

MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – THURSDAY 23 April at Mudford Village Hall Committee Room at 10am.

Members are reminded that the Council has general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION.

A member of the public attended the meeting briefly to make a complaint about the signs requiring dogs to be kept on leads at the recreation ground. The background to the Parish Council decision was explained. The resident wished this to be a formal complaint.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1.	Attendance and to receive any apologies for absence and to consider acceptance of the reasons. Present: Mike Jones, (Vice Chair) Tony Cavalier, Lydia Gane, Geraldine Mabey In attendance: T Capozzoli – District Councillor, Sue Graham (Clerk) Apologies: RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to receive and accept apologies from Stephen Bartlett, June Lydon, Mike Lewis (County Councillor)																																														
2.	Declarations of interest. Mike Jones re item 3: Payments, payment to A Jones.																																														
3.	FINANCIAL MATTERS: The clerk wished to note the following in relation to the payments. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reimburse C Bartlett (Village Hall Committee) £60.00. Councillors had been approached by the Village Hall Committee in January requesting that the Parish Council make a grant towards a gift they proposed to buy for a resident who had contributed a sterling service to the community. The Parish Council acknowledged Mrs Jones' work in the community, in particular her contribution to sport 50 and helping the elderly residents of the village. It had been suggested that a donation of £60 was appropriate. This was agreed. Clerk's salary. This was showing as £489.56 as opposed to £479.56, and the mileage and expenses were showing at £28.81 as opposed to 38.81. This was because the £10 contribution towards broadband was being paid as a taxable expense (salary) as opposed to an expense. This split between salary/expense was agreed, for this and future salary payments. Reimburse T Cavalier mileage expenses. T Cavalier had claimed for the mileage to a trip to a meeting at County Hall. The clerk reported that the Parish Council could pay Councillors' expenses but that it must make reference to the Independent Remuneration Panel's recommendations in this regard. The recommendation was that the District Councillors mileage /expenses policy should apply to Parishes. The claim had been submitted on this basis. This was agreed. <p>a. To approve the following accounts for payment and two signatories for cheques:- RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to make the following payments. Tony Cavalier and Lydia Gane to sign.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date received</th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>Salaries April 2015</td> <td>Clerk's salary</td> <td>£ 489.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Postage telephone mileage</td> <td></td> <td>£ 28.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Reimburse C Bartlett (Village Hall Committee)</td> <td>Donation re: Village Hall Gift to Angela Jones</td> <td>£ 60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19 March 2015</td> <td>D Ruddle Civil Engineering</td> <td>Installation of root barrier</td> <td>£1188.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26 March 2015</td> <td>SSDC</td> <td>Parish Ranger</td> <td>£ 150.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26 March 2015</td> <td>SSDC</td> <td>Quarterly Inspections</td> <td>£ 127.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19 March 2015</td> <td>Somerset Drainage Board</td> <td>FOI Request</td> <td>£ 6.50 (Paid)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02 April 2015</td> <td>KM Dike Nurseries</td> <td>Cemetery and Playing field Maintenance</td> <td>£ 977.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15 April 2015</td> <td>Richard Buxton Environmental and Public Law</td> <td>Work on Legal Challenge to Up Mudford Development</td> <td>£4110.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15 April</td> <td>Pestwright</td> <td>Mole Catching on Recreation Field</td> <td>£ 95.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Date received					Salaries April 2015	Clerk's salary	£ 489.56		Postage telephone mileage		£ 28.81		Reimburse C Bartlett (Village Hall Committee)	Donation re: Village Hall Gift to Angela Jones	£ 60.00	19 March 2015	D Ruddle Civil Engineering	Installation of root barrier	£1188.00	26 March 2015	SSDC	Parish Ranger	£ 150.96	26 March 2015	SSDC	Quarterly Inspections	£ 127.20	19 March 2015	Somerset Drainage Board	FOI Request	£ 6.50 (Paid)	02 April 2015	KM Dike Nurseries	Cemetery and Playing field Maintenance	£ 977.84	15 April 2015	Richard Buxton Environmental and Public Law	Work on Legal Challenge to Up Mudford Development	£4110.00	15 April	Pestwright	Mole Catching on Recreation Field	£ 95.00
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15 April 2015	Mr T Cavalier	Reimburse Skatepark Painting equipment	£ 25.47
15 April 2015	Mr T Cavalier	Mileage and subsistence expenses March/ April 2015 Independent remuneration panel.	£ 48.39

4. Planning. Consider the following applications and make recommendation to Planning Officer:

15/01439/FUL	The erection of a single storey rear extension and installation of additional roof lights to dwelling. All councillors had seen the plans and could see no problem with the proposed extension. No comments had been received from members of the public. RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to recommend approval.	71A Stone Lane Yeovil
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5. Play Area. Skatepark.

Update on action to address skatepark graffiti, including purchase of paint and volunteers to paint it.

The skatepark had been painted by Parish Councillors in order to cover the obscene graffiti. Prior to the painting taking place advice had been taken from SSDC and a paint specialist about the type of paint to be used and discussion had taken place with the insurance company about using Parish Councillors to paint it. A risk assessment had been completed. The clerk had discussed the purchase of the paint with the Chairman and as this was under £100 and the need was relatively urgent a decision had been taken to purchase the paint outside of the meeting.

Since the painting further damage had occurred at the skatepark with scratching of the new painted surface. Damage / graffiti was an ongoing problem and it was noted that there would be a meeting organised by Yarlinton to look at ways of addressing the recent problems. Clerk to circulate details of date and time of meeting.

A complaint had been received from a member of the public about the new surface being too slippery, Councillors had inspected the new surface and assessed the risk. The clerk had sought advice about the new surface from SSDC and ACS. M Jones had contacted a contractor to look at the job. Application of an anti-slip top coat was considered the most appropriate course of action.

The clerk stressed the urgency of completing this work and the need to advise users of the slippery surface as well as putting in place other measures to discourage use until the new paint had been applied. Warning signs had already been displayed. Councillors considered the use of 'hazard tape' but felt that the signs were a sufficient measure to advise of the risk. It was agreed that the work needed to be completed as soon as possible. RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed for M Jones to liaise with the contractor to buy the paint and complete the work. Given the urgency of the work it was not considered appropriate to obtain three quotes.

T Capozzoli left the meeting.

6. Challenge to 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.
A confidential minute was taken.

M Jones, L Gane, T Cavalier and S Bartlett had attended a meeting at County Hall to discuss Highways issues associated with the development at Up Mudford. This had been a positive meeting and it had emerged that independent Highways reports could be commissioned from the commercial arm of the County Council. It was agreed that this would be the preferred choice. The meeting had shed light on the Highways role in the planning process and Councillors had appreciated the opportunity to meet and discuss the issues.

T Cavalier reported that there had recently been a meeting about the SUE at Up Mudford at Trent, this had been organised by Trent residents and had attracted much support from their community. £1000 had been donated to FOMAG as a result.

Phil Sargent wished to note that extensive work carried out by Tony Cavalier liaising with the solicitor and other agencies on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillors reiterated this and wished to thank Tony.

7. NEXT SCHEDULED PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Thursday 21 May 2015. Further meetings will be called as necessary usually on the last Thursday of the month.

Thanks were expressed to M Jones for his hard work on the Parish Council. Mike would be standing down after the election and his contribution to the PC was acknowledged. The following agenda items were requested for the next meeting:

- Ownership of the Skatepark
- Monthly meetings