



Minutes of the parish council meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 8th June 2020

held virtually using MS Teams under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Present: Cllrs Nigel Cox (NC) – Chair, Jane Harrington (JH), Jenni Ferrans (JF), Vikas Chandra (VC), Paul Grindley (PG), Dan Hippey (DH), Glen Dersley (GD)

Attending: Abi Bassett – Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

Also: Two (2) members of the public

Public Open Session:

A member of the public raised the issue of the condition of the play park in Ulverscroft, Monkston and asked if the PC could give it a repaint while it isn't being used due to Covid-19 lockdown. Council thanked the member of the public for their comments and advised that it will discuss the matter later in the meeting under agenda item 35/2020.

Ward Councillor Report from Jenni Ferrans: MK Council are starting to reinstate services after the Covid-19 lockdown, which has cost the Council a lot of money. A small amount has been reimbursed by the Government but the financial loss to MKC will continue for the next year or two due to the reduction in residents paying Council Tax due to loss of jobs and loss of business rates due to businesses closing down. MKC are estimating a £55m loss over the next 2 years. The effect of this would hit Parish Council's next year as MKC reduce funding and non-essential services. The Parish Council will need to factor this in when they prepare the budget for the next financial year.

28/2020	Apologies: Cllr Taimyr Bounou-Pouaty. ACCEPTED & APPROVED
29/2020	Declarations of Interests: VC declared a personal interest in agenda item 30/2020(b). NOTED
30/2020	Decision Required: Minutes of previous meeting. To receive and accept as a true and correct record the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 18 th May 2020 a) Annual Meeting of Council ACCEPTED & APPROVED b) Ordinary Parish Council Meeting ACCEPTED & APPROVED
31/2020	Fixed item: Finance a) Payments to note. List circulated to members. NOTED b) Payments to approve - None c) Appeals for funding – None to consider
32/2020	Fixed item: Planning Applications. To agree any comments or objections to planning applications a) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended) Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015 Application no: 20/01176/OUT Proposal: Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) for the development of up to 171 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) and local shop (Use Class A1-A5). At: Land Off Timbold Drive Timbold Drive Kents Hill Park Milton Keynes. Comments/objections by 17 th June 2020. Council made the following comment: “The existing desire path through the woods towards the pond area should be maintained and enhanced, as it is obviously a useful feature for residents.”
33/2020	Fixed Item: Licencing Applications To agree any comments or objections to licencing applications a) LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. Boroughwide Street Trading Consent – Renewal application from Mister Softee (Reg N1919 ORP) for 1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide for the following times: Monday to Sunday 15:00 to 18:00. Comments by 18 th June 2020. No comment
34/2020	Decision Required: 2019-20 Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) Council received the Annual Statement of Accounts from the Responsible Financial Officer and RESOLVED to a) Approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2019-20 (Section 1) VC abstained b) Approve the Statement of Accounts for 2019-20 (Section 2) Recorded vote at the request of VC. For: NC, JH, JF, PG, DH, GD Against: None Abstentions: VC
	Decision Required: Repainting of play equipment To consider a request from a resident regarding repainting of play equipment at Ulverscroft park, Monkston. Council discussed and AGREED for the

35/2020	Clerk to seek quotes to have the play area repainted and to seek permission from Milton Keynes Council to have the work done.
36/2020	Decision Required: Parish Merger Following a request from a resident, Council discussed the option of investigating a merger with a neighbouring Parish Council. After all members had been given a chance to voice their opinion, Council agreed that it did not wish to investigate a merger as it felt that it could improve the standard of service and that the local community would be best served by members that live and work there. Council felt that instead of joining with another Council, it would rather investigate shared services and see what it could learn from other councils, considering the differing demographic and needs of each community.
37/2020	Decision Required: Parish Survey (Environment Working Group) a) To approve the draft survey content as proposed by the EWG. Two versions of the survey were presented – one with options to rank priorities and another with tick boxes. Council agreed that tick boxes would be easier to fill in and extract the necessary information from. b) To report back on the test survey responses. Initial survey results promising with 83 responses to test questions from across the parish with 38 coming from Monkston, 21 from Kent Hill & 21 from Monkston Park, Other 3. Initial reactions identify Resident Safety (lighting, condition of redways and roads), the General State of the Neighbourhood and Improving Biodiversity & Fighting Climate Change as the top 3 priorities, with Youth Provision and Chances to Interact coming fourth and fifth in the poll. c) To discuss options and timing for promulgating the full survey to residents. Survey will be left open for an extended period to allow everyone a chance to access it. To send it out on paper with the next Parish Newsletter and include it on the website and social media.
38/2020	Decision Required: Bin Maintenance Service (Environment Working Group) An audit has been carried out on the bins across the parish – contractor's map agrees with PC list of bins and all are being emptied regularly. The bin on Brinklow roundabout is MKC owned but the PC is paying to have it emptied and the bin on Wilsley Pound is on the Parish Council's list, but it is not being emptied by the Parish Council. Council AGREED for Clerk to ask Contractor to include the litter bin on Wilsley Pound with immediate effect and Council agreed to keep emptying the bin at Brinklow. Other areas in the Parish have been identified as needing either new dog and/or litter bins, especially in high footfall areas. Contractor to be asked to remove any additional bags of rubbish that have been left by the bins. EWG to bring back recommendations on which bins need emptying more frequently.
39/2020	Antisocial Behaviour at Play Parks The Council discussed what it may do to help reduce antisocial behaviour at local play areas; particularly regarding young people using marijuana and nitrous oxide and littering of the canisters. Council requested the Clerk to contact Thames Valley Police and formally ask if they can assist with the issue by stepping up general patrols in the area.
40/2020	Youth Service Review (Youth Working Group) To discuss the current youth provision alongside alternatives. To consider and agree the recommendations from the Youth Working Group. RESOLVED 1) That Council notes the report 2) To suspend the current Youth Provision service contract until such time as clubs can open without the need for social distancing. Then revise the provision to include the Juniors only. 3) To terminate the current Youth Service for the Senior Club and investigate ways to re-engage the older youths
41/2020	Clerk's Salary (HR Committee) Following a recommendation from the HR Committee, Council noted an incremental rise in the Clerk's salary in line with contract of employment, from SCP31 to SCP32. To be backdated to October 2019. NOTED

Date of next meeting: Monday 6th July 2020, 7.30pm.