

MINUTES OF MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING Held on Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Julia Barnett, in chair, Gareth Jenkins, Peter Barnett, John Millns and clerk to the council, Sue Holder. Also, in attendance were, Ian Jeffrey Test Valley Borough Council, Louise Govier and Dylan Everett of the National Trust and one member of the public.

18/055 APOLOGIES: Accepted from Cllr Simmonds and Channing

18/056 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS: Cllr Jenkins declared an interest in the item on deer management and took no part in the discussion.

18/057 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 19th September: were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman in attendance at this meeting.

18/058 MATTERS ARISING:

- Pot holes in Keepers Lane were reported again but may be due to a water leak here.
- Reported that the white lines have now been reinstated in Mottisfont village centre in addition to new SLOW markings on the road. It is understood that there is not enough carriageway to create a virtual footpath here after all.

18/059 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT: Not in attendance

18/060 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT:

Cllr Jeffrey reported that Test Valley Borough Council were successfully prosecuting fly tippers. Representatives from the National Trust in attendance at the meeting responded that they have noticed a significant increase in fly tipping on their land, in particular builders' rubble which is no longer accepted at our recycling centres. This led to a debate on fly tipping across the Test Valley area generally, and the parish council have asked for further details to include the number of cases and costs associated with fly tipping across the Test Valley to include privately owned land. Sparkle Days are available from Test Valley Borough Council.

18/061 NATIONAL TRUST REPORT:

Louise Govier reported that the head of the planning department of Test Valley Borough Council had recently visited the new developments at the Abbey, including the Walled Garden, and is content that the character of the estate has been maintained. Projects pending planning approval include safer footpaths around the house and the car park re-design. The car park is reported to be a complex project with consideration being given to surface drainage and will be a two phased project. Christmas preparations are under way and the woodland winter management programme is ongoing. It was reported that the advent procession has been cancelled for this year.

The parish council had concerns following a report of accidents involving deer on the roads, in addition to an apparent increase to herd sizes. Dylan Everett responded that the Trust have a deer management programme in place which is in line with the neighbouring Estate but which also respects the Trusts policy on conservation. In his experience, when the clocks change, deer are more evident especially on the roads. Dylan reported safety to the public must be considered alongside any plans to cull the

deer, especially when walkers do not keep to the footpaths. It was agreed that the parish council would use the website and newsletter to remind parishioners of the importance of keeping to the footpaths, but this message is harder to address with visitors to the area. The limited effectiveness of road signs was also discussed. Deer fencing will be used to protect woodland.

18/062 PLANNING

18/02798/PDQS	Hyde Farm	Notification of prior approval under class Q for conversion of agricultural buildings into 2 dwellings	PC No comment
18/02494/DDCA	North End House	Fell 1 dangerous walnut	Status: Fell
18/02387/LBWS	Stable Yard	Repointing/plastering	Still Pending
18/02162/LBWS	Lower Lodge	Repointing, lime mortar, replace flashing	TVBC Consent

- a) **Test Valley Land Character Assessment Review.** Cllr Jeffrey reported that this was a geographical and topical survey of the borough which forms part of the Local Plan and will be used within planning to establish if the environment will be damaged through development.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Timescale</u>
A copy of the review document to be sent to all councillors for consideration.	Clerk to send	Comments need to be with TVBC by January

18/063 HIGHWAYS

A discussion was had regarding signage in the village and it was reported that a new directional sign had been erected opposite the entrance to the Abbey.

18/064 VILLAGE HALL

It was reported that an inspection to the crack in the wall of the village hall is expected next week and any major cause for concern will be reported to the parish council immediately.

18/065 FINANCE

- a) Account Balance
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| TSB Account 0018261 | £ 10,381.49 |
| TSB Account 01542503 | £ 10,555.34 |
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£20,936.83

b) Payments for Approval (R) = Retrospective

Clerks pay for Oct / Nov	£435.16	#613
External Audit Report	£240.00*	#614
Website hosting costs	£59.98	#615

*Fee incurred due to bank balance.

- c) Payments received: Second half of precept - £3287.00
- d) External Audit Report: The clerk reported at this meeting that the External Auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLP, have approved the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for year ending 2018 and consider that it has been completed in accordance with Proper Practices. Furthermore, there were no matters that had come to their attention giving cause for concern, and that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have been met by Mottisfont parish council. A notice of conclusion of audit has been published on the noticeboard and website.

18/066 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING: Discussed with no action.

18/067 CORRESPONDANCE.

- Police and Crime Commissioner – road safety report, noted.
- Planning Enforcement workshop.
- Neighborhood Community priorities.
- Landscape Character assessment.

18/068 MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- Cllrs P and J Barnett attended the recent community resilience meeting, with consideration still required on the correct approach for this parish.
- Cllrs P Barnett and Channing attended the Test Valley Association of Town and Parish Councils meeting, with nothing to report.
- Cllr P Barnett attended the bus committee meeting and reported that better advertising of the service is required.

18/069 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Variable broadband speeds in the parish were reported.

18/070 PARISHONERS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- The red telephone box at the entrance to the Trust woodyard is in need of maintenance and it was proposed that the parish council should adopt it.
- Suggestion for a non-slip road surface from the entrance to the Abbey and the Romsey Road.
- A potentially dangerous residential wall in the village centre was reported.

18/071 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 16th January 2019.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 09.15 pm.