

MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Mudford Parish Council held on Thursday 24 February at 19:00hrs

Present – Councillors

Phil Sargent (Chair), Mark Rowlands, Phil Edgeworth, Peter Blackwood, Nick Lanigan

In attendance:

Julie Ferguson - Parish Clerk & 4 members of the public

i) Public Open Session

There was discussion regarding drains, fly tipping, flood warden information & a report on the ongoing activity of renovating the phone box to house the defibrillator.

ii) County & District Councillors Reports

Cllr Lewis reported on the precept figures and increase percentages for elements of the Council Tax.

19:40 Meeting opened

21/122 To receive any Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given.

Apologies received and accepted from Stephen Bartlett, John Snell and District Cllr Tony Capozzoli.

21/123 Declarations of interests.

None.

21/124 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.

21/125 Matters to report from a previous meeting

Cllr Sargent reported on a presentation from Wessex Internet, with installation completion for Mudford parish planned for July. Also he was no further forward with HAGs and the repair claim for the cycle.

21/126 Planning Decisions Report.

None.

21/127 Planning Applications.

None.

21/128 Finance - To approve the following BACS payments:

Clerk's gross salary and expenses	£625.17
Figura Planning – Consultant Primrose Lane	£120.00
David Jarvis Associates – Consultancy	£2700.00

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

21/129 Finance – To approve the cashbook and bank reconciliation

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to approve the cashbook & bank reconciliation to 11/2/22.

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21/130 Clerks report & correspondence

The clerk reported on the following items of correspondence:

- Further information inc. dates for Town & Parish elections to be held on 5th May 2022
- Email from Cllr Bartlett informing of neighbour having carried out essential ditch maintenance next to the Cemetery
- Offer of fingerpost repair from YWPC (which was gratefully accepted)
- SSDC tree survey due to be carried out the following week
- Response from County Highways relating to overgrown footpaths along the A359 (scheduled in)

21/131 Parish Council Matters – To agree a date for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) would be held at 6.30pm on the same evening as the Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM). The clerk advised this meeting would be brought forward to the 19th May 2022, due to the requirement for the APCM to be held within 2 weeks of the Monday following the election on the 5th May 2022. It was agreed to make the village groups aware of this date, so they may attend or provide a report.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

21/132 Parish Matters – Queens Platinum Jubilee Report

Cllr Sargent reported on the recent meeting in the village hall. Various activities were still being considered for the long bank holiday weekend & a leaflet had been distributed around the parish, asking for offers of help & numbers planning on attending. Cllrs expressed disappointment at the lack of response to the leaflets.

21/133 Parish Matters – Playing field footpath update

The advisor from Perducta provided a report to the PC, detailing a plan for securing funding for an accessible pathway around the playing field. The report suggests potential funding routes that will be explored and progress will be reported back to the PC at a future meeting. Cllr Sargent thanked Ms Twine for her efforts to date and looked forward to receiving further recommendations as the potential project develops.

21/134 Highways, Footpaths & Rights of Way Matters

Cllr Edgeworth asked for a progress report on the opening of the footbridge over Hinton Wier. The clerk agreed to contact SSDC Rights of Way to find out the current situation.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

21/135 Cemetery Matters

Correspondence had been received from families who had been affected by the changes to Mudford Burial Ground Table of Fees, Payments & Sums, resulting in a significant increase in the fees due from these families. There was much discussion around the qualification criteria of a 'Mudford resident' and some members wished for the criteria to be subject to further changes. It was pointed out that a decision could not be brought back to the PC for a vote within 6 months of the original vote, therefore it was agreed that the original decision for the families affected could not be revisited.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

21/136 Date of next meeting – 31st March 2022

21:22 – Meeting closed