from this year's budget.
- d) **Budget 2017/18** – resolved to approve the budget proposed for 2017/18
- e) **Precept** – Based on the budget and year-end balance resolved not to increase the precept for 2017/18.
- f) **Village Bus Funding** – It was reported that Hampshire County Council have agreed funding of £5,000 each from two committee towards the new village bus. In addition, Borough Councillor Peter Boulton of Test Valley Borough Council, will contribute £800, £1000 from County Councillor Andrew Gibson of Hampshire County Council, and Cllr Jeffrey may contribute £200.00 (to be confirmed). Mottisfont parish council agreed at the last meeting to contribute £1000 if Hampshire County Council were satisfied with the business case presented for their grant funding. It was reported that Broughton parish council will also contribute financially.

17/091 PLANNING

- a) New applications (since last meeting). None
- b) Decisions received (since last meeting).

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| 16/02235/FULLS | Canefield House | PC No objection | TVBC - Permission |
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- c) **Parish Plan.** A presentation of the results of the questionnaire was well received at a recent meeting, and a summary document is now being produced.

17/092 CORRESPONDANCE: Nothing to report

17/093 MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Barnett attended the last village bus committee meeting and the Annual General Meeting is scheduled for the 20th February.

17/094 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that Virgin Media were working with some neighbouring parishes to provide a solution to super-fast broadband.

17/095 PARISHONERS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING

- An email copy of the parish council agenda and approved minutes was agreed to be acceptable practise upon request from a parishioner. Clerk to arrange if requested.

17/096 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 15th March 2017.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm