



Mutford PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

held at Mutford & Rushmere Village Hall

on Monday 3rd October 2022

Commencing at 7.00pm

75/22 Present

Cllrs Neil Glendinning (Chair), David Greenacre, Jenny Sheahan, Angela Colbridge (Clerk)

76/22 Apologies for absence

MPC Cllr Robinson, MPC Cllr Warnes, MPC Cllr Tonkin, SCC Cllr Cloke, ESC Cllr Rivett

77/22 Declarations of Interest

None

78/22 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council of Monday 5th September 2022

It was proposed by Cllr Glendinning, seconded by Cllr Sheahan that the minutes of the meeting of 5th September 2022 be accepted as a true record. This was agreed. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

79/22 Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda

New Speed Indicator Device

Cllr Greenacre informed council that he has spoken to a resident who has offered to have a post for a second SID situated on their verge at the western end of the village. Cllr Greenacre will thank the resident and research the cost of the post.

80/22 Chairman's item

None

81/22 Correspondence

81/22/1 Email received from UK Power re: unplanned power outages in Mutford

The Clerk informed councillors that an email had been received from UK Power in reply to a letter sent to them to enquire about recent power cuts in the village. UK Power's response, with details of 5 unplanned power outages in the village during 2021/2022 to date, included an 'Equipment Failure Fact Sheet'. The Clerk will forward the information to the resident who had originally asked the Council to contact UK Power about the outages.

81/22/2 Email from Royal British Legion Industries

The Clerk informed councillors that an email had been received regarding the opportunity to purchase a Veteran made Tommy Statue or other items from the remembrance range to display in the village. After a discussion it was decided that we would not purchase anything at this time.

Signed Chairman _____ Clerk _____ Date _____

82/22 Finance

82/22/1 Approval of Outstanding invoices

Roberts & Son Newsletter printing £40

Robin Mills Playground Maintenance £40

Heart 2 Heart Replacement Defibrillator Pads £52 (it was agreed to pay an additional £18 to the charity, in lieu of VAT)

Proposed by Cllr Sheahan, seconded by Cllr Greenacre

82/22/2 Account Balance - Rolling Estimate

The Clerk noted an estimated current balance of £10,886.14

83/22 Planning

To consider any planning applications

83/22/1 DC/22/3480/FUL - Willow Lodge, Hulver Road, Mutford, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7UL - Rear extension following part demolition of existing conservatory

After a short discussion it was agreed that council had no objections to the proposed application. The Clerk will make comment on the planning application to this effect.

To receive outcomes of planning applications from ESC

83/22/2 DC/22/2277/FUL - 1 Hulver Road, Mutford, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7UW Retrospective Application - Change of use from hairdressers/beauty salon included in the main dwelling - Application permitted

83/22/3 DC/22/2862/FUL - Lawn Farmhouse, 101 Mill Road, Mutford, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7UP: Rear Extension - Application permitted

83/22/4 Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Document

Consultation Period: 26th September to 5pm Monday 7th November

The Clerk will re-circulate the information link to MPC Cllrs, asking for any comments; the end of the consultation period is 7th November.

84/22 Reports

84/22/1 ESC - No report

84/22/2 SCC – Cllr Cloke, via email September 2022 - The East Suffolk Council 'Ease the Squeeze' website was signposted, this is an initiative which offers information, including practical support, funding and advice for UK households who are struggling with the cost of living crisis.

The local welfare assistance scheme for those experiencing financial hardship, the Suffolk Warm Homes Healthy People and the Healthy Start Vouchers initiatives were also highlighted.

A £24.9 million programme to transform Lowestoft has received final government approval. Work on five major regeneration projects can now progress. Proposed designs and information about each project will be available in the coming months. Solar Together Suffolk, supported by Suffolk County Council, is a project now open for new registrations where Suffolk residents can register for free with the buying scheme, with no obligation to go ahead with an installation, information is available at www.solartogether.co.uk/suffolk for anyone interested in installing new solar panels.

84/22/3 Police – no report

85/22 Playground update

85/22/1 Rotabounce repairs

The Clerk informed council that the repairs to the Rotabounce will take place week commencing Monday 10th October. No restrictions were identified to the work being able to be carried out during that week. Prior knowledge of the exact date they will be attending has been requested so that barriers to the play area can be unlocked.

Signed Chairman _____ Clerk _____ Date _____

85/22/2 Issue raised on annual playground inspection report from Waveney Norse

The Clerk informed council that the annual report from Waveney Norse identified a 'Low Risk' issue with the Air Rider piece of play equipment which cannot be rectified within the general monthly maintenance. Since the new matting has been fitted, there is an insufficient gap between the floor and the equipment. A discussion was held and it was decided that The Clerk would contact the matting company to see if they could rectify the situation since they should have been aware of a set air gap to meet British Standards.

86/22 Responsibility for tennis course adjacent to playground

On the annual playground inspection report from Waveney Norse there were some issues noted with regards to the tennis court area. The Clerk has duly forwarded the issues to the Village Hall Committee, who are responsible for the tennis court.

87/22 Insurance Renewal - Update from Clerk

The clerk informed council that, following online sharing of quote information and discussions, it was decided that Mutford Parish Council would use Zurich as their insurance providers for the coming year. The Clerk is to obtain written confirmation from Zurich that our play area is covered under the Public Liability Cover.

88/22 Expiration of defibrillator pads on the defibrillator located on the outside of the village hall

The Clerk informed council that the replacement defibrillator pads had been posted and are expected to be fitted very soon. Council were expecting to pay £70 for the replacement pads, however the invoice was for £52. It was agreed by councillors that a cheque would be raised for a further £18 as a donation to the Heart 2 Heart charity who supplied the replacement pads. This was proposed by Cllr Sheahan and seconded by Cllr Glendinning.

89/22 Avian Flu

Council discussed the confirmed highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 at a commercial premises in Mutford on 30th September 2022. Cllr Sheahan has distributed information and guidance via the community chain email list. It was agreed that Cllr Sheahan would add the current government information and guidance to the Mutford Parish Council website homepage.

90/22 Adjournment for questions from members of the public

None present

91/22 Any other business of which due notice has been given

Cllr Sheahan reported that she has been made aware of a problem with dog excrement on a footpath which leads from Kiers Cottage towards the road to Mutford Hall. Homemade signs which had been placed in the area asking for people to clean up after their dogs had been removed. Staked in signs from Environmental Health have also been removed. A piece has been placed in the latest edition of the Mutford Newsletter asking people to clear up after their dogs and not to remove these signs.

92/22 Requests for items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting

None

93/22 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be Monday 7th November 2022 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7:53 pm.

Signed Chairman _____ Clerk _____ Date _____