

# MAIDS MORETON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES of the meeting of the parish council held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 At Maids Moreton Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllr P Hardcastle, Cllr C Cumming, Cllr G Maw, Cllr K McClintock, Cllr A Mohandas  
**Apologies:** Cllr M Byrne, Cllr F Powell,  
**Attendees** Cllr H Mordue  
**Clerk:** Jacky Dale-Evans **Members of the Public:** 9

- 100/21 **To receive apologies for absence and welcome.** Cllr M Byrne and Cllr F Powell sent their apologies which were accepted.
- 101/21 **Public Open Forum 1:** Members of the public are invited to bring matters to the attention of the council. Please note that only items on this agenda can be discussed and agreed at this meeting.
- a) **Speeding in the village was highlighted as a particular concern for residents.** This will be discussed as part of agenda item 110/21.
- b) **A resident requested the opportunity to discuss planning application 21/03175/APP.** This was discussed on 1/9/2021 and comments were sent to Buckinghamshire Council via the planning portal. This application cannot be discussed again unless a new or amended application is received.
- 102/21 **Members' Interests:** Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda, as required by the Maids Moreton Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011. None.
- 103/21 **Approval of minutes:** To agree the minutes from the Parish Council Meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. Agreed by all present with no amendments.
- 104/21 **Correspondence requiring a decision to be made.**
- a) **Confirmation of Speedwatch training dates have been received.** This will be discussed as part of agenda item 110/21
- 105/21 **Clerk's Report** – No questions received.
- 106/21 **Finance**
- a) **Schedule of Payments** – to acknowledge and agree to pay the invoices listed on the Schedule of Payments. All invoices agreed.
- b) **Half Year Finance Review** – to discuss and agree projects and proposed spending for the coming year to be included in the annual budget for 2021/22. All councillors to bring projects they would like to see to be discussed.
- i) Additional Defibrillator Request at Playing Field: Prior to the meeting it was established that there was a defibrillator at Maids Moreton C of E School which has now been added to the SCAS database and is available for public use. There is therefore no requirement for an additional unit at the playing fields.
- ii) Cllr Cummings requested the cost of a hard standing area in the Rose Garden for wheelchair users.
- iii) Cllr Cummings requested the cost of a border edging to the flower beds in the Rose Garden.
- iv) Cllr Cummings requested the cost of manure to improve the soil in the flower beds in the Rose Garden.

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- v) Cllr Gaw requested the investigation of bollards to protect the biodiversity corridor from parked cars.

Action: All councillors are to email their requests, with estimated costings, to the clerk before Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October for inclusion in this years proposed budget.

### 107/21 Planning

- a) Report from PH on planning in the village, to include updates on outstanding applications.

- i) No new applications were discussed.  
ii) PH informed those present that there are revised/corrected site plans for application 21/03815/AOP now available on Buckinghamshire Council's planning portal. PH has written a response to these which was read out and approved by all present.

Action: JDE to submit comments to Buckinghamshire Council.

- b) Walnut Drive Development – to receive and discuss any updates on this planning application and the related S106 agreement.

- i) All 3 Buckingham East councillors have asked for this application to be called in for redetermination again, following the adoption of the VALP. They are still waiting to hear if this call for redetermination has been approved.

### c) New Applications

Application Number	Details
None	

- 108/21 **Report from Jonathon Holland Architects** – to further discuss and agree to engage with Holland Architects regarding the options report on the future of the playing field and associated buildings.

All felt that they needed additional information before engaging Holland Architects.

Action: JDE to ask Jonathon Hollard for details of previous customers so that we can ask for references from previous clients.

- 109/21 **Buckinghamshire Council Boundary Review** – to discuss and agree a response to the consultation from BC on their boundary review.

This consultation was discussed, and Cllr Mordue explained that there was some difference between Buckinghamshire Council, who want to keep 120 councillors, and the Boundaries Commission, who only want to keep 98 councillors. There are currently 147 councillors within Buckingham Unitary Authority.

Cllr Mordue encouraged all councillors to respond to the consultation with some urgency in order to ensure that all councillors opinions were taken into consideration. Consultation closes on November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021.

Action: All councillors to respond to the consultation before November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

- 110/21 **Traffic Calming Measures** – to discuss and agree a strategy for the possible implementation of traffic calming measures in Maids Moreton. To include a discussion relating to the **Consultation on 20mph speed limits on Bucks by Cllr Peter Cooper, Buckinghamshire Council, Wing Ward.**

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The meeting was closed and members of the public were invited to speak. There was a very strong feeling that speeding is considered to be of a high priority to residents. The meeting was re-opened for councillors to discuss available options.

- a) The clerk and Lee Turnham (LT) from TVP had a very long conversation around speeding awareness and what could be actioned within the village to help with the perceived issues.
- i) Maids Moreton are registered for Speedwatch Training. LT suggested this was a great started point on the journey to evaluate and monitor speeds within the village.
  - ii) LT also suggested obtaining the historic information held by Buckinghamshire Council relating to speeds in the village. This information should be collected by BC every 3 years.
  - iii) LT suggested upgrading the current MVAS machine located on the Towcester Road so that is could record speeds of vehicles on this stretch of road.
  - iv) All information, once collected over a period of time, will feed into any future proposal to TfB, TVP and BC for action against speeding in Maids Moreton.

**All councillors agreed these were positive suggestions and agreed to implement all of them.**

Action: JDE to collect evidence from BC, to advertise and recruit to the speedwatch group and investigate the upgrade of the current MVAS.

- b) TVP have confirmed Speedwatch training for Maids Moreton on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2021. Action: All those who are willing to complete this training should email the clerk [maidsmoretonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:maidsmoretonclerk@gmail.com) by November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. A meeting will then be held to discuss the parameters under which the group will be working prior to the training taking place.

- c) Cllr Cooper has asked Maids Moreton Parish Council if they:

- i) Welcome having the option of introducing 20mph zones in your parish or town
- ii) Pursue this option if it were available
- iii) Support the widespread adoption of 20mph zones in residential areas across Buckinghamshire

**Maids Moreton Parish Council agreed to support all of these statements.**

Action: JDE to respond to Cllr Coopers email supporting his pursuit of 20 mph limits in Buckinghamshire.

- 111/21 **Remembrance Statue of Lady** – to discuss and agree to purchase an “unknown women in war” silhouette for the Rose Garden (or alternative location). Cost £175.00. All councillors agreed to this purchase for sited in the Rose Garden in the 1<sup>st</sup> instance.

Action: JDE to order statue and arrange for installation in the Rose Garden.

- 112/21 **5G Mast at Buckingham Rugby Club** – to discuss and agree comments to be submitted to Clarke Telecom in relation to their intention to upgrade the current 4G mast at Buckingham Rugby Club to a 5G mast.

**All agreed there was no objection to this.** No action required.

- 113/21 **Oxford to Cambridge Arc** – CC to report back on the Q&A meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

- a) CC reported back that Buckinghamshire Council (BC) has withdrawn from the “Arc Leaders Group” as a protest to the marginalisation of individual councils’ views within the group. She also reported back that BC are asking for support from their town and parish councils to defend against the proposed Oxford to

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Cambridge Arc proposal. CC is supportive of BC in this action. All councillors agreed to support this recommendation. **Action: CC to prepare a response to the public consultation on behalf of Maids Moreton Parish Council.**

b) There is a group called Stop the Arc which offers advice and information to those who are in opposition of this expansion and CC suggested all councillors look at the link <https://www.noexpressway.org/> for more information.

114/21 **Bonfire Night/Fireworks** – to discuss and agree who will be attending the bonfire night and if we need to recruit volunteers to help collect donations and represent the council at the event.

a) **All agreed support was required.** More buckets to be purchased and all those available on the 5<sup>th</sup> November to attend and help collect donations. **Action: JDE to purchase more buckets. JDE to advertise the evening event around the village. Councillors to let JDE know if they will be attending and are able to collect donations on behalf of the parish council.**

115/21 **Buckingham Community Board Environmental Grants** – to discuss and agree any request for grant monies made available by the Buckingham Community Board for environmental works in Maids Moreton.

a) **There was a discussion around potential environmental projects around the village.**

- i) GM is keen to grow the current biodiversity corridor with groundwork and seed planting in agreed areas around Maids Moreton. **Action: GM and JDE to put together a proposal for submission to the Buckingham Community Board.**
- ii) GM would like to see bollards protecting the biodiversity corridor from parked cars. **Action JDE to speak to Buckingham Community Board to see if this would be considered environmental works.**

116/21 **Email from Buckland Parish Council regarding BC Parish Charter** – to discuss and agree a response to the email from Buckland Parish Council regarding their stance on the BC Parish Charter. To discuss and agree if MMPC are still supportive of signing the BC Parish Charter.

**All agreed that Maids Moreton Parish Council held their view to sign up to the Parish Charter.**

117/21 **Councillors Open Forum:** Councillors to bring items forward for the next agenda.

a) **AM requested an item on engagement of youths in the parish on the December meeting agenda.**

b) **CC mentioned that the tree planting currently being undertaken was hindered by the lack of access to water at the playing field.** PH mentioned that there was a tap available and used by the cricket club to water the cricket square. **Action: JDE to ask the cricket club the whereabouts of the tap and for permission to use this for watering trees.**

118/21 **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.

a) It was reported that the gate to footpath MMT/2/1 on Maids Street had fallen over and was in urgent need of repair. **Action: JDE to report to BC Public Rights of Way Team.**

119/21 **Date, time and venue of the next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm at Maids Moreton Village Hall.

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