

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021 – 7PM (Zoom Meeting)

Councillors Present: Cllrs R Scott (Chair), P Dickens, P Scott, L Antonini, A Rose & Cllr Versallion (CBC)

Clerk: C Underhay

1: To receive apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr's D Coleman & R Capstick.

2: Declarations of Interest:

No declarations were received.

3: Approval of Minutes from 8th March 2021:

The Minutes were signed as a true reflection of the meeting.

4: Public Forum:

A resident noted that a neighbour had applied to Speedwatch but has not heard anything. The Clerk said he would chase this.

A resident asked about dog mess in the village. Cllr Antonini noted that you can get support – Clerk to look into and report at next meeting.

A resident asked about rats in the village – Cllr Versallion suggested calling CBC central number and asking for pest control. The resident will action this.

5: Matters arising not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda:

The Chair noted the following:

An email has been received from a company called Alpaca asking to come to a Parish Council meeting. They are interested in developing a

solar farm in land just south of Hockliffe. They will be invited to the next meeting.

6: Finance:

1. To authorise accounts for payment:

The Chair invited the Clerk to speak.

It was resolved that the following cheques could be paid:

Retrospective:

Cheque no	Amount	Payee	Reason
1812	£17	A Alexander	Blooming Hockliffe (9/3)
1813	spoiled		
1814	£90.45	M Underhay	Blooming Hockliffe (9/3)
1815	£190.86	A Alexander	Blooming Hockliffe (24/3)
1816	£24.75	R Alexander	Handyman (24/3)
1817	£31.98	M Underhay	Blooming Hockliffe (24/3)
1818	£30	BATPC	Training (Lisa) (24/3)
1819	£165.10	R Alexander	Blooming Hockliffe (24/3)
1820	£32.06	R Alexander	Blooming Hockliffe (24/3)
1821	£62.11	A Alexander	Blooming Hockliffe (24/3)
1822	£156.80	M Underhay	Blooming Hockliffe (29/3)
1823	£127.85	M Underhay	Blooming Hockliffe (31/3)

All of the above has been agreed at previous meetings (Blooming Hockliffe as a budget amount, and Lisa Training in February's meeting).

Cheques to authorise (all dated 12th April 2021) –(b) means budgeted item

Cheque no	Amount	Payee	Reason
1824	£299.60	C Underhay	Salary (b)
1825	£74.80	HMRC	Clerk Tax (b)
1826	£210	BATPC	Affiliation Fees (b)
1827	£1166.46	Zurich	Insurance (b)
1828	£168.75	R Alexander	Handyman (b)
1829	£40.39	C Underhay	Expenses (b)

1830

£30.76

B Simpson

Domain name renewal (b)

We also received 35p credit in respect of interest on 31/3 and £6 in respect of a cemetery monument inscription fee (15/3)

The Clerk also noted that he had received notification of the precept credit (£21,470) on 6th April 2021.

2. Account Balances & Budget:

Spend last year was £23,058.76 – however, £2625 was the disbursement of a grant received the year before, and was not in the published budget. So, spend against actual budget was £20,433 (against budget of £22,684).

Income received last year was £32,410.26 against a forecast of £22,467.80.

A reconciliation cannot be provided as the auditor has bank statements etc – this will be provided next month.

3. Review of the Asset Register as at 31st March 2021:

This was presented and was unanimously approved

7: Open Spaces Risk Assessment:

The Clerk presented the Open Spaces Risk Assessment, with actions that will be worked on. This document will be reviewed quarterly.

8: Grass/Hedge Maintenance:

The Chair advised that the present contractor (Village Garden Services) have terminated the contract (with effect from 31st March 2021).

Quotations for the work have been reviewed from Goldleaf Groundcare Ltd, Ready Steady Mow, David Grainger and HHA Grounds Maintenance Ltd. It was unanimously agreed by the Council to re appoint Goldleaf.

Work completed by them previously for us has been of an acceptable standard.

9: Tree Survey:

No Update – pending receipt of the survey.

10: May Meetings:

The Chair advised that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the same evening as the monthly Parish Council meeting on 10th May 2021.

11: Planning – Applications Received:

Update: CB/20/03489 – Hockliffe House – update from November meeting – no decision made yet (by CBC).

No new applications

12: Correspondence Received (for information only):

The Chair noted the following:

Drug dealing in Kilby Road – forwarded to Mark Versallion.

Various regarding the electric cable from Leighton Buzzard to

Toddington – both from the Company and residents regarding the work.

13: Items for inclusion in the next agenda:

There were no additional items other than those minuted.

14: Date & place of the next Parish Council Meeting:

This will be held on Monday 10th May 2021 via Zoom. This meeting will follow immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Signed as a true record..... Rob Scott (chair) 10th May 2021

Colin Underhay – Clerk – 19th April 2021



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