

**MINUTES OF MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING Held on
Wednesday 24th June 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.**

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 and one member of the public.

21/001 APOLOGIES: Received from Cllr Gibson with the following report sent:

- Hampshire County Council are grappling with the pre-booking system at recycling centres but hope that the reduction in social distancing will help open the recycling centres. The recycling centres are currently running at 25% of capacity due to the COVID 19 measures.
- Cllr Gibson has received emails concerning the road from Dunbridge Station along Dunbridge Lane towards Romsey. The concern is about the speed of cars and the risk to pedestrians. (See item 21/008)
- It was reported that several permitted developments, similar to the Lime Kiln application, have been allowed by Test Valley Borough Council, two in Kings Somborne.
- Extensive repairs had been made to the B3084 north of the Village Hall.

21/002 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

Cllrs Channing and Millns declared an interest in the planning application 20/01058/PDQS for Lime Kiln.

21/003 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15th JANUARY: were sent to all councillors prior to the meeting. They were unanimously agreed to be a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman.

21/004 FINANCE:

- a) Internal Audit: The clerk reported that the internal audit had been completed satisfactorily by Mrs Julie Black.
- b) Year End Accounts to 31.3.20: The parish council had been sent a copy of the year end accounts electronically before the meeting and were unanimously approved at this meeting.
- c) Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20: The parish council approved section 1, Annual Governance Statement and then section 2 the Accounting Statements.
- d) Dates of the period for the exercise of public rights: This notice has been posted on the website confirming the period to be from the 15th June to 24th July 2020.
- e) Payments raised between meetings:

HCC	Installation of village gateway	£2016.00	#643®
Glasdon	Village Gateway	£2108.70	#644®
Clerk	Feb, March exp	£422.72	#645®
Came & Co	PC Insurance	£501.03	#646®
Clerk	April, May exp	£422.72	#647®
Nuneaton	Speed signs	£430.69	#648®
Clerk	June exp	£217.66	#649®

21/005 NATIONAL TRUST

Louise Govier gave the following report:

- Due to the coronavirus pandemic the Abbey was forced to close earlier in the year, and this will impact the Trust financially. It is estimated that £2 million was lost during this time which may not be recovered for many years. Currently much of the workforce is still furloughed and many of the volunteers are self-isolating. The Abbey re-opened on the 3rd June with a vastly reduced number of staff all working extremely hard, and a booking system has been introduced to restrict the number of visitors to accommodate the social distancing rules. The booking system is likely to be in place until September however Louise did comment that the consequence of this new system has been less traffic through the village centre and no parking issues. It is possible that looking ahead the booking system may be the solution to managing visitor numbers at the busiest times of the year.
- Louise reported that she was leaving her post on the 17th July to be replaced by Victoria Fletcher. The chairman thanked Louise for her work in the parish saying how much the parish council had enjoyed working with her.

21/006 PLANNING**a) New planning applications.**

20/01058/PDQS Lime Kiln

Conversion of agricultural building to a single dwelling.

Mottisfont Parish Council has been informed of this application by the clerk, which is for a large single dwelling in the open countryside at Lime Kiln Meadow. The parish council has not been invited to comment because the application has been submitted as permitted development. At this meeting, the parish council did not consider the merits of the proposed development, but wish to register an objection to the process by which the application is being considered and feels very strongly that a dwelling of this sort should be subject to a full planning application and considered against the background of Test Valley policy as set out in the local plan. It should be subject to normal consultation procedures with the parish and local residents. The parish council's feeling was that the planning process should always be transparent and equitable. The parish council resolved to write to the Planning Portfolio holder of Test Valley Borough Council and ask that this PDQS application is considered by the Planning Committee.

Unauthorised occupation of Lime Kiln Meadow has previously been subject to a planning appeal and the Inspector allowed the previous resident to occupy a caravan on the site for his lifetime only. He is now deceased.

The PDQS application potentially sets a precedent for the owner of the field opposite Lime Kiln Meadow who has been seeking to establish lawful

residency in the field and thereby create a further dwelling in the open countryside. TVBC enforcement have been in contact with this gentleman on a number of occasions.

b) Existing applications

20/00631/OBLS Russell Drive - pending

21/007 HIGHWAYS

Dunbridge Village gateway enhancements:

- Cllr Simmonds reported that the work order had been placed with Hampshire Highways to install the new 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 will be installed and new white lining.
- The parish council resolved to accept Cllr Gibson's offer to meet at Barley Hill to consider the volume and speed of traffic once traffic levels are back to normal following the pandemic lockdown.

21/008 Open Forum

- A resident from Dunbridge addressed the parish council with concerns for the speed of traffic on Barley Hill and the lack of provision for pedestrians here, requesting that consideration is given to lower the speed limit to 30mph and some form of footway from the houses at the top of Barley Hill to the train station. It was noted that children using the train station for school and walkers were not safe. The parish council were sympathetic with the concerns raised and would support a proposal to Hampshire County Council to reduce the speed limit. Cllr Simmonds would also discuss with the Kimbridge Estate the possibility of a footpath inside their field.

21/009 CORRESPONDENCE

- Barley Hill traffic concerns (IJ) – discussed in open forum
- Defibrillator funding (PF) – clerk to establish what funding is required.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm