

MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL –Thursday 28th November 2019, Mudford Village Hall at 7.00pm

PUBLIC SESSION

It was reported that traffic was still causing distress to many residents of the village who complained of not being able to cross the road on the Zebra Crossing. Many voices were heard with stories of having to wait for long periods of time, before vehicles stopped enabling them to cross, or of abuse from drivers when attempting to step out onto the crossing. It was agreed by all that better signage & lighting was needed to make the crossing safer.

Other issues raised included visibility being obstructed by vehicles parking on the pavement, HGV's using the road over the weight limit, requests for the weight limit signs to be cleared of vegetation & better located, multiple reports of excessive speeding & a large lump of steel (RSJ) being thrown from a passing tractor & trailer narrowly missing a pedestrian.

A member of the Police speed enforcement team was present & explained that if the index (number plate) of the vehicles involved is noted, it should be reported to 101 (Police non-emergency phonenumber). If vehicles were repeatedly reported, the Police would then visit the registered owner. He offered advice regarding using the crossing, gaining eye contact with drivers before attempting crossing & recommended setting up a Community Speedwatch team. The PCSO (also present) said that she would support a Speedwatch group and attend as required to deal with any verbal abuse that had been experienced in the past. The Police Officer explained that the speed enforcement team had visited the village 17 times in the past year, but Mudford was not considered to have a significant speeding problem based on the 80-percentile data from Mudford SIDs. He advised the threshold for enforcement was 10% + 2 = above 35mph. He further explained that speed cameras available to purchase that recorded vehicle index's to be provided to the Police for enforcement, were not recommended. The Police would not act on the data & they breached the data protection rules that PCs have to follow (as they store data). He was questioned about the suitability of average speed cameras & said that they were prohibitively expensive for a village purchase (around £200K for purchase, installation, calibration, commissioning & testing) with significant ongoing annual costs to both the Parish & the Police.

After much further discussion, it was generally felt that a Pelican Crossing would be the best solution to making the current crossing safer.

Another member of the public asked the PC to consider purchasing a bus shelter. SB explained that he didn't think there was a suitable location without impeding the pavement, but the PC would make enquiries. It was to be noted that the PC had asked for bus shelters as part of the S106 agreement for the Primrose Lane development.

8.40pm – Meeting opened

1	Attendance and to receive any apologies for absence and to consider acceptance of the reason. Present: Stephen Bartlett SB, Nick Lanigan NL, June Lydon JL, Kay Mackenzie, KM, Phil Sargent PS. Lawrence Weir LW. In attendance: Julie Ferguson (Clerk), Mike Lewis (County Councillor), Tony Capozzoli (District Councillor), PCSO McIntosh, Lydia Gane (Village Hall committee), 17 members of the public. Apologies received and accepted: Tony Cavalier TC, Thelma Mead (PCSO), Jean Jones (Village Hall committee)
2	Declarations of Interests. PS declared an interest in Item 9.1 – Financial Matters.
3	Reports. To hear reports from: County and District Councillors. Mike Lewis informed the Council that all councillors are currently in Purdah and wanted to remind everyone of Mindline mental health support phone line which is particularly important over the Christmas period. Deadline for primary school applications is the 15 Jan 2020. He reminded the PC of the Road Safety Fund which could possibly be used towards the purchase of 'gates' at either end of the village to help with the speeding issues. Tony Capozzoli informed the PC that he had been asked to comment on the West Farm planning application to extend the yard. He did not support the application. As the Ward members comments were in opposition to the Planning Officer (who is supporting the application) it is to be put before Area East Committee on the 11 th December 2019. Police. PCSO attended the meeting and re-iterated that she would be available to support a Community Speedwatch scheme with a little notice. Village Hall Committee. Lydia Gane reported that the boiler was broken in the village hall and they were trying to get an engineer to carry out a repair. There was to be a Xmas Lunch the following week & then no more Thursday Café's until 9 th Jan 2020. LW reported that a fire system service had been carried out at the Village Hall, resulting in further costs with installation of new sensors. He further reported that many elements of the hall were falling into

	disrepair. SB advised that the PC would be available to help with certain aspects of these costs, should they request it.																																												
4	To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 31st October 2019. 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: There were no planning applications to consider.																																												
6	To receive the following determination of planning notices: 16/05094/FUL – West Farm, Mudford. Retention of use of workshop for manufacture of concrete products and ancillary office space and outdoor storage of aggregates. Application Withdrawn. Noted. 19/02887/AGN – Woodside Farm, Ashington Lane, Limington. Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural barn. Prior Approval is not required. Noted.																																												
7	Other planning matters. District Councillor Tony Capozzoli informed the Parish Council that planning application 18/03763/COU has been referred to Area East Committee for decision as, despite the large quantity of objections, the planning officer was in support of the application. The Ward member declared that he would not be supporting the application. It was to be noted that the applicant was under enforcement from a failed appeal to continue his use of the site as a haulage business, for which the extension to the yard was required. The Clerk agreed to write to the planning officer to express the PC's disappointment that this application was now to be considered favourably & asking for an explanation as to the reasoning behind the decision to support. ACTION: Clerk																																												
8	Council Matters. Cemetery. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cemetery headstones risk assessment. PS reported that there was no change and nothing to report. Playing Field and Play area. To receive playing field inspection reports from the relevant councillor and agree any actions arising. There was nothing significant to report. It was brought to the attention of the PC that a young life had been tragically lost from the village. SB suggested the PC donate a robust memorial bench for the Playing Field, with the family's agreement and also to make a donation to a nominated Charity for people with mental health issues. ACTION: Clerk Highways and Parish Paths. To receive reports regarding highways and agree any actions arising. Following on from the public open session, the Clerk was to request a Pelican Crossing upgrade to the Zebra Crossing & also pursue an installation of speed signs in the form of gates at either end of the village. Also to investigate the possible sites for a bus shelter to be installed. ACTION: Clerk Pot holes on the A359 (long hill) & a blocked drain opposite the Village Hall needed to be reported. ACTION: Clerk																																												
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, SB, NL & PS to sign cheques as appropriate.																																												
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9.2	Other finance matters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the cash book and bank account reconciliation for 11th Oct 2019 – 13th November 2019. RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the cashbook as set out below:																																												
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	HMRC		£ 103.40
	Vision ICT - Website hosting		£ 140.40
	P S Services - Cemetery Sept		£ 102.00
	K M Dike Nurseries - July to Sep		£ 1,068.52
	Richard Buxton Solicitors - Advice		£ 1,164.00
	P Sargent - Swing repairs (parts)		£ 14.58
	Total		£ 3,037.75
	Balance		£ 52,832.75
	BANK ACCOUNT STATEMENTS		
	Current Account	£ 100.00	
	Business Account	£ 27,052.90	
	Business Reserve Account	£ 25,685.85	
	TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS	£ 52,838.75	
	Add outstanding lodgements	£ -	
	Less outstanding payments	K Mackenzie £ 6.00	
	Balance		£ 52,832.75

- To consider ytd budget expenditure. **RESOLVED: Ytd budget expenditure was circulated, checked and signed.**
- To consider the draft budget for 2020-2021. The Clerk circulated copies of the budget showing projected spend to the EOY & draft budget for 2020-21. SB asked all Cllrs to consider the budget & advise the Clerk of any changes in preparation for agreeing the final budget & Precept setting in January 2020.

ACTION: All Parish Cllrs

10	<p>Correspondence. Consider the following correspondence and agree any actions arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BT Phone Box removal programme. RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed for the Clerk to apply to adopt the phone box. SSDC – Christmas Tree Recycling. It was agreed to request the compound in the Village hall car park. <p>ACTION: Clerk</p>
11	<p>LIST OF ITEMS DISTRIBUTED AND AVAILABLE SINCE LAST MEETING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SALC – Local Councils & VE Day. Noted Newsletter – Stay Well Somerset. Noted Secretary of State – Protecting England’s Heritage. Noted SALC – Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity. Noted Notice of Election Candidates. Noted The Tree Guardian. Noted
12	<p>Newsletter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed for a Newsletter to be produced for Christmas. <p>ACTION: Clerk</p>
13	<p>Challenge to development at up Mudford.</p> <p>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. (professional advice)</p> <p>Planning Application 14/02554/OUT. Receive update on legal / professional advice and consider any actions arising. A brief provided by TC was read out by SB.</p>
14	<p>Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider items for next PC meeting. <p>NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:</p> <p>18th December 2019. Further meetings will be called as necessary.</p> <p>LW announced that, with regret he would be resigning from the PC due to commitments elsewhere. SB thanked LW for his valuable contributions to the PC over the last 18months & all agreed they would be sad to see him leave. The vacancy would now be advertised for a co-option onto the PC.</p>

9.15pm – Meeting closed