

MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – Thursday 31 August 2017 at Mudford Village Hall at 7pm

MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION.

Mini roundabout – a member of the public queried whether there had been any progress with this request. It was noted that this would need to be via an application to the County Councillor for a small Highways Improvement Scheme. Mike Lewis noted that County Highways would evaluate the need for a mini roundabout if this was to be proposed. The benefits and otherwise of a mini roundabout were discussed. It was suggested that a traffic calming scheme would be more appropriate. Speed and volume and weight of traffic were acknowledged. Possible ways forward were discussed, including the possibility of a s106 bid for traffic calming, some felt this was too long to wait. Mike Lewis suggested contacting Gary Warren to consider viability of options to address speed volume and weight.

Query about progress with signpost to Limington, Ashington – this had been reported to Highways.

Query about sale of garage – it was noted that the garage had been sold but future plans for this site were not clear.

Query about flying times at RNAS Yeovilton. This information was available on the RNAS community relations website, and the link was on the Mudford Parish Council website.

1	Attendance and to receive any apologies for absence and to consider acceptance of the reasons. Present: Tony Cavalier (TC) Phil Sargent (PS) Nick Lanigan (NL) Geraldine Mabey (GM) June Lydon (JL) In attendance: Tony Capozzoli (District Councillor) Mike Lewis (County Councillor) Sue Graham (Clerk) Jean Jones (Village Hall Committee) 4 members of the public. Apologies were received and accepted from Stephen Bartlett, Diane Vaughan, PCSO Thelma Mead				
2	Declarations of Interests. Request dispensation for decisions regarding Planning Application 14/02554/OUT. This would be on the agenda for September				
3	Reports. To hear reports from: County Councillor: Mike Lewis reported the following: Small Highway Improvement Scheme - he had noted the village's request for measures to address speed in the village. District Councillor: Tony Capozzoli had nothing to report. Police: Thelma Mead had sent apologies but had reported that she was still addressing parking issues. Any inappropriately parked vehicles that have been warned would receive a fine next time. It was noted that the parking had improved. Village Hall Committee. Jean Jones reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AGM had taken place, officers remained the same. The PC and Tony Capozzoli were thanked for their support. • A meeting had taken place about possible extension of the car park which was owned by the village hall and managed by SSDC. SSDC had proposed for the car park to be transferred back to village hall responsibility. The village committee would then look to apply for funding to re-tarmac/ extend. This had yet to be discussed by committee. Lawrence Weir was investigating funding sources. • There would be a Macmillan coffee morning 28 September. Parish Environment Warden. GM reported that rubbish had been cleared from Coombe Bottom on A359.				
4	To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 July 2017, closed minutes 27 July, Minutes 7 August, Closed minutes 7 August. Resolved: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held.				
5	To consider the following planning applications and make recommendations to the planning officer. No applications had been received.				
6	To receive the following determination of planning notices: The following notice was read out: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">17/02679/LBC</td> <td style="width: 60%;">The carrying out of various internal alterations 2 Amhurst, Main Street Mudford.</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Grant permission with conditions.</td> </tr> </table>		17/02679/LBC	The carrying out of various internal alterations 2 Amhurst, Main Street Mudford.	Grant permission with conditions.
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7	Other planning matters				
8	Council Matters Cemetery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cemetery Warden's Update. 				

- Topple Test - Cemetery Headstones Risk Assessment - checks were ongoing, there was an issue with recession and some movement. There also appeared to be a possible scattering / interment of ashes of which the PC was not aware. PS would provide the details to the clerk.
 - PS had carried out some work on the noticeboard.
- Playing Field and Play area**
- To receive playing field inspection reports from the relevant councillor and agree any actions arising. Inspections were ongoing, there was nothing to report other than litter. PS reported that he had filled the rabbit holes.
 - Wobble Log – the clerk was asked to query the quality of this again with the Inspector.
 - Discuss ownership and management of recreation ground and development plans, including car park. TC reported that this would be discussed at the September meeting.
 - Treatments of tree roots – receive email from SSDC Tree Officer and agree any actions arising. The SSDC Tree Officer had advised that the roots needed to be treated with brushwood weed killer. The clerk would ask KM Dike to carry this out, including management of any health and safety issues.

Highways and Parish Paths

To receive reports regarding highways and agree any actions arising.

With reference to the discussion in public session the clerk would contact Gary Warren regarding possible traffic calming measures.

Parish Paths: Lawrence Weir (Footpath Liaison Officer) reported that he was in the process of walking all the Rights of Way in the village. Any issues with which he could not deal personally would be reported to SCC Rights of Way team. He was logging all routes and taking photographs.

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

9.1 To approve the following payments and two signatories for cheques. RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the following payments, and for PS and NL to sign cheques.

Salaries	August 2017	£517.79
Postage telephone and mileage	August 2017	£23.10
Nest Pensions Direct Debit	Direct debit payment	£27.54
J&J	Bench installation	£157.68
NALC	LCR Subscription	£17.00
Bradfords	Play area maintenance equipment	£68.68
Milborne Port Computer Services	Laptop battery Not charged for.	£30.00

9.2 To note the following receipts. The following receipts were noted:
Bank interest - £0.61

9.3 Other finance matters

To approve the cash book and bank account reconciliation for July 27th - August 31st 2017

Resolved: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the cashbook and bank account reconciliation from July 27th - August 31st as set out below

Receipts & Payments July 27 to 2017 - 31 August 2017			
	Balance 27/07/217		£72,186.48
RECEIPTS			
	Bank interest 31/07/17		£ 0.61
Total Receipts			£ 0.61
PAYMENTS			
27/07/2017	Salaries		£ 517.79
	NEST Pension		£ 27.54
	Postage stationery mileage		£ 23.09
	Centrewire		£ 153.60
	KM Dike		£ 1,163.40
	Total Payments		£ 1,885.42
BALANCE			£70,301.67
BANK ACCOUNT STATEMENTS			
Current Account		£ 100.00	
Business Account		£43,220.13	
Business Reserve Account		£26,981.54	
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS			£70,301.67
Add outstanding lodgements			
Less outstanding cheques			
Balance			£70,301.67

YTD budget expenditure was circulated and checked by Councillors

10 Village hall car park. It was reported that The Village Hall committee had met with SSDC to discuss extending the car park. SSDC had advised that it could not invest in the car park without the possibility of transferring the car park back into local

	ownership. The Village Hall Committee would be considering this at a committee meeting.		
11	Correspondence. Consider the following correspondence and agree any actions arising.		
	From	Subject	
	Nick Weeks	Support for an Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) to serve communities in Area East	This was not considered relevant to Mudford which was well served by pitches in Yeovil
	RNAS Yeovilton	Invitation to reception 27 September	June Lydon +1 would attend.
	Local Government Boundary Commission for England	Electoral Review of South Somerset - Consultation	Mike Lewis explained that the review was concerned with the size of wards, some of the existing 60 District Councillors represented many more, or many fewer electors than their colleagues elsewhere in the District. The review aimed to correct those imbalances by re – aligning the boundaries. The Parish Council noted that Ivelchester was already beyond capacity and as such it proposed and unanimously agreed to recommend that the ward remained as it was.
12	LIST OF ITEMS DISTRIBUTED AND AVAILABLE SINCE LAST MEETING: Rural Services Network News Bulletins; SCC Library survey press release; ‘Great Inflation Race’ publicity from Yeovil District Hospital; CPRE fundraising; Somerset Community Foundation newsletter; Thatch newsletter; Joint strategic needs assessment; NFU planning video; SWP newsletter; Somerset Rivers Authority End of Year Report 2016-17; Community forum health coach presentation; St Margaret’s Volunteer newsletter; SWP briefing; Health and Wellbeing newsletter; Avon and Somerset PCC newsletter; Community Council for Somerset, Community Buildings networking event.		
13	Challenge to development at up Mudford Resolved: It was proposed to exclude the press and public under s1 (2) Admissions to Public Meetings Act 1960 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. (legal / professional advice) Planning Application 14/02554/OUT. Receive update on legal / professional advice and consider any actions arising. An update was provided.		
14	NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: September 28 th 2017. Further meetings will be called as necessary.		