

MUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Mudford Parish Council held on Thursday 25 March at 19:00hrs

Present – Councillors

Phil Sargent (Chairman), Phil Edgeworth (part-time), Nick Lanigan, Mark Rowlands

In attendance:

Julie Ferguson - Parish Clerk, Mike Lewis – County Councillor, Tony Capozzoli – District Councillor

20/145 To receive any Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given

John Snell and Stephen Bartlett had sent their apologies.

20/146 Declarations of interests. None

20/147 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.

20/148 Public Open Session to include County and District Councillors reports

Earlier that day, the clerk had received details of a proposed development within Mudford, for 250 properties. The company 'Grassroots' were advising the parish council that they were holding a public consultation until the 18th April 2021, details of which were available via the website link www.lva-mudfordroad.co.uk. After much discussion it was agreed that not enough time had been given for the parish council to provide a response or promulgate to residents of the parish. It was decided for the clerk to contact Grassroots to ask for a longer period of public consultation and for a small leaflet drop to be carried out targeting those properties most affected. County Councillor Mike Lewis gave a report providing a further breakdown of the council tax increases, with a large sum being provided for Adult Social Care and Citizens Advice Somerset to help with health issues brought about by Covid restrictions. Councillor Capozzoli joined the meeting at this point and reported that SSDC had just voted unanimously to grant a payment of £23 mil to the Octagon Theatre to help with its recovery and hopefully secure its future.

20/149 Planning Decisions Report - 20/03301/FUL – Applegarth, Manor Farm Road, Mudford. Change of use and siting of 8 storage containers. Approved.

Noted.

20/150 Planning Applications. None.

20/151 Parish Council Matters – To agree the Exclusive Rights of Burial for Mr & Mrs Marks, plot T20

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed for the Exclusive Rights of Burial for Mr & Mrs Marks be approved.

20/152 Parish Council Matters – To agree the clerks annual 1 point contractual pay increase from 1st April 2021.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed for the clerk to be awarded a 1 point pay increase from 1st April 2021.

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20/153 Finance - To approve the following payments:

J Ferguson – Clerk’s salary and expenses	£489.70
HMRC – PAYE	£108.20
P S Services	£ 12.00

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

20/154 Finance – To approve the Financial Risk Assessment

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to sign and approve the financial risk assessment

20/155 Parish Matters – Defibrillator and Telephone Kiosk Report

Councillor Lanigan reported that door repairs on the telephone box were underway, with new toughened glass and paint ordered. Councillor Rowlands offered to help if required. The Chairman thanked Councillor Lanigan for all his efforts.

ACTION: Councillor Lanigan

20/156 Parish Matters – Report on fibre broadband for Mudford

Councillors Lanigan, Sargent and the clerk had attended a M/S Teams meeting with the Director of Wessex Internet earlier that week and reported that there was a plan to roll out Fibre To The Premises (FTTP) throughout the parish of Mudford to all properties that had been identified as not having a 30Mb download speed currently. Landowners permission was being sought for cable routes and they hoped to have the parish connected within 24 months. A coverage postcode checker would be available mid-April 2021 via the website www.wessexinternet.com and anyone wishing to investigate further should contact them to discuss their package options.

20/157 Highways and Rights of Way Reports – Progress on issues raised with Somerset County Highways within Mudford Parish

A response had been received detailing the situation with each point that Councillor Rowlands had raised to County Highways. Councillor Sargent had arranged a meeting with County Highways to progress projects discussed prior to Covid and would report back at a future meeting. Councillor Lewis had been trying to progress the opening of the Hinton Bridge footpath and was in correspondence with the Rights of Way team. Councillor Sargent further reported that he was now able to start Speedwatch and was looking to start in the next couple of weeks. Currently 9 volunteers had come forward for training.

ACTION: Councillor Sargent

20/158 Highways and Rights of Way Reports – A359 highways report from Councillor Edgeworth

Councillor Edgeworth had made contact with councillors from Marston Magna Parish Council and would be sharing accident records to compile a database of incidents and accidents on the A359 in recent times. It was suggested to make contact with Queen Camel Parish Council to create a cross-parish 'A359 Committee' which could report back at respective PC meetings.

ACTION: Councillor Edgeworth

20/159 Date of next meeting – APM & APCM 29th April 2021

20:45 – Meeting closed