

MINUTES OF MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING Held on Wednesday 22nd November 2017 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs Channing (in chair), Julia Barnett John Millns, Peter Barnett, Andrew Simmonds. Gareth Jenkins and clerk to the council, Sue Holder. Also in attendance were 2 members of the public.

17/171 APOLOGIES: Resolved to accept apologies from Cllrs Gibson, Jeffrey and Louise Govier.

17/172 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

17/173 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20th SEPTEMBER 2017: were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

17/174 MATTERS ARISING: None

17/175 PARISHONERS OPEN FORUM:

- A dog walker with 8 dogs off the lead in Keepers Lane was reported.
- A lack of quality control of pot hole repairs was discussed.

17/176 NATIONAL TRUST

Louise Govier sent the following report:

Our contractor (Haycal) has begun work on replacing the fence along the boundary of the property through the village, working in areas where the road is wide enough not to need traffic calming or road closure. He has applied for a permit for a temporary road closure as previously discussed (only on weekdays, outside of peak traffic hours) and has been told it will be granted; however, he has not got a confirmed date yet because Network Rail already have two planned road closures that they may enact, and there is another road closure near Broughton so there may be too many road closures at once. If this is the case, we will have to wait until we are given the go ahead to proceed. Meanwhile, Haycal will continue to work on the sections that are next to the wider sections of the road.

Village Hall lease – James Taylor is chasing our Legal Team following enquiries to them. We are pushing for progress on this, and apologise that it is taking longer than we would like.

Planning permission was granted for the waste water treatment plant in the Abbey farm-yard, and for the new garden in the frameyard (walled garden), so work is beginning on these and is expected to continue over the winter.

Christmas decorations around the grounds and in the Abbey open next Saturday 24th November, and the Kaffe Fassett exhibition also remains open through to January 14th. We'll be open every day except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, with a family trail around the grounds and lovely trees in the house, so do come for a festive stroll.

We're looking forward to welcoming the St Andrews congregation following the Advent service on Sunday 3 December, for the lighting of the advent wreath in the cellarium (and refreshments).

We're also very pleased to be supporting the community again this year with the creation of the nativity scene in Spearywell Orchard, and are looking forward to carols, mince pies and mulled wine there at 6pm on Friday 15th December.

17/177 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT: Not in attendance
 17/178 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT. Not in attendance.

17/179 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

It was reported that Test Valley Borough Council are to carry out a community governance review to ensure that the arrangements for community governance across the Borough reflect 'the identities and interests of the community in the area.' Consideration will be given to parish boundaries, names of parishes, electoral arrangements for parish councils etc. Following initial discussions, Mottisfont parish council were not in favour of any changes other than to extend the parish boundary to the A3057 to include Mottisfont Station.

17/180 PLANNING

a) **The following Planning Applications were discussed at this meeting:**

17/02523/TREES	Mottisfont Post Office	Various works.	PC no comment
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b) **Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment:** It was reported that Test Valley Borough Council were in the process of calling for sites for potential housing, economic development, Gypsy and Travelling Showpeople and self build housing. The following sites were reported from this parish:

- Land west of Saunders Lane – 10-20 residential properties
- Mottisfont and Dunbridge Station sidings – 10-15 residential properties
- Land west of Mottisfont and Dunbridge Station – 1 residential property

c) **Parish Planning** – Reported that Cllr Channing will meet with Test Valley Borough Council to discuss planning in small parishes.

d) **Enforcement cases in the parish** – Cllr Nick Adams King from Test Valley Borough Council planning department is liaising with the Enforcement Officer responsible for land north of Hillside Cottage.

17/181 WEBSITE

Cllr Peter Barnett offered to set up a parish council website, and the parish council resolved to accept his offer. Registration of a site will cost £5.99 with an annual fee of £35.00 plus VAT.

17/182 HIGHWAYS

- **Mottisfont Village Centre virtual footpath** – nothing to report
- **Outstanding Issue**
B3084 – will be closed for a week in November for drainage work.
Potholes around Mottisfont Parish are being repaired regularly.
Hatt Hill drains are scheduled to be cleared, and a gully near The Fox was reported at this meeting as blocked.
 The parish Lengthsman has almost completed putting up the Mottisfont Parish Path

numbers at the start and finish points of rights of way, and will be assigned sign cleaning during December.

17/183 VILLAGE HALL

- It was reported that the parish council have supported a grant application the village hall management committee were submitting to Test Valley Borough Council to refurbish the outbuildings used for storage at Mottisfont Village Hall.
- Cllr Millns reported that a Health and Safety policy was being written.

17/184 FINANCE

TSB Account 00182619	£ 9,642.64
TSB Account 01542503	£10,457.72

	£20,100.36

a) Payments for Approval (R) = Retrospective

Clerks pay and expenses for Oct and Nov	£432.72	#595
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b) Payments received – TVBC precept £3254.50 (second payment)

c) Training – Resolved that Cllr P Barnett attend the new councillor training course and Cllr Channing the chairman course.

d) Replacement Seat for Hatt Lane - It was reported that the village hall management committee were purchasing a recycled bench; a quote for two benches was proposed.

e) Expenditure Options – this item was deferred to the January meeting when the budget will be discussed.

17/185 WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

The parish council are waiting to hear the future of the Bunny Lane recycling centre in Romsey, before making comment on the service provided by Test Valley Borough Council.

17/186 CORRESPONDANCE – all these items of correspondence were dealt with during the meeting.

- TVBC – Final recommendations for boundary review
- Various regarding Governance review
- SHELAA
- David Francis – refurbishment of outbuildings at village hall
- Pat Francis – thank you for the parish council contribution to the Defibrillators.

17/187 MEETINGS ATTENDED

- Cllr Channing attended a meeting hosted by Test Valley Borough Council on the next Local Plan;
- Cllr J Barnett attended the Bus Committee meeting and reported that the community bus was very busy. Concern over budget cuts to concessionary fares was noted by the parish council.
- Cllrs J and P Barnett attended a Community Resilience meeting which covered possible parish emergencies; this will be discussed further at a future meeting with Mark Taylor, who lives in the parish and is a specialist in resilience planning.

17/188 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- It was reported that BT have now provided the infrastructure to support super-fast

broadband to some parts of the village.

17/189 PARISHONERS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING

- It was reported that a BT contractor employed to cut foliage away from BT lines is leaving branches in the hedges.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.24pm