

Musbury Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 13th July 2020 at 7.30pm using Zoom Meeting Technology

PRESENT:

Cllr Colin Corbett (Chair)

Cllr Janet Albano

County Councillor Ian Hall

1 Parishioner

Cllr Paul Smith

Cllr Peter Perryman

Mrs Jo Boyce (Clerk)

Cllr Matt Craker

Cllr Caroline Ellis

- 1 **APOLOGIES** PCSO Bolsover, Cllr Barry Maher
- 2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held Monday 8th June 2020 were accepted as a true record and will be duly signed by Cllr Colin Corbett.
- 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were none

4 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS and COMMUNITY ISSUES - AGAR**

4.1 **Internal Auditor's Report** – was read, discussed and approved

4.2 **Annual Governance Statement** - was considered, approved and will be signed

4.3 **Annual Accounting Statement** – was considered, approved and will be signed

4.4 **Exemption** – Councillors certified that MPC will be exempt from a limited assurance review

4.5 **Exercise of Public Rights** – the clerk set the date of – 15th July 2020 to 25th August 2020 for the exercise of public rights.

Chair to sign all relevant documents **ACTION**

Clerk to publish all documents on the website and to send Exemption Certificate to the External Auditors. **ACTION**

5 **ACCOUNTS**

5.1 **Transactions for July** – the following payments were approved by Cllr Perryman and Cllr Albano:

HMRC PAYE (Jul)	13.60	G
Clerk Salary & Expenses (Jul)	250.32	G
Halcyon Landscapes (Jun)	90.24	G
Internal Auditor Fee	50.00	G

5.2 **Recent Transactions and Balance** - The Clerk presented the June 2020 Treasurers Statements. The accounts had been reviewed by the Chair and all Councillors prior to the meeting and reconciled with the corresponding bank statements

6 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Decisions Notified

20/0877/FUL - Waterford Farm Whitford Road Musbury Axminster EX13 7AN Erection of a new building to house cattle. || Erection of a new building to house cattle – **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

Decisions Awaited

20/10/20/FUL – Drakes Farm, Musbury, EX13 8AJ Erection of a new Slurry Store – ‘subject to the EDDC Environment Health Officer's report and in accord with D7 of the local plan (Agricultural buildings and development), Musbury Parish Council supports this application.’

20/1116/FUL – 10 Doatshayne Lane, Musbury, EX13 8BG Construction of single storey rear extension; Raising of garage roof and construction of 2 no. dormer windows to front and rear to allow loft conversion; Replacement of porch to front – ‘Musbury Parish Council broadly supports the application although there were concerns over the size of the development and loss of the garage. The council would advise that parking is given due consideration and that any new hard standing must be permeable so there is no increased run-off to Doatshayne Lane.’

7 ALLOTMENTS

7.1 Mr Gore has informed the clerk of his intention to relinquish Plots 32 and 33. An existing plot holder will take on 33 and a new plot holder will take on 32. Miss Hillard has informed the clerk of her intention to relinquish Plots 25-27. An existing plot holder has taken on Plot 25, with the remaining two vacant. The clerk has had an enquiry for September but it is dependent on a move taking place.

7.2 The Chair proposed that there should be no rent rise this year for allotment holders and all Councillors agreed.

There was a leak in June and if this were to occur in the quieter season, it could go undetected for many days. Therefore, to be economically prudent, Councillors considered and agreed to turn off the water in the winter months from November to February. The water can be turned on to refill the water tanks if necessary during this period. Clerk to write to allotment holders informing them of the above decisions. **ACTION**

Chairman requested Mr Parkman to contact him RE: levelling the slope.

8 MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

8.1 Cllr Perryman informed the meeting that the village hall would not be open until at least September, potentially later. Although the hall has received a grant, following the current Covid guidance would be unsustainable financially.

8.2 Cllr Craker informed the meeting that Axminster Town Council were looking into purchasing a flashing Speed sign and he felt if Musbury could join with Axminster and share the use of the sign it could be more effective than a static sign and more cost effective for both parishes. The clerk has made contact with ATC and is waiting for a call back. Clerk to send notes from meeting with PCSO Bolsover and include in Parish Newsletter. **ACTION**

8.3 The Clerk informed the meeting that Annie Stark had enough interest to begin her ‘Musbury Movers’ group and wished to hold the first session in the Playing Field on Thursday 23rd July with donations towards Devon Air Ambulance. Councillors were in support provided the group left plenty of space for any children using the play equipment and there were no parking issues.

9 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR IAN HALL

9.1 Cllr Hall has been in contact with Highways about the double yellow lines and has asked to be informed of any action / inaction in the next 2-3 weeks.

9.2 Broadband problems are clearly ongoing and Cllr Hall suggested Councillors email him on this issue which he could then use to raise the issue with the relevant bodies.

9.3 Speedwatch – Cllr Hall is in support of a joint project and would contribute £750 per parish to the funding of a mobile flashing speed sign.

9.4 Covid 19 – at the time of receiving latest figures there were 1100 cases of Covid 19 in Devon and had been 125 deaths. Devon is 146th out of 150 local councils for deaths. Devon has the lowest rate of cases in care homes in the South West region. 45% of workers in Devon were on furlough.

10 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

10.1 Cherry Sergeant suggested that a 'thank you letter' was sent to several members of the village community in recognition of their efforts during the Covid 19 pandemic. Clerk to include this in the Parish magazine entry. **ACTION**

With no further business outstanding, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:35

Proposed date of next meeting: Monday September 7th 2020 at 7:30pm
Venue to be confirmed