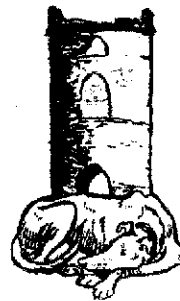


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MINUTES OF MEETING 9-10-24.

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Parish Councillors:

Cllr Jonathan Chishick (Chairman)
Cllr Mark Farrington (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Jonathan Pearson
Cllr Sima Elliot
Cllr Bronwyn Wynne

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

- 24/53** Apologies for absence - Councillor Sima Elliot
- 24/54** Declarations of interests from Councillors - none
- 24/55** Approval of minutes of the meeting held on September 2024
- 24/56 District Councillor's Report** – nothing received.

JP noted MS absence and has asked that the clerk writes to him as there are highway matters to discuss; which the parish council have been advised should be reported to a district councillor.

24/57 Chairman's Report –

NAG meeting 10th October – will raise concerns about antisocial activity at Greyhound carpark and layby by the roundabout/A340, and the abandoned car at the bottom of Sulham Hill.

JP raised concerns about the e-mopeds without number plates, speeding and probably unlicensed and uninsured.

JC advised that TwS will pay the rental fee for the meeting at the Goosecroft Barn.

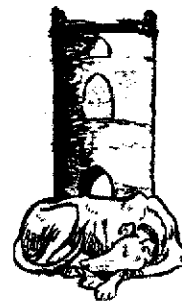
JC updated that he proposes £500 donation to the parish magazine. He has seen the accounts, which show that they are breaking even and that the £500 is needed and utilised.

24/58 Parish Councillors' Reports

- i. JP – reference Highways – SE was advised that Mill Lane work had been done a few months ago; however, new road works on 10th and 11th Mill Lane would suggest that is not the case. He is also concerned that there is not an engineered passing place or clear lineation definition of road and verge.
- ii. JP – very concerned at road harassment of one of the Lusted lorries forced himself over the small bridge. JP pointed out the danger of this and the driver responded, "Why don't you go and kill yourself." Also concerned about the potholes and that some are so dangerous and WBC not fulfilling obligation.
- iii. MF – reiterated that the drains need to be reviewed by an engineer and a more permanent solution found.
- iv. JP – make sure all highways issues are reported on the WBC Portal. This can provide the data to show if there is sufficient preventative maintenance. Clerk to write a report for the Parish magazine.
- v. BW – Asian hornet survey is now closed for the winter
- vi. BW – has bought new padlocks for the Millenium Green bollards; keys will be distributed to MF, SB and JM. Additional key to be cut for the clerk. £26 to be reimbursed. JC will transfer funds. Receipt with clerk.
- vii. BW – has contacted local school, church to encourage children to support and sing at the Millenium Green Christmas Carols. But this has not proven fruitful due to safeguarding and transportation of children.
- viii. BW – spoke about the ideas of the local village hall fundraising to improve the onsite parking. There is an expectation that the Parish Council will make a contribution. But BW said that there would need to

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be a business plan for the project. **JP** advised that there is already a donation of £165 made to the Village Hall. The village hall committee have not shown the accounts before and that would also need to be reviewed. **JC** advised that we are supportive of the idea but there should be a more formal approach including sight of the income and outgoing expense, plus the schedule of hiring charges that is reviewed annually to uplift in line with inflation.

- ix. **BW** has contact Community Heartbeat and BHF to arrange for a defibrillator to be put in the telephone box. She has contacted an electrical engineer to discuss the power source and hook up. If this is not a viable option then could turn it into a Book Exchange. The telephone box needs a scrub up.
- x. **BW** also reported a pothole that is further up Tidmarsh Lane past the bollards of the MG.

24/59 Clerk's Report

- i. The clerk suggested scrutinising the next batch of roadworks to ensure they match the complaints made through the portal. If they do not, the clerk should write to request the complete schedule of works and question further what is happening to the complaints log.
- ii. West Berkshire Heritage Forum wrote to all Parish Councils to request financial support in addition to what it receives from WBC. This was discussed, but as there was no justification, it was not agreed upon.

24/60 Public forum - An opportunity for public members to raise matters of concern.

A resident asked the chairman a question concerning the outcome of having electrics on the Millenium Green. It had been discussed previously and established that it could have been a better use of parish money. The cost would far outweigh the actual usage for small public events.

24/61 Review Tasks

- I. Review Task Report - clerk is on task
- II. Any new items to discuss - none

24/62 Planning Applications

- I. Current planning applications
Planning Application 24/01642/FUL – Deadline 25th October 2024- **MF** recommends that a clause be added to prevent further development should a foal be born that could be a precursor to a change in site use; Pretext to build a house. The clerk noted and reported the concern.
- II. A) Any additional planning correspondence - none
B) As per September minutes 24/44/iii follow up with **WBC** and **MS** for an update on Manor Farm planning applications and
JP suggests we ask for a FOI so that an official response is received within 20 days.
MF reported that **MS** is applying for a meeting on Friday 11th October.
MF would like an investigation regarding Lusted to see if any further developments that have not been

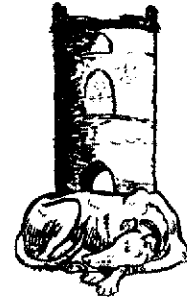
24/63 Financial matters

- i. Approval of receipts & payments.
- ii. Approval of budget monitoring report.

24/64 Highways and Speeding



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- i. New items to add
- ii. Current list to discuss:
 - a) **VAS** (Vehicle Activated Sign)
 - b) Speed Gun
 - c) Village White Gate with speed sign

24/65 Community Projects

- i. New ideas
- ii. Current ideas update

24/66 Date of next meeting Proposed date is November 13th, 7.30pm

24/67 Close of meeting

It was noted that the next council meeting would be held on Wednesday, 13th November, following the MG Meeting at 7.30 pm. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22:05 pm.

Signed:  Date: 13th November 2024