

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th
November 2021**

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

Clerk: C Underhay

94: To receive apologies for absence:

All Councillors were present at the meeting.

95: Declarations of Interest:

No Declarations of Interest were received.

96: Approval of Minutes from 11th October 2021:

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

97: CBC Cllr Mark Versallion Report:

Cllr Versallion reported as follows:

The speed limit outside the school is "still on the list". It would be wise to increase Speedwatch outside of the school (Clerk to contact John Khatri).

Cllr Versallion asked to be invited to a potential meeting between the Clerk and Bedfordshire Highways, when it is arranged.

The new Police & Crime Commissioner has announced a new Safety Fund.

Cllr Versallion reminded the Council of the various CBC Grant Scheme's available – closing date 31st March 2022.

98: Police Report:

None (absent)

99: Public Forum:

A resident asked about completion of work to Tamaru – the Chair noted that this was private property and outside of the remit of the Parish Council.

A resident asked about the kerb side gutters in Clifford Close – the Chair asked the resident to report it on Fix My Street.

A resident asked about the advertising board on the corner of Woburn Road/A5 as it is in disrepair – the Chair advised that as this is on private land it is outside of the remit of the Parish Council.

A resident asked about the Herris Rails outside of Alison's Brook. The Chair noted that the last property has been sold subject to Contract – and as soon as this is completed the Herris Rail will be removed.

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

None

101: Speedwatch:

No report.

102: A5:

The Chair advised that he has a meeting with the police and Highways England. Highways England explained that they had never placed Average Speed Cameras on a road with traffic lights. The police will be arranging strips across the road to measure traffic quantity and speed. Cllr P Scott advised that Highways England have still not carried out the survey post the new link road being opened – this will now be done early in the New Year.

103: Christmas:

Cllr Antonini advised that the Christmas Tree Lighting Event will now be held on 5th December 2021. Cllr Antonini presented a budget to the

Council for the event. This totalled £842.83 and comprised the following:

Calendar production - £242.83

Santa Costume - £100

150 presents at £2 each - £300

Hay bales/decorations - £100

Generator Hire - £100

This spend was proposed by Cllr Antonini, seconded by Cllr P Scott, and unanimously resolved by all Councillors.

The event will run from 5-7pm in the garden of the Harvester.

The Clerk will undertake the Risk Assessment.

An application for a £40 Grant has been made by Hockliffe Lower School towards the purchase of a Christmas Tree. This expenditure was proposed by Cllr Dickens and seconded by the Chair. This was then unanimously resolved by all Councillors.

104: HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

No update

105: Neighbourhood Plan:

Cllr P Scott reported that the team is working on a survey – the next meeting is scheduled for 22nd November 2021.

106: Defibrillators:

The Chair asked the Clerk to approach the Handyman to obtain a quote to put a new box outside the school and connect electricity to it.

The Chair asked the Clerk to approach the Church to see if it is possible to site a new Defibrillator at the Church for use by residents in the immediate area.

107: Annual Policy Reviews:

It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr P Scott that the following policies were renewed for a further year:

Village Green Infringement Policy

Website Management Policy

Safeguarding and Child Protection (with one amendment, that the Whistleblowing representative is changed to Cllr Lisa Antonini).

It was then fully resolved by all Councillors that the above policies were renewed.

108: Councillor Vacancies:

The Chair reminded all present, including members of the public, that we have 2 vacancies available.

109: 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. (b) means they are included in the budget:

Cheque no	Amount	Payee	Reason
1880	£457.27	SADS UK	Defib maintenance (*)
1881	Spoiled		
1882	£129.50	M Underhay	Blooming Hockliffe (b)
1883	£528.80	M Underhay	Blooming Hockliffe (b)
1884	£349.40	C Underhay	Clerk Salary (b)
1885	£38.76	HMRC	Clerk Tax (b)
1886	£39.03	C Underhay	Clerk Expenses (b)
1887	Spoiled		
1888	£336.00	M Humphries	Christmas Tree (b)
1889	£599.55	Goldleaf	Ground Maintenance (b)
1890	£27.00	CBC	Hall Hire

2.Precept:

It was proposed by Cllr P Scott that the Precept contribution remain the same at £56.80 for a Band D Dwelling the year 2022/23. This was seconded by Cllr Coleman and then unanimously resolved by all Councillors.

3.Clerk Pay:

The Chair discussed the Clerk hours of work. He proposed an increase to 35 hours per month. This was seconded by Cllr P Scott and then unanimously resolved by all Councillors.

110: Planning – Applications received:

The Chair presented two applications for consideration.

CB/21/04637/Full – 2 Birches Close

CB/21/04390/Full – Hockliffe House

The Council had no comments to make on either application.

111: Blooming Hockliffe:

The Chair asked for a member of the Blooming Hockliffe Team to speak. Remembrance – a village display was again completed and welcomed by all. The Team decided not to purchase a remembrance bench at this point.

The new planters have arrived and are due to be installed.

On a separate note, Cllr Antonini noted that she had arranged for dog waste dispensers – the cost is £35 for 800 bags – this will be discussed at next month's budget meeting.

112: Handyman:

The Handyman was not present.

113: Correspondence Received (for information only):

None to present

114: Items for inclusion in the next agenda:

- Surveyor (item 80)
- Budget
- Dog waste dispensers

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Colin Underhay – Clerk – 23rd November 2021

Signed as a true record.....Rob Scott (Chair) 13/12/2021

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