

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th January 2022

Councillors Present: Cllrs R Scott (Chair), P Scott, L Antonini, P Dickens & D Coleman

Clerk: C Underhay

132: To receive apologies for absence:

Cllr Versallion (CBC) sent apologies.

133: Declarations of Interest:

No Declarations of Interest were received.

134: Approval of Minutes from 13th December 2021:

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

135: CBC Cllr Mark Versallion Report:

Cllr Versallion was absent – however, he advised the meeting via email that he had arranged a meeting with the Head of Lower Hockliffe School to discuss speeding on the Woburn Road in Hockliffe.

136: Public Forum:

A resident asked the Clerk for the email address of our contact CBC Highways – the Clerk said he would forward this.

A resident noted trees hanging over the post box/dog bin in Church Lane – they are overgrown substantially. The trees are owned by residents, and the land by CBC – the Chair asked the Clerk to write to CBC regarding this. Cllr Coleman asked if the Parish Notice Board sited in Church Lane could be moved to the Cemetery – this will be considered.

137: Matters arising from the Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda:

The Chair noted that we had not used any Delegated Power (agreed at the last Meeting) – however, it was not resolved to remove these powers as the COVID situation is still fluid. The Chair noted that the Parish Council Meeting will be held on the third Monday in February (21st) due to the school not being available the week before (due to half term).

138: Planning – Applications received:

The Chair noted that there were no new planning applications to discuss.

139: Parking by the Cemetery:

Cllr Dickens noted that before any further consideration is given to this, we should ask CBC the minimum width allowable. Care must be given to the hedge and ashes plots. The Chair asked the Clerk to contact CBC.

140: Speedwatch:

The Speedwatch co-ordinator supplied a report that was read out to the meeting. This has been attached to the Minutes. Cllr P Scott asked whether we could have some signage to say Hockliffe is in a Speedwatch Area. The Chair asked the Clerk to ask the Speedwatch Coordinator if this was possible.

141: A5:

Cllr P Scott has spoken to the police, and a meeting has been arranged to discuss speeding (for 11th January 2022). A report will come back to the Parish Council. Cllr Scott has also made representation to Highways England for an update on de-trunking.

142: Disposal of Christmas Tree:

The Chair reported the Christmas Tree had been environmentally disposed of.

143: HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

Cllr Antonini advised that she is arranging a meeting for 20th January 2022. She proposed that the Council pay for school hire that evening (£27), this was seconded by the Chair and then fully resolved by all Councillors.

It was also noted that a donation of £360 will be received from Leighton Linslade Rotary Club from funds collected via the Santa Float. A pre-requisite from the Rotary Club is that these funds are specifically reserved for our HM Jubilee Event in June 2022.

144: Neighbourhood Plan:

Cllr P Scott advised that the short survey has been live – the deadline has now passed. She will speak to Richard (Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Group) to see if we can put out a message for "last calls". The results are yet to be collated.

145: Handyman

Richard was not present at the meeting – the Chair asked the Clerk to review work outstanding to report at the next meeting. An updated spreadsheet will be provided.

146: Finance:

The Chair asked the Clerk to speak.

1. To authorise accounts for payment:

The following payments were presented. It was resolved by all Councillors present that they could be paid:

Chq No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1907	£599.55	Goldleaf	Ground Maintenance

1908	£660.00	Bespoke Driveways	Removal of fence in the park
1909	£27.00	CBC	School Hire for this meeting

In addition, the following Direct Debits/Standing Orders have been paid in January 2022:

£26 to C Underhay for working at home allowance
£35 to ICO for our Data Protection Fee

The following credits were also received:

31st December 2022 – 47p interest

2. Account Balances & Budget. To review summary of spend against budget:

As at 1st January 2022, the balance of the current account is £20,686.66, and the savings account £54916.09.

Reconciliation for December 2021 was presented – as at the end of December, 75% of the budget has been spent against 75% of the year that has elapsed.

147: Correspondence Received (for information only):

The Chair noted that no correspondence had been received.

148: Items for inclusion in the next agenda:

Signage (Speedwatch)

Park – signs, the gates at the entrance to the park and CCTV

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Colin Underhay – Clerk – 11th January 2022

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Hockliffe Speedwatch – Update to Hockliffe Parish Council, January 2022

- Remote e-learning completed for initial cohort of volunteers
- Familiarisation session held in October with the Bedfordshire Constabulary Speedwatch Co-Ordinator
- 2 Speedwatch sites approved by the Police:
 - o A5, north of traffic lights direction southbound
 - o Woburn Road, opposite the school, direction heading into the village
- 3 Speedwatch sessions held so far between Oct- Dec
- For the 3 sessions, total number of cars passing 790, with 68 speeders identified
- Speedwatch sessions will commence in January, dates TBC.
- As we are only able to perform Speedwatch sessions during daylight hours, so this limits when we can do sessions during the winter. Most of our volunteers are unable to do sessions during the week in daylight hours due to work
- New volunteers very welcome – especially anyone able to support sessions in the week during the day
- Thanks to all the volunteers so far!

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