

# MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Mudford Parish Council held on Thursday 21 January at 19:00hrs

**Present** – Councillors

Stephen Bartlett (Chairman), Phil Edgeworth, Nick Lanigan, Mark Rowlands, Phil Sargent, John Snell

**In attendance:**

Julie Ferguson - Parish Clerk.

### **20/114 To receive any Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given**

Mike Lewis – County Councillor and Tony Capozzoli – District Councillor had sent their apologies.

### **20/115 Public Open Session to include County and District Councillors reports**

Councillor Snell opened the session, thanking all those involved in the 'Make Mudford Merry' event and Councillor Snell was thanked for his generous donations. The clerk had received a letter of thanks for the flowers presented to the retiring vicar, Reverend Barbera Stanton and also reported that a donation of £2500 had been received from Queen Thorne Parish Council, towards the ongoing legal dispute over the planning application, in particular to help with the cost of the preparation of the Barristers letter to SSDC.

### **19:15 – Meeting opened**

### **20/116 Declarations of interests**

Councillor Lanigan declared an interest in Agenda item 6a. as he was a neighbour.

### **20/117 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting**

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

### **20/118 Planning Decisions Report.** Noted.

### **20/119 Planning Applications - 20/03301/FUL, Applegarth, Manor Farm Road**

Whilst there was general support for the application, concern was raised regarding the potential increase in traffic on an unsuitable narrow lane.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed (3 for, 1 against, 1 abstention) to provide comments in support of the application

### **20/120 Finance - To approve the following payments:**

J Ferguson – Clerk's salary and expenses	£473.30
HMRC – PAYE	£108.20
P S Services – Cemetery Maintenance December	£39.00
P Sargent – Reimburse flowers (Vicar)	£30.00
K M Dike – Ground Maintenance	£1122.61

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed for the payments presented to be approved.

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### 20/121 Finance – To agree the budget for 2021-22

MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL 2021-22 BUDGET	
Budget Line	Proposed FY21-22 Budget
HMRC	£ 1,500.00
Cemetery	£ 2,000.00
Grounds Maintenance	£ 4,000.00
Clerk's Emoluments	£ 5,800.00
Administration	£ 1,500.00
Computer & Website	£ 500.00
Subscriptions (Inc. ICO)	£ 300.00
Insurances	£ 800.00
Training	£ 150.00
Audit Charges	£ 600.00
Grants	£ 500.00
Publications & Data Protection (GDPR)	£ 100.00
Councillors Expenses	£ 100.00
*Parish projects	£ 4,000.00
Legal Costs Up Mudford Challenge	£ 4,000.00
<b>Parish Projects &amp; ring fenced reserves</b>	
General maintenance (throughout parish)	£ 1,000.00
Chapel maintenance (long term)	£ 1,000.00
Cemetery maintenance (long term)	£ 2,000.00
Computer replacement fund (Ring fenced)	£ 150.00
Play area equipment long term replacement fund (Ring fenced)	£ 2,000.00
Cemetery land/consecration starter fund (Ring fenced)	£ 1,000.00
Defibrillator project fund (NEW)	£ 2,000.00
Highways & speed control projects	£ 1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£36,000.00</b>

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and unanimously agreed to take forward the budget as presented, for 2021-22.

### 20/122 Finance – To agree the precept for 2021-22

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and unanimously agreed to request a precept of £36000 for 2021-22, to meet the agreed budget.

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### **20/123 Parish Matters – Christmas Fund Raising Report**

Councillor Sargent had provided a report which had been circulated to all Councillors & acknowledged all those who had donated their time and/or prizes. The final total raised by the event for the defibrillator fund was £579.88.

### **20/124 Parish Matters – Defibrillator and Telephone Kiosk**

Councillor Lanigan agreed to take on this project which involved arranging repairs to the kiosk & purchasing a defibrillator and cabinet. It was agreed that Councillor Lanigan could incur a spend upto £2580 (budget plus funds raised), as agreed at minute item **20/121** earlier in the meeting.

**ACTION: Councillor Lanigan**

### **20/125 Cemetery Report**

Councillor Sargent had requested a family headstone be repaired.

### **20/126 Highways and Rights of Way Reports**

The clerk had reported a blocked drain at Hinton and a sunken manhole cover on the A359. Further blocked drains were identified and it was reported that a sewage leak was being dealt with by Wessex Water. Councillor Edgeworth had contacted SCC Rights of Way Officer for Bridges to try to facilitate the opening of the bridge to the general public. He provided a report of his efforts to date.

### **20/127 Reports on development at Up Mudford – CONFIDENTIAL**

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 Chairman provided a report to all PC members.

### **20/128 Date of next meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

### **21:25 – Meeting closed**