

MINUTES OF MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING Held on Wednesday 15th March 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: Dylan Everett, National Trust, Cllr Ian Jeffrey and Andrew Gibson and 3 parishioners.

17/097 APOLOGIES: None

17/098 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

17/099 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 18th January 2017: were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

17/100 MATTERS ARISING:

- Commercial Dog Walkers. The parish council feel that Test Valley Borough Council should impose a limit to the number of dogs walked at one time by commercial dog walkers. Cllr Jeffrey will establish if there is a borough policy. (Note by Clerk, TVBC have confirmed that there is no limit on the number of dogs that can be walked at one time).

17/101 PARISHONERS OPEN FORUM: No comments received.

17/102 NATIONAL TRUST

- A burglary at the Farm Yard was reported.
- The proposal for a new footpath on the estate from the village centre to the National Trust carpark has been considered by The Trust, but not felt to be practical. They would support an extension to the proposed virtual footpath all the way down to the carpark.
- The biomass boiler is working very well.
- It was reported that with the busy season starting soon the Trust are looking at parking solutions to ensure the roads in and out of the village do not get blocked this year. The Trust is also reviewing the layout of the main car park.
- The nesting season is starting on the estate.
- A cutting from the Oakley Oak has been planted, and it was agreed that the Oakley Oak panel needs updating.
- The fishery will open in April.

17/103 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

- It was reported that a new highways contract has been signed with Skanska.
- Hampshire County Council are refurbishing Romsey and Andover library, to create a community hub.
- Cllr Gibson still has money in his allocate Community budget.

17/104 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

- Cllr Jeffrey reported that Test Valley Borough Council have made a financial contribution towards the Broughton and Mottisfont community bus.
- A meeting is scheduled with the head of planning to discuss concerns the parish council have on planning enforcement, which the chairman will attend.
- It was reported that a new ward name would be required as part of the boundary review, and the parish council resolved to support the name Mid Test Ward.

17/105 HIGHWAYS

a) Outstanding:

- B3084 between Jerrems Hill and Bentley Bends at Mottisfont. HCC has carried out a temporary fix with drainage problems near Lime Kiln Meadow Farm. A small drainage ditch has been dug where possible in a bid to alleviate problems with surface water on the B3084. However, funding is being sourced through HCC's capital budget to implement a major drainage scheme at this location to help reduce flooding. Edge of carriageway repairs have been requested further north along the B3084 near Bentley Cottages and towards Hildon Water's entrance which is close to the Mottisfont boundary.
- HCC has agreed to inspect the carriageway at Barley Hill in Dunbridge where defects have been reported.
- Potholes at Mottisfont & Dunbridge Station level crossing have at last been filled in as a temporary measure. A road closure order is still being processed so that a more substantial repair can be done. Other potholes around Mottisfont parish are being dealt with but there would seem to be a cluster of new ones appearing all the time including Lockerley Road and along the B3084.
- Blocked drains. Various drains need cleaning out including along the B3084 at numerous locations and on the Oakley Road and Mottisfont Lane.
- HCC have been approached about building a roadside footway along the B3084 between Hatt Lane and Bengers Lane at Mottisfont again. The desire for a footway on Hatt Hill is recognised in the Test Valley Transport Statement however.
- HCC have also been asked to consider reducing the speed limit down to 30mph to improve pedestrian safety along the whole length of Hatt Hill from just north of the River Dun up to the Bengers Lane junction of the B3084, and the parish council are waiting for the Traffic management team to respond. (Cllr Simmonds)

b) Request for access into fields alongside Dunbridge Lane. The parish council discussed a proposal to request pedestrian access, along the top of the two fields alongside Dunbridge Lane, from the landowner. This request is following an incident involving a pedestrian on the bend below 4 Barley Hill Cottage. The parish council agreed to support the proposal in principle and will consider the details further.

c) Parish Lengthsman Scheme

It was reported that the scheme will operate again this year with the same amount of funds available to each parish as in previous years. However, HCC wants more emphasis put on work connected with rights of way. The parish council resolved to purchase signage, using this budget, for Mottisfont Abbey and the village centre at each end of Mottisfont Footpath 9 which runs between Hatt Hill and Hatt Lane. This is to help signpost visitors to Mottisfont arriving by train via Mottisfont & Dunbridge Station.

17/106 VILLAGE HALL – Nothing to report.

17/107 FINANCE

a) Bank Balance 00182619

£ 7578.49

01542503

£10454.26

£18032.75

b) Payments for Approval (R) = Retrospective

Clerk	£432.72	#579
Village Bus	£1000.00	#580
Nuneaton Signs	£46.88	#582

17/108 PLANNING

- There were no new plans to discuss or decisions received from Test Valley Borough Council.
- It was reported that the parish plan consultation document is progressing.

17/109 CORRESPONDANCE

- Mr Horne – addressed under Highways.

17/110 MEETINGS ATTENDED

- Cllr Barnett attended the village bus AGM.
- Cllr Simmonds attended the recent Three Rivers meeting, and reported that the use of Mottisfont and Dunbridge station has increased again this year.
- Cllr Channing attended a meeting hosted by the Police and Crime Commissioner on rural crime, and reported that 84% of reports received by the police are about crime. Safeguarding was felt to be an issue which may be relevant to parish councils.

17/111 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The parish council thanked Mr Lawrence for making repairs to the noticeboard.
- The Christmas tree lights at the social club were noted as the cause of possible light pollution in the village centre.

17/112 PARISHONERS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON ITEMS DISCUSSED AT

- Methods of directing traffic away from the village centre, at busy times, was discussed. It was also suggested that if visitors to the Abbey are the cause of concern for pedestrian safety in the village centre, should the National Trust not pay for safety solutions here?
- Will we lose s106 money if not spent?

17/113 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 26th (APM)

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