

**MINUTES OF MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING Held on  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm in the village hall.**

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors Channing, in chair, P Barnett, J Barnett, Simmonds, Millns, Jenkins and clerk to the council, S Holder. Also, in attendance was Louise Govier of the National Trust.

**19/082 APOLOGIES:** Received from Cllr Gibson.

**19/083 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**19/084 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> November:** were sent to all councillors prior to the meeting. They were unanimously agreed to be a correct record and signed at this meeting by the Chairman.

**19/085 MATTERS ARISING:**

- Further to a previous discussion on rural broadband, Cllr P Barnett reported that there had been few responses to the recent article in The Acorn on a potential solution to poor broadband coverage in the parish.

**19/086 OPEN FORUM:** None

**19/087 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT:** Cllr Gibson was not in attendance but sent the following report:

**Hampshire County Council**

The law has now changed meaning opposite-sex couples can legally enter into civil partnerships. Winchester Registry office has already made several civil partnership ceremony bookings.

**Highways**

The rain during December has left many roads damaged further and in need of repair. Also, with the flooding in some villages, the drains will need re-cleaning. A programme is in now in operation but is being delayed by high ground water levels according to Highways.

**Wheelabrator, Harewood, Nr Andover**

The Wheelabrator waste to energy Incinerator planning consultation, which closed on the 12th December 2019, has provoked thousands of letters and emails in opposition to the project and very few in favour. There have been suggestions that the consultation did not meet all the conditions to render it as 'adequate'. We now need to wait to see the Wheelabrator response, but it is expected that they will move to submit a full national planning application in the spring.

**Climate change**

Cllr Jan Warwick has taken on the Climate lead role at the County Council. Hampshire County Council endorsed the decision to declare a 'Climate Emergency' in line with the action taken by many authorities in July 2019. In January 2020 Cabinet approved an action plan to provide a meaningful and effective set of measures to ensure that Hampshire moves towards carbon neutrality and greater resilience to the effects of climate change. Following this initiative some parishes have started to create their own Carbon Neutral strategies. I am happy to help promote dialogue and cooperation between Hampshire County Council and the parishes.

**Household Waste Recycling Centres**

A new resident permit system will begin operating later this year. It will be controlled by Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and will ensure continued free access for Hampshire residents to any of Hampshire's 24 HWRCs to dispose of household waste, while access for non-Hampshire residents will be for a fee of £5 per visit. Charges for non-household waste, including soil and rubble, plasterboard and asbestos remain. Hampshire residents can register up to three vehicles via the Hampshire County Council website at [www.hants.gov.uk/vehicle-registration-hwrc](http://www.hants.gov.uk/vehicle-registration-hwrc). For residents without internet access, please call 0300 555 1389 to register.

### **Library Consultation**

While it is proposed to keep 37 Libraries open, there will be some closures if the proposals in the consultation are adopted hence it is important to express your views. The consultation begins on 9th January and details plus the documentation is available on the HCC website.

### **19/088 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT: Not in attendance**

#### **19/089 NATIONAL TRUST**

Louise Govier gave the following report:

- Village Hall repairs to the cracked walls have started.
- Initial tests to improve the drainage at the Visitor Centre car park did not work during the recent heavy rain and another solution is required.
- The Winter Garden has been established for 10 years.
- A wellbeing trail at The Abbey will celebrate the National Trusts 125th anniversary.
- A comedy and commentary exhibition at The Abbey will demonstrate British cartooning history, in addition to an immersive art installation in the Red Room exploring Mottisfont's historic architectural layers.
- A day of song will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May.

### **19/090 PLANNING**

#### **a) Nothing to report on new planning applications.**

#### **b) Proposal relating to Station Goods Yard, Dunbridge**

Cllr Channing reported that he had met with the owners of the Station Goods Yard and Test Valley Borough Council Planners regarding the recent planning application submitted for the Station Goods Yard, and confirmed that policy COM 9 will need to be evidenced before any plans for development here are approved by Test Valley. This process requires full consultation and engagement with the parish, evidence of community benefit and an up to date housing needs survey completed to satisfy the need for housing. The parish council agreed at this meeting that it preferred a residential use on this site to other options and will offer to work with the owners and architects to shape a scheme that benefits and is supported by the community.

### **19/091 HIGHWAYS**

#### **a) Outstanding Issues:** Cllr Simmonds provided the following report:

Potholes and blocked grips along the Lockerley Road, Bengers Lane and on the Spearywell Road have been reported;

Blocked ditch along the Spearywell Road has been reported;

Blocked drains on Hatt Hill have been reported;  
Road sweeping is required on the Oakley Road and on Hatt Lane, following hedge cutting;  
Salt Bins require filling.

- b) **Dunbridge Village gateway enhancements:** Cllr Simmonds presented a report based on measures aimed at reducing traffic speeds along Barley Hill. This included a gateway style entrance to Dunbridge village, and new 30mph terminals and nameplates bearing the name Dunbridge to include the river, trout and bridge image. In addition to the signage, a raised table on the road surface was discussed, which is predicted to reduce vehicle speeds by 4 or 5mph. (Further south along Barley Hill a matching Dunbridge roundel nameplate could be installed on the 40mph terminal post on the southern approaches to the village. This new style village nameplate could also be positioned near Dunerley Cottage along Lockerley Road and at the River Dun as you enter Dunbridge from the north.) Cllr Simmonds proposed a budget of £2,700 to purchase two village gateways and five new speed reminder signs / nameplates. Cllr Millns seconded this proposal and the parish council were unanimously in support of the expenditure provided Hampshire Highways approve the proposal to include a coloured raised table on the road and new white lining at the site.
- c) **National Trust Parking:** The parish council are concerned about an increase in traffic to The Abbey especially through the Mottisfont village conservation area. The parish council resolved to request a written report from the National Trust providing a short- and long-term plan that will manage the increase in visitor numbers regarding both traffic through the village and parking on site. A projection of visitor numbers will also be requested.

## 19/092 FINANCE

TSB Account 00182619	£ 9,924.87
TSB Account 01542503	£10,933.80
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	£ 20,858.67

- a) The following payments were approved for payment:

Clerks expenses for Dec and Jan	£434.12	#638
Sign Trade Supplies, Post	£60.10	#639
National Trust	£900.00	#640

- b) S106 for Public Open Spaces – this item will be discussed at the next meeting.
- c) Budget / Precept 2020/21 – a draft budget had been prepared for the council. With the inclusion of an allowance for the bus committee and repairs to the Village Hall the budget was approved by the council. Due to

the projected year end balance, the parish council agreed that no increase in the precept was necessary this year and the clerk will request a precept of £6509.00.

**19/093 CORRESPONDENCE**

- Following the recent rail strike a member of the public has requested that the parish council write a letter of complaint to South Western Rail. This was agreed and will be copied to Caroline Nokes, MP.

**19/094 MEETINGS ATTENDED - none**

**19/095 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- It was reported that the village hall committee were installing a system to turn on the heating remotely.
- South Western Rail will take over management of Mottisfont and Dunbridge station from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.
- The recently purchased 'pick up' stickers for the attention of dog walkers do not adhere to surfaces.

**19/096 PARISHONERS COMMENTS ON ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:**

None

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm