

# MAIDS MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES of the meeting of the parish council held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm via Zoom.

**Present:** M Byrne, A Mohandas, P Hardcastle, C Cumming, G Maw, J Withnell.

**Clerk:** Jacky Dale-Evans

**Members of the Public:** 11

120/20 **To receive apologies for absence and welcome.** None received.

121/20 **Public Open Forum 1:**

- a) **Stevie Lishman** – on behalf of the village hall, Stevie announced that they were preparing the hall for re-opening to the public with new regulations in relation to Covid 19.
- b) **Kevin Robinson** – requested that PH and other interested parties met with him to discuss placement of the new trees supplied by the Woodlands Trust. PH and KR to agree a time. CC was invited to join them.

122/20 **Members' Interests:** None declared.

123/20 **Approval of minutes:** Minutes were approved with no amendments. Signed by MB.

124/20 **Website Email Addresses** – Adrian Abbs from TEEC Ltd kindly joined us. A new training document has been created and all councillors that have not already done so are requested to read this prior to setting up their new email addresses. Any queries, in the 1<sup>st</sup> instance, to be directed to JDE. AA is happy to help if we are really stuck.

Action – All councillors to ensure their cloud-based email is set up and ready for use by July 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

125/20 **Clerks Report**

- a) JDE highlighted points 2 and 7 – The completion of the required audit documentation and the re-opening of the play park at Maids Moreton Playing Fields.
- b) CC queried if the Cricket Pavilion still had gas connected (point 3). JDE clarified that we had changed suppliers and gas was still connected.
- c) MB queried where the Toxocara canis signs were to be sited (point 4). JDE clarified that the signs were to be distributed along the northern and western boundaries of the playing fields on existing posts. Signs were also going to be sited on the side of the cricket pavilion if this is approved by the Cricket Club.

Action – 3 late payments to be signed and authorised by JW and MB

126/20 **Finance and Accounts**

- a) **To agree financial statements of accounts and bank reconciliations for the end of June 2020.** All agreed.  
Action JW to audit 1<sup>st</sup> quarters accounts.
- b) **To review and act on invoices received and bank payments to be made from May 2020.** All approved.  
Action MB and JW to sign agenda and clerks report to authorise payments. JDE to input into online banking for authorisation by MB and JW.

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### Invoices – Inc VAT

Date	Details	Amount
5/6/2020	A5 Data – cost of materials to repair Cricket Pavilion	£136.84
13/6/2020	Buckingham Glass Ltd – cost of replacement glass Scout Hut	£14.80

### 127/20 Bank Balances - Noted

	Treasurers Account (Current)	Business Bank Instant (Savings)
<b>Opening Balance 27/5/2020</b>	£37,652.67	£13,012.79
<b>Paid in May 2020</b>	£2,000.00	£0.54
<b>Paid out May 2020</b>	£2,747.06	0
<b>Closing Balance 26/7/2020</b>	<b>£36,905.61</b>	<b>£13,013.33</b>

Reserves/Earmarked Funds		
	Playground/Playing Field	£8,010.34
	Elections	£5,000.00
	Interest	£2.99
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>£13,013.33</b>

128/20 **Planning** - Report from PH – No new planning applications.

129/20 **Neighbourhood Plan Update:** PH, Jane Wood and Dave Chetwyn met on the 30/6/2020. It is hoped that with the current rate of progress the NP will be ready, as far as it is able, to be completed by the end of this financial year. Due to Covid 19 there are restrictions currently in place which prohibit the public referendum or public consultation from taking place.

There are some additional grants that PH suggested we apply for, totalling in the region of £10,000. All agreed PH could apply for these grants.

Action PH to apply for grants.

130/20 **Annual Governance & accountability Return 2019/20** – noted

- a. All AGAR documents sent to PKF Littlejohn.
- b. Notice of public right to inspect accounts was put up on the noticeboard and added to the website on 13<sup>th</sup> June. Dates of inspection are 15<sup>th</sup> June to 24<sup>th</sup> July.

131/20 **Newsletter** – PH has sent through some content for the newsletter. AM has requested assistance with the content for vulnerable residents and dog fouling. MB offered help with vulnerable residents. JDE offered help with dog fouling.

There was a discussion regarding printing costs. The meeting was closed for public comment and it was suggested that black and white printing seemed to be the cheaper and therefore preferred option. The meeting was re-opened, and it was agreed that the newsletter would be printed in black and white, unless AM could find colour printing at a cheap price.

Action AM to publish Newsletter once all content was received and agreed by councillors.

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### 132/20 Dog walking path on the playing fields

- a) MB reported back that the Cricket Club had the following comments:
- i) They had no real problems with dog fouling on the cricket pitch.
  - ii) The fenced path would shrink the cricket pitch.
  - iii) They were against the fencing, but not the dog walking path.
  - iv) Preferred option would be an unfenced walkway around the playing field.
- b) Simon Smith from BRUFC was present but had difficulty with audio. On his behalf MB reported back that the BRUFC had the following comments:
- i) They were in favour of the control of dogs on the playing fields and dog fouling was considered an important issue.
  - ii) They thought the fence would be a hazard to players. The rugby pitch should be 5 meters away from any hard structures which takes the playing area of the pitch up to the fence of the playground.
  - iii) The proposed path on the Eastern boundary of the rugby pitch would be very narrow.
  - iv) Suggested alternative path at the Eastern boundary of the playing area, with the partial removal of the hedge, or on the Western boundary on the current bridleway.

The councillors had a discussion regarding the above points. It was agreed that the introduction of a fence on the playing field was not the solution to the dog fouling problem.

Several different options were then discussed. It was generally agreed that a pathway was a welcome addition to the playing fields and that this could be marked in a more natural and non-invasive way than a fence. In the 1<sup>st</sup> instance it could be marked by a line of ground paint or by the removal of the grass in some way.

The meeting was closed to hear public opinion.

- The suggestion of a “Permissive Path” was put forward and agreed to be a good idea by all.
- Clarification on how the pathway would be communicated to the public was brought up.
- Clarification was sought on whether dogs would be allowed to walk this area off the lead.

The meeting was re-opened.

It was agreed the idea of a “Permissive Path” was a solution all were happy with and that this option would be investigated further. PH brought up the possibility of a Public Spaces Protection Order, which would give parameters on how dogs could be exercised on or off lead in this area.

Action MB to investigate how we create a “Permissive Path”. PH to investigate Public Space Protection Orders. Both to be discussed in September’s meeting.

### 133/20 Community Right to Bid – PH and Jane Wood have collected evidence and put together a suggested proposal.

[Addition Note: Lyn Robinson's photos of Scott's Lane have proved invaluable; one shows John White installing the Community Wildlife Site sign there.]

Action PH to email around all councillors for consideration. Once approved, JDE to submit the Community Right to Bid.

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- 134/20 **Update on S106 Walnut Drive/Foscote Road.** Comments have been submitted. No further information available.
- 135/20 **Fireworks Display** – the likelihood of being able to hold a fireworks display was discussed. It was agreed that this is a very well supported event in the village and that to cancel at this early stage was not an option. It was suggested that in the 1<sup>st</sup> instance the councillors would hold an email discussion in mid-August to decide if fireworks should be ordered with the 10% discount currently on offer. It was left open that no decision could be made under the current Covid 19 restrictions and that a decision would be left until nearer the time.
- Action – JDE to initiate email conversation on August 17<sup>th</sup> 2020
- 136/20 **Wildflower/Wildlife Verges** – GM outlined his suggested of keeping some verges uncut throughout the summer season to promote wildflowers and wildlife. There was a discussion on the merits of this proposal, and some concerns were raised over the village looking untidy. PH is looking at “biodiversity corridors” as part of the NP and offered to include the proposal of wildflower verges.
- Action PH to highlight which verges could be offered as “biodiversity corridors” and circulate to all councillors.
- 137/20 **Option of 2<sup>nd</sup> Defibrillator** – the option of a 2<sup>nd</sup> defibrillator was discussed. It was agreed that a 2<sup>nd</sup> unit was not currently needed in the village. There is a defibrillator at Gracewells which could be utilised in case of emergency.
- 138/20 **Councillors Open Forum:** Councillors to bring items forward for the next agenda. None.
- 139/20 **Public Open Forum:** members of the public may make further comments and suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting having heard the discussions at this meeting. None.
- 140/20 **Date, time and venue of the next meeting:** There is no planned meeting in August. The next meeting will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm at Maids Moreton Village Hall or via Zoom if the current regulations are still in place.

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