

Minutes for the meeting of Moulsoe Parish Council held on
Tuesday 12 January 2021, remotely via Teams meeting at 8pm

Present Councillors: Chair Steve Waters (SW); Deputy Chair Nigel Richards (NR); Chris Oakley-Holton (COH); Belinda Oakley-Holton (BOH); John Hamilton (JH)

Ward Councillors: David Hosking (DH);

Public: None

Clerk: Kay Hamilton (KH)

Prefix for all minute items **2101/**

As a remote meeting, any documents requiring a signature will be signed after the meeting at the earliest opportunity.

1. **To Receive Apologies for Absence:** Apologies received from Ward Councillors Keith McLean and Peter Geary
2. **Disclosures of Interests:** SW employer hosts the domain for the village website
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Council **APPROVED** the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 10 November 2020
4. **Public Representations:** There were no views or questions submitted
5. **Ward Councillor's Report:**
 - Council Tax** – MK Council are currently proposing a 2.5% increase on council tax for 2021-22
 - Flooding** – Several areas within the Ward experienced flooding in the run up to Christmas. Ward Councillors asked for details of any issues within Moulsoe to be sent through to them for them to follow up. Council reported that Wood End Lane had been flooded and that several drains are still blocked despite being reported to MK Council, some over a year ago, many of the kerb weirs are also blocked. Clerk to provide Ward Councillors with list of current issues. NR queried the statistics in the MKE documents that there is a 1 in 50 year flood risk, considering the recent floods and the floods of 1998.
 - Ward Discretionary Budget** – Clerk confirmed that details of this had been received and that the email had also been forwarded on to the Church and Millennium Hall.
 - MKE** – there was no further updates.
6. **Police Report:** From 12 July 2020 to 12 January 2021 there had been one report of Hare coursing and one of domestic burglary within the parish. Newport Pagnell had reports of 5 burglaries in December and the theft of keyless cars had risen within Milton Keynes.
7. **Parish Council Business & Matters Arising from Last Minutes:**
 - 7.1 **Ward Councillors Discretionary Budget** – Council discussed the use of some funding towards a second defibrillator to be located in the phone box.
 - 7.2 **Traffic & Roads**
 - Flooding – as per Ward Councillor's Report. Council discussed if residents in Newport Pagnell are aware of the likelihood of the increase in flooding once MKE is developed.
 - Verge at Costain Site – Council were concerned at the condition the Costain vehicles had left the verge in. **Clerk** to email Head of Highways with photos to highlight the issue.
 - Road Subsidence – Road is sinking again at the site of the pond. Vehicles are now moving into the centre of the road into oncoming traffic to avoid the subsidence. **Clerk** to email Highways with council's concerns
 - 7.3 **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan** – NR will be sending in comments personally and will circulate to Parish Council.
 - 7.4 **Planning Application** – 20/0945/FUL, Council considered the plans and had no comments to make. **Clerk** to update MK Planning portal.
 - 7.5 **Dog Fouling** – Clerk had been contacted by Environmental Crime Unit with the information that there is now a Public Spaces Protection Order relating to dog fouling. This is borough wide and the Parish Council have been given vinyl signage to put up. This has yet to be done due to weather conditions.

8. Parish Councillor Reports:

JH had attended the Parishes Forum meeting in December. Various parishes gave presentations, several are now running food banks. MKC budget had been discussed and the Council were being urged by government to raise Council tax by 5%. Newport Pagnell had raised the issue with lack of support for funding for Middleton Pool. The Together We Can document is now in its final version (12), but parishes have said that it is not going to work.

NR & SW had attended the MKALC meeting, the meeting had concerns over the diversity of members, and how to get more people involved in local councils.

Bin at Bus stop – this is in a poor state of repair. Clerk has reported the issue to MKC via Report it.

Millennium Hall- NR reported that the MCA had held their AGM remotely and there was no change in the committee roles. They had received a grant from MKC and had used this funding to refurbish the kitchen. There maybe a need to replace the boiler at a later date. The only booking currently is a nursery booking, this is not operating at present due to the Covid restrictions.

Development – SW had replied to a resident regarding a query relating to information on the proposed MKE development.

SIDS – the 2 working devices are currently with Astwood and were due back in the village, but due to lock down are being kept at Astwood.

Website – SW thanked the Clerk for the website update. The update of theme now make the site compliant under the WCAG 2.1 AA compliance guidelines.

Covid-19 – there had been some discussion between BOH, Clerk and Church of how to help the staff at MK Hospital, MK Hospital do have their own charity that people can make financial donations and this helps both staff and patients. This could be promoted within the village, the phone box could be utilised to promote help available during lock down as well as on the village website and Facebook. Clerk will add a Covid Help page on the website. Covid Champion information from MKC is already added to the Facebook page.

9. Finance & Administration:

9.1 Accounts:

9.1.1 **BOH** confirmed Barclays Account Balance of £12,775.73

9.1.2 Council **APPROVED** the accounts as at 30 December 2020

9.1.3 Council **APPROVED** payments for

Clerks Salary £258.09

SLCC membership fee £45

Playing Field Maintenance and Petrol costs £1610

9.2 **Clerk Training:** Council agreed to the ICLA training for the Clerk and **APPROVED** the cost of £144.

9.3 **Budget:** Council reviewed Budget figures and discussed possible future requirements

9.4 **Precept:** Precept allocated by MK Council is £6173, based on budget discussion Council proposed a 2% increase. Council **AGREED** to set the precept at **£6296**

9.5 Governance:

Risk Management: Council reviewed and **APPROVED** the Risk Management Policy

Clerks Employment Contract: SW had reviewed the contract and subject to BOH reviewing, the council are satisfied the document is acceptable.

9.6 **Correspondence:** No action required

Meeting Closed 21.33

Signed

Dated

Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 9 March 2021 8 pm