



Mutford PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

held at Mutford & Rushmere Village Hall

on Monday 5th September 2022

Commencing at 7.00pm

54/22 Present

Cllrs Neil Glendinning (Chair), Martin Warnes, David Greenacre, Theresa Robinson, Jenny Sheahan, Richard Read, Angela Colbridge (Clerk)

55/22 Apologies for absence

SCC Cllr. Judy Cloke, ESC Cllr Craig Rivett, ESC Cllr Jenny Ceresa, MPC Cllr Tonkin

56/22 Declarations of Interest

None

57/22 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council of 4th July 2022

It was proposed by Cllr Sheahan, seconded by Cllr Warnes that the minutes of the meeting of 4th July 2022 be accepted as a true record. This was agreed.
The minutes were signed by the Chair.

58/22 Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda

None

59/22 Chairman's item

None

60/22 Correspondence

60/22/1 Member of the public complaint re: experience whilst visiting playing field

The Clerk informed councillors that a complaint had been received in July from a member of the public, about a confrontation with a group who had booked the use of the playing field. Following an exchange of emails with the Village Hall Committee, the Councillors asked the Clerk to respond to the complainant.

60/22/2 Resident email regarding issues from power cuts in the village

The Clerk informed council that an email had been received from a resident asking if the council could escalate the issue of frequent power cuts in the village to UK Power. Discussions highlighted similar issues experienced by some Cllrs and that previous communication with UK Power had led to the receipt of a number of different reasons for the causes of these power cuts including underground faults and trees compromising the lines. Council agreed to the clerk contacting UK Power to obtain an update and for assistance on resolving the issues. This was proposed by Cllr Sheahan and seconded by Cllr Robinson.

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60/22/3 Resident email regarding bottle bank

Cllr Sheahan stated that an email had been received from a resident asking if the Parish Council would consider re-instating used glass collection bins. It was suggested by Cllrs that issues could be created from this including noise late at night, broken glass around the bins, glass being left around the bins and it being a nuisance for people living near by. Following a considered debate, it was agreed that it is not something that council would look into actioning at the current time.

60/22/4 Nuclear Regulation Group re: Sizewell C draft permits - Public Consultation

The Clerk informed Cllrs that the consultation on the draft permits for Sizewell C would close on 25th September and that there is a virtual Questions and Answers session on 8th September. The Clerk is to forward to all MPC Cllrs a copy of the information email. Any responses to be from individuals and not a council response.

60/22/5 Resident email regarding 'Unsuitable for HGV' signs for Mill Road

A resident had contacted Suffolk Council for advice, following the high frequency of tip trucks using Mill Road as a short-cut at the end of July. Mrs Colbridge (Clerk) reported that SCC had suggested that the Parish Council could look into funding advisory 'unsuitable for HGV's' signage for Mill Road. Following a discussion, Councillors agreed that funding was not available for the signage at this time and it would be difficult to enforce. It was reported that the issue was resolved on this occasion following a discussing between a Councillor and a local farmer, who had subsequently asked his contract drivers not to use Mill Road. Council agreed that a similar approach would be used if further incidents arose.

60/22/6 ESC Warm Rooms Initiative

The Clerk informed council that an email had been received from ESC's Communities Officer looking for recommendations on community spaces that could be opened up for people to attend as a warm, comfortable space rather than heating their homes with current high and rising energy prices. The email had been forwarded to the Village Hall Committee to take forward if they wish.

61/22 Finance

61/22/1 Approval of Outstanding invoices

Roberts & Son - Newsletter printing £25
Robin Mills - Playground Maintenance July £45 and August £75
Clerk Wages - July and August £500
Proposed by Cllr Warnes, seconded by Cllr Sheahan

61/22/2 Account Balance - Rolling Estimate

The Clerk noted an estimated current balance of £9112.22

61/22/3 Approval of change of signatories on bank account

It was suggested that Paul Randle, former Councillor, be removed as a signatory on the account and that Cllr's Sheahan and Warnes be added as new signatories on the account. This was proposed by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Greenacre.

61/22/4 Clerk access to bank account online

It was discussed that the clerk would arrange to have online access to the bank account for viewing purposes only. This was proposed by Cllr Sheahan and seconded by Cllr Glendinning.

62/22 Planning

62/22/1 To consider any planning applications

None

62/22/2 To receive outcomes of planning applications from ESC

None

63/22 Reports

63/22/1 ESC - no report

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63/22/2 SCC – Cllr Cloke, via email - On July 20th, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) granted the Development Consent Order to build and operate a new nuclear power station, Sizewell C. Suffolk County Council remains disappointed that a number of the key issues have not been fully resolved but is now looking ahead to the boosts for the local economy and protecting the local environment. Whilst SCC has been successful in securing many improvements to the scheme, it had raised several concerns where the impact on the natural environment could have been improved: The blight of the additional pylons at the main sight; Unnecessary and damaging outage car park at Goose Hill; Sizewell Link Road should be removed after construction to prevent lasting damage to the environment.

63/22/3 Police – no report

64/22 Playground - Update on repairs to Rotabounce

The Clerk stated that monies have been received from ESC's Enabling Community Budget Scheme to enable the PC to confirm the order of the Rotabounce replacement parts with the supplier. An initial installation date of w/c 12th September has been provided by the supplier.

65/22 Speed Indicator Device - Update

The Clerk stated that correspondence had been received from a community engagement officer at Suffolk Police to say that the data provided to them from the SID had been forwarded to their Safety Camera Team and we have been put on their list to put out one of their SDR's in the area.

66/22 Village Hall Signposts - Update

The Clerk informed council that an email thread had been shared with the Parish Council from the village hall committee regarding seeking guidance on obtaining approval for the signposts and who to approach for funding. No further information forwarded to us at this point.

67/22 Mutford Parish Council Facebook Page

The idea of setting up a Facebook page for the council was discussed but not seen as a necessity at this moment in time as the newsletter (Mutford News) goes out to every home in the village and covers village news.

68/22 Clerk attendance of 'Asset of Community Value' virtual meeting

The Clerk informed council that she will be attending the 'Asset of Community Value' virtual meeting on September 20th. Cllr Sheahan stated that this would be a good opportunity for the PC to find out more about this subject as there are possible areas in the village which this may be of relevance to in the future including: the playing field; the allotments; Paddy's Pit.

69/22 Insurance Renewal

The Clerk informed council that the parish council insurance is due for renewal at the end of the month and that, along with receiving a quote from our current insurance providers, quotes will also be obtained from two further insurance companies. Quotes will be shared with Mutford Parish councillors once they are received. The Clerk queried whether the Parish Council insurance needed to cover the church, churchyard and cemetery. Cllr Glendinning suggested it didn't. Cllr Warnes stated that if the cemetery closed then the local authority becomes liable.

70/22 Defibrillator located on the village hall

The Clerk informed councillors that the pads on the defibrillator located on the outside of the village hall are due to expire on 28th September 2022. Replacement pads are available to purchase from Heart to Heart at a cost of £70. The price includes delivery and a donation to the charity. This payment was approved -

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proposed by Cllr Sheahan and seconded by Cllr Robinson. A question was put to council to ask if enquires could be made to obtain data on whether the defibrillator has been used and if there is any data available on how often public accessible defibrillators are used in general.

71/22 Adjournment for questions from members of the public

None present

72/22 Any other business of which due notice has been given

Traffic problems in the village and surrounding area when the A146 is closed.

Council discussed issues caused by extra volumes of traffic passing through the village when the A146 is closed due to an accident. The following options were suggested:

Commissioning a number of double sided signs saying 'Please respect our village - Drive carefully' and liaising with the police to give an understanding of the impact any road closures have on the village. It was proposed by Cllr Sheahan, seconded by Cllr Glendinning contact be made with the police via the clerk.

73/22 Requests for items for the agenda of the next meeting

None

Cllr Sheahan thanked Mrs Colbridge for all she had done so far in her new position as Parish Council Clerk in a busy first two months.

74/22 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be Monday 3rd October 2022 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm.

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