

# MINUTES OF MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs Jeff Channing (in chair), Gareth Jenkins, Julia Barnett, Peter Barnett, Andy Simmonds and clerk to the council, Sue Holder. Also in attendance were: Louise Govier, National Trust, Cllr Ian Jeffrey and 1 parishioner.

**17/137 APOLOGIES:** Apologies accepted from Cllrs Millns and Gibson

**17/138 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**17/139 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017:** were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**17/140 MATTERS ARISING:**

- Cllr Channing reported that he has approached two Website Designers with a view to having a dedicated parish council website.
- It is understood that the grass at the Church graveyard has now been cut twice.

**17/141 PARISHONERS OPEN FORUM:**

- It was reported that the seat in Hatt Lane is in a poor state of repair. A replacement seat to be discussed at the next meeting.

**17/142 NATIONAL TRUST**

- No traffic issues were reported during June, with further improvements planned for the car park.
- Fence line repairs, in Mottisfont Village centre, are scheduled for after the school summer holidays.
- The request to extend the lease for the village hall had been received and a reply would be sent shortly.
- A Building Surveyor has suggested that the cracks in the wall of the village hall are due to seasonal movement and is monitoring them. Further cracks were reported at this meeting.
- Work in the parish was reported to include painting fences, clearance through Dunbridge Springs and improving the access on footpaths.
- A Woodland grant scheme application has been approved securing funding for 5 years.
- Bat surveys will be conducted over the next two weeks.

**17/143 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT** – not in attendance

**17/144 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- It was reported that the new Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus is now in operation.
- The draft recommendations for the new electoral arrangements for Test Valley Borough Council are out for consultation until the 14<sup>th</sup> August.

**17/145 HIGHWAYS**

**1. Mottisfont Village Centre White Lines**

It was reported that Highways have undertaken standard white lining of road edges in Mottisfont village centre, but no virtual footpath, as previously agreed. Cllr Gibson will be asked to progress this with the Highways Department and request that the

footpath is completed or an alternative solution proposed. The parish council are prepared to contribute financially to the virtual footpath if necessary, possibly out of Section 106 funds.

**2. Barley Hill Speed Survey**

It was reported that the Police Traffic Enforcement department have twice undertaken speed checks on Barley Hill. It is understood that speeds will be monitored over a year and the police will then take a view about whether to continue with enforcement in the future.

**3. Outstanding highways**

- A hole on the Barley Hill footpath has been reported for repair.
- Lockerley Road potholes have been repaired.
- The edging on Barley Hill needs repair, and the tarmac has suffered in the hot weather.
- The Lengths man has strimmed several footpaths this month. Footpath number disks have been ordered and the Lengths man will put them up.
- A section of the Hatt Hill footpath needs resurfacing, and has been reported for repair.

**17/146 VILLAGE HALL – nothing to report**

**17/147 FINANCE**

TSB Account 00182619	£ 8416.77
TSB Account 01542503	£10455.54
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	£18872.31

**a) Payments for Approval (R) = Retrospective**

Morelock – footpath disks	£152.68®	#589
Mrs Black internal audit	£25.00	#590
Clerk	£432.72	#591

**b) Payments Received:** £109.77 – Lengths man refund

**c) Internal Audit** – the clerk reported that the internal audit had been completed for year ending 31.3.16, with no outstanding issues.

**d) External Audit** – the clerk reported that the external auditors BDO had queried the parish council funds at the year end, stating they were too high.

**e) Parish Spending Priorities of parish funds and Section 106 funds.** The chair-man requested that proposals are brought to the September meeting.

**f) Defibrillator 2018/19** – No resolution was passed concerning a contribution to the community defibrillator maintenance charges at this meeting for 2018/19.

**17/148 PLANNING**

**a) New applications (since last meeting).**

17/01478/FULLS	Mount Farm	Removal of modern conservatory and erection	No objection from the parish council
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17/01748/TREES	Dengrid	of new timber framed garden room Fell one Willow Tree	No objection from the parish council
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**b) Parish Plan / Statutory Parish Plan**

The parish council resolved to write confidentially to the National Trust requesting any development plans in place for the future. With this information, the parish council can decide if a Neighbourhood Plan would benefit the parish. Cllrs Julia and Peter Barnett will continue to produce a parish plan.

**17/149 CORRESPONDENCE**

- PCC – burial ground maintenance, noted
- Mrs Black – internal audit report, noted
- BDO - external audit report, noted

**17/150 MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- Cllr Julia Barnett attended the Broughton and Mottisfont Village Bus opening meeting, and reported that the users are very complimentary about the new bus. Bus usage has increased.

**17/151 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- In August, the MTR Crossrail franchise will be replacing South West trains with no changes reported to the timetable.

**17/152 PARISHONERS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING**

- A speed survey on Hatt Hill was suggested.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.03pm