

MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – Thursday 7th May 2020, by video conference at 5pm.

Councillors Present:

Stephen Bartlett (Chairman)

Nick Lanigan

June Lydon

Mark Rowlands

Phil Sargent

In attendance: County Cllr. Mike Lewis, District Cllr. Tony Capozzoli, the clerk and 1 member of the public.

20/30. To receive any apologies for absence. There were no apologies.

20/31. Public Open Session.

A member of the public described the construction of a barn & slurry pit and large expanse of concrete having been laid at Hook Drove, without, it was believed any planning permission and therefore without having an agreed traffic plan. After much discussion it was agreed that Cllr Bartlett would speak with residents of West Mudford to understand if there was any cause for concern within the parish, as the dairy farm resided in Limington parish. If it was felt necessary, the development would be reported to SSDC planning department, on behalf of Limington with the main area of concern being the traffic movements during the construction phase.

The clerk had received an email from the Village Hall Committee asking for a 10% contribution towards the repair of the flat roof, to ensure the VH qualified for an SSDC grant for the remaining 90%. With the Business Continuity Motion in place, this could be considered at this meeting and would be reported under Finance.

It had been noted that cars were parked along the verge near the river and people had been seen fishing. Cllr Bartlett explained that anyone fishing should be asked to show their Stoke-sub-Hamdon & District Angling Association permit.

5:45pm – Meeting opened

20/31. County & District Councillor Reports.

Cllr Lewis reported that SCC had done a significant amount of work sourcing PPE for the County and were pleased to report very few cases when compared with the rest of the country. Many Coronavirus support emails had been sent out to the parishes (then forwarded on by the clerk) containing lots of information about the work going on in the county. Cllr Capozzoli reported that SSDC had provided £27,150,000 in grants, as support for businesses across the region. It was agreed that the link for any further applications could be provided in the minutes:

{ We have a straight forward process via our website for people to apply for a grant. The link for this is www.southsomerset.gov.uk/life-events/coronavirus-support/business-support/ }

Recycling centres were opening in the coming week, with restrictions in place to limit the amount of waste that could be taken, in an attempt to reduce fly tipping that had been on the increase in recent times.

20/32. To receive any declarations of interest. There were no declarations of interest.

20/31. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2020.

RESOLVED: The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting held.

20/32. Planning

- a) To note decisions on earlier applications. None
- b) To consider new applications. None

20/33. Council Matters

- a) To consider the Parish Councils response to Covid-19.

The clerk had previously circulated via email the Business Continuity to Council. Cllr Bartlett proposed a budget of £500 to be allocated in a new budget line for Covid-19 Aid, its purpose to support members of the parish should it become necessary.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to adopt the Business Continuity Motion to Council and to allocate £500 to Covid-19 Aid budget line.

20/34. Finance

a) The following payments had been made since the previous meeting;

Clerks salary & expenses	£482.34
HMRC	£103.20
P S Services	£36.00
Somerset Landscapes Ltd	£8459.64
Richard Buxton Solicitors Up Mudford PAP & transcript	£6751.89

b) To approve the cashbook & bank account reconciliation for 13th Feb 2020 – 31st March 2020.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation.

c) To approve a budget for replacement bridge over the weir at Hinton. Cllr Bartlett had noted an increase in the number of walkers & cyclists using the route and it was agreed that the bridge repair was necessary especially with the current restrictions on daily life.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to allocate a budget of £2000 to the bridge repair.

d) **Any other financial matters.**

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to grant £700 to the Village Hall funds as a contribution towards the repair of the Village Hall flat roof.

20/35. Cemetery

a) Cemetery headstone risk assessment. Cllr Sargent reported that he was monitoring 2 headstones and would try to make contact with family members as necessary.

b) Cemetery General Report. Cllr Sargent reported that the work on the new footpath was complete and Somerset Landscapes Ltd (SLL) had agreed to quote now for work on the entrance footpath to be budgeted and completed next year.

c) To consider quote for removal of cherry trees and holly bush. Cllr Sargent had managed to obtain a further quote from SLL (as they were already carrying out work in the cemetery) for the removal of 2 cherry trees and a holly bush. The quote of £525 was understood to be similar to a quote obtained last year by Cllr Cavalier.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to instruct Somerset Landscapes Limited to remove 2 cherry trees and a holly bush.

ACTION: Clerk

20/36. Playing Field and Play Area

a) To receive playing field inspection reports.

Since the playing areas were closed, there was no formal inspections being carried out, however Cllr Rowlands offered to check the play area whilst out walking his dog. It was agreed that this would be sufficient whilst the park remained closed. It was felt that the grassed areas were looking untidy, and it was noted that the play area had not had the grass cut. The clerk agreed to contact the contractors & ask for them to carry out the required maintenance. Cllr Bartlett asked the clerk to investigate if the PC needed to plan to carry out a deep clean once the play area was allowed to re-open.

ACTION: Clerk

20/37. Highways and Parish Paths

Cllr Lydon reported that the road sign for UP MUDFORD opposite the Primrose Lane entrance had slid down the pole. The clerk agreed to report it to SCC. Cllr Sargent reported that he had been informed of the postponement of the Road Safety Fund grant application and provided details of 3 incidents in the village, one of which resulted in a car mounting the pavement & demolishing a garden wall. The PCSO & 101 non-emergency incidents had been notified.

ACTION: Clerk

20/38. Any other items of report and future business.

Cllr Rowlands expressed annoyance at the frequent aircraft activity over the village and asked that the clerk contact RNAS Yeovilton to report the activity. Cllr Lewis agreed to provide the details of RNAS Yeovilton Public Liason Officer.

ACTION: Clerk

20/39. Reports on development at Up Mudford

To resolve 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.

The recent approval of funding was discussed and all agreed that the PC decision to continue with the case was the correct course of action.

20/40. Date of next meeting – TBD, as required.

7pm – Meeting closed