### **COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **MINUTES**

# Of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.45 pm, in the Village Hall, Barrack Hill, Coleshill

Parish Councillors: Terence Prideaux (TPx) Chairman

Jonathan Herbert (JH)

Lynn Woodgate (LW) Nigel Suttie (NS)

Parish Clerk: Lynda Jackson (LJ)
District Councillor: Julie Burton (JB)

Members of Public: 2

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Jonathan Waters (CDC)

2. Minutes of previous meetings: It was moved by TPX and resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. Declaration of Interest: None

4. Councillor Vacancy: 2

- 5. Matters Arising: i) TPx advised that notification had been received that day of the LAF transport grant application deadline. As any project has to be match-funded by CPC it is only suitable for small projects. In the past CPC have applied for mirrors at Fagnall Lane junction and outside The Rosary but as they are not BCC policy they were not considered. JH advised that mirrors can be ordered from Amazon at a low cost and it might be more beneficial to order them out of Council funds. The Clerk was asked to contact LAF to check if there has been a change in policy.
  - ii) Local plan consultation deadline extended- noted

Meeting Closed: 7.55 pm

#### **DEMOCRATIC PERIOD-**

- Neil Cadman regarding the vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Neil made a presentation during the
  public forum and answered questions posed by the Councillors. After discussion, the Council
  agreed unanimously to co-opt Neil. After signing the Acceptance of Office Cllr Cadman (NC) then
  joined the meeting.
- Cllr Julia Burton regarding the new Unitary Shadow authority. JB advised Councillors had been given notification of training courses they must all attend. JB also advised that the wards may change under the new unitary council.

Meeting re-opened: 8.10 pm

- **6. Clerk's Report:** LJ reported that the Church committee had not received any objections to the work required on the Christmas lights tree before the planned new lights could be installed. LJ would contact Pete Whipp to go ahead with the work.
- 7. Report from Planning, BCC & CDC updates:
  - i) Ref. No: APP/Y0415/W/19/3221908- Bowers Croft Appeal Decision Noted
  - **ii)** CDC large projects fund- LW had read through the application and was concerned about the match funding element. JH raised his concerns about the amount of spending suggested given that the playground is only used by a few children. It was **agreed** that TPx and LW would meet to look at suitable smaller pieces of equipment that would be a replacement for the multiplay unit, which is

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at the end of its life, and then submit an application. A consultation letter would also be sent to all residents of Hill Meadow.

#### 8. Report from Open Spaces:

- i) Monthly Play inspection return The July routine play inspections had been completed. LW reported that the wood section around the bark in Hill Meadow play area was now lying behind the bench. TPx agreed to have a look at what sort of repair was required and report back at the next meeting. LW requested that Remy be contacted to cut back the hedge as soon as possible.
- **ii) Annual Play Area maintenance-** TPx would revisit Hill Meadow to look at what work was required to secure the bark retainer.
- **iii) HS2 CEF application for a grass-cutter-** Councillors had all received a copy of the proposed application. TPx passed round an initial quote he had received for a Kubota cutting machine which would be used for submitting the application. TPx had contacted Amersham Town Council for advice on a suitable machine. TPx also advised that if successful then a second container may be required to store the machine. Council **agreed** unanimously to go ahead with the application.
- iv) Christmas tree lights quote TPx had received a copy of the quote from Lamps & Tubes which had been circulated to Councillors. NS & JH had re-looked at the work required and the cost suggested on the quote. JH advised the meeting that in his opinion the quote was very high and that the work could be done cheaper. JH suggested that a cherry picker be acquired and the faulty bulbs replaced if possible. It was agreed that JH & NS would work together to obtain a means of a suitable repair so that work could be done in September.
- **V) Paradigm next steps** TPx advised the meeting that despite emails to Paradigm and a direct letter to the CEO no responses had been received to its query. It was **agreed** that a complaint be made to the Regulator and advice sought.
- vi) Dog fouling at pond- The owners dog at the Red Lion PH is still a major concern as it is allowed to roam around the village. The Councils grass contractor had been contaminated by dog faeces whilst cutting and clearing around the pond. LW advised that a lady had spoken to her very distressed as the dog had run out in front of her vehicle. It was agreed that Ian Snudden be contacted at CDC Environment so that action can be taken.
- vii) A355 speeding concerns at village junctions- An email had been received from a resident concerned about speeding in the village and speed limits on the A355. The Clerk had given Cllr. Tim Butcher's contact details to the residents and sent information regarding the application to the Road Safety Fund. It was agreed that details of the speed tube assessment be also sent to the resident.
- viii) Jack Adams Field- hedge cutting It was agreed that Tony Barber volunteered should speak to David Hall regarding the annual hedge cut i.e. that it should be completed as soon as possible. Tony was also asked to enquire about whether David could cut the whole of the field and at what cost.
- **ix)** Common volunteer project- TPx had asked for an update from Ruth Gerard. Ruth had advised she was still collecting information.

#### 9. Finance:

- i) Cashbook, Bank balances and reconciliation as at 30.06.19— the previously circulated documents were approved.
- **ii) 1**<sup>st</sup> **Quarter review Actual vs. Budget expenditure** TPx gave an overview of expenditure so far from the previously circulated documents. TPx advised that the 2<sup>nd</sup> half review would be more meaningful.
- **iii) 2020-21 Budget requirements** It was **agreed** that Councillors would submit their requests to the Clerk by the middle of August. The first draft of the Budget would be submitted to Council at the September meeting.

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### 10. Items for payment:

The payments CB19-28 through to CB19-31 for July totalling £668.54 (Inc. VAT) were approved.

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### **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR JULY 2019**

CB No.	NAME	ITEM	TOTAL	VAT	NET
CB19-					
28	L Jackson	phone top up, 1&1 fees	21.99	2.00	19.99
CB19-					
29	L Jackson	June wages	334.55	0.00	334.55
CB19-					
30	Amersham Sign design	Honours board update	42.00	7.00	35.00
CB19-					
31	R Amarasinghe	grass-cutting in June	270.00	0.00	270.00
	TOTAL		668.54	9.00	659.54

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- i) Clerks review- TPx advised the meeting that the annual review of the Clerks performance was due.
- 12. Next Meeting date: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 7.45 pm. at Coleshill Village Hall.
- 21:04pm.Meeting Closed.

Signed	 Date		