

**MINUTES OF MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING Held on
Wednesday 20th November 2019 at 7.30pm in the village hall.**

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Channing, in chair, P Barnett, Millns, Jenkins and clerk to the council, S Holder. Also, in attendance was Test Valley Borough Cllr Johnston, Louise Govier of the National Trust and two members of the public.

19/066 APOLOGIES: Cllrs Simmonds and J Barnett.

19/067 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

19/068 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 25th SEPTEMBER: were sent to all councillors prior to the meeting and unanimously agreed with a handwritten amendment by the chairman. They were signed as a correct record by the chairman.

19/069 MATTERS ARISING:

- Cllr Channing attended a meeting held by the Test Valley Association of Town and Parish Councils and climate change was discussed.

19/070 OPEN FORUM:

- It was reported that the approved minutes were not always being put on the noticeboards.

19/071 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT: Not in attendance

19/072 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT: Cllr Johnston gave the following report:

- Cllr Johnston reported that Test Valley Borough Council are working with Natural England, Southern Water and the Environment Agency to stop nitrogen from housing wastewater and agricultural sources accelerating the growth of algae and damaging protected wildlife habitats, following reports that nitrate levels were too high in the Solent. Until a mitigation solution is found, planning applications for new dwellings or applications that would result in any increased occupancy overnight will be put on hold.
- It had been reported in the 'Mid Test Matters' that Stockbrige parish council had a speed limit reminder sign available for purchase, however this is not to be the case.
- Broadband was discussed.

19/073 NATIONAL TRUST

Louise Govier gave the following report:

- Fewer visitors reported at The Abbey this autumn, possibly due to the wet weather.
- Improvements to drainage and parking spaces at the visitor car park are progressing and due for completion in February. Currently car park marking methods are being tested.
- Village Hall repairs to the rainwater damage potentially causing cracking in the walls are scheduled for early 2020.
- The BT telephone box in Spearywell has now been formally adopted by the National Trust. Repairs to the door will be made.
- The nativity scene will be at Spearywell Orchard again on the 13th December.

19/074 RURAL BROADBAND – RURAL GIGABYTE VOUCHER SCHEME

The chairman reported that he had received a quote from Openreach to supply super-fast broadband to 39 dwellings in Mottisfont. The quote for £69,000, split between each resident would still be expensive, even with the use of the Government's rural gigabyte voucher scheme. Virgin Media have also been approached and they would be prepared to extend coverage further to Mottisfont and Lockerley from the existing virtual town created in the Tytherley's and Broughton villages. Cllr Channing will continue discussions to include TVBC and neighbouring parishes.

19/075 PLANNING

19/1603/FULLS Former Railway Siding

It was reported that this application has now been withdrawn by the applicants. On the advice of Test Valley Borough Council, the application needs to be a community led development and the application did not accord with a number of planning policies. The parish council were in support of the chairman liaising with the applicants going forward with the application.

19/076 HIGHWAYS

a) Outstanding Issues: Cllr Simmonds sent the following report:

Potholes

There are outstanding potholes to be filled in. These include several large holes between Hatt Terrace and Bushywood Cottage on Hatt Hill. Also, several deep and dangerous potholes located just north of Hope Cottage on the B3084 at Jerrem's Hill, are still awaiting repair. There are also potholes breaking out again outside Pugs Bunny Cottage in Spearywell Road. Pothole filling work has been very patchy across the parish. Bengers Lane is another road constantly in need of repair and as soon as a couple of holes are reported others appear.

Lengthsman

Weather may impact on work to be completed this month.

Footway on Hatt Hill

I have asked HCC to look at this site alongside the B3084 again between its junction with Hatt Lane & Hatt Terrace. The current surface is inadequate and dangerous when it is wet. It needs a proper non-slip hard surface.

Salt Bins

I have asked Hampshire Highways team to clean out and restock salt bins at four locations around Mottisfont in preparation for the winter months. I have also requested a salt bin to be installed on Hatt Lane near its junction with the B3084, Hatt Hill.

Speed Limit Reminder Device

Councillors have been informed (as above) that the Stockbridge speed monitoring device is apparently not available. My observations are that highest traffic speeds are without doubt on the B3084 in Mottisfont at two locations in particular. These are on Hatt Hill and Spearywell Road. Both these locations have 40mph speed restrictions and no roadside footways except the small stretch between the River Dun and Mottisfont Footpath 9 (Hatt Hill to Hatt Lane). Trying to cross the B3084 at its junction with Hatt Lane is dangerous. The number of vehicles using the B3084 has increased dramatically during the last 15 years or so, and with the growing deer

population an accident is waiting to happen. It's a similar picture right along the B3084 all the way up to Broughton.

- b) Speed Limit Reminder Sign: Note Cllr Johnston report above.
- c) Barley Hill residents survey of traffic incidents: The results of a survey from 16 houses on Barley Hill about incidents relating to vehicles here were presented by Cllr P Barnett and a summary of those findings are appended to these minutes. Traffic calming options were discussed; however, it was noted (as in Cllr Simmond's report) that Hatt Hill and Jerrem's Hill were as or more dangerous. Cllr Jenkins proposed a village gateway on the approach to Barley Hill and to extend the current 30mph limit further up the hill. These options will be discussed with Hampshire Highways.

19/077 FINANCE

TSB Account 00182619	£11,559.35
TSB Account 01542503	£ 10,765.81

	£ 22,325.14

a) Payments for Approval (R) = Retrospective

Clerks pay to include the NT Rent paid due to lost cheque	£894.72	#634
Web hosting (c/o Peter Barnett)	£74.36	#635
Tudor Jenkins – Church Green posts	£432.00	#636
Bramley Furniture – Mottisfont finial	£234.00	#637

b) S106 for Public Open Spaces – this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

19/078 CORRESPONDENCE

- A report of a pothole in Bengers Lane, noted.
- A list of phone boxes to be removed locally was received, noted.
- Mid Test Matters, noted

19/079 MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr P Barnett attended the bus committee meeting on the 4th November and reported that passenger numbers were down. However, there are no plans to increase fares and the number of excursions will be extended. It was reported that the bus step is a problem for some passengers, with no easy solution.

19/080 ANY OTHER BUSINESS - None

19/081 PARISHONERS COMMENTS ON ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING

- An up to date housing needs survey was discussed which would be required to support development at the Former Railway Sidings.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

