

MINUTES OF THE SOULDERN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD by Zoom Video conference on 24th September 2020

Present:

Nick Oakhill (NO) CHAIR
John Hoodless (JH)
Kirsty Allpress (KA)
Alan Smith (AS)
Laura How (LH)
Cathy Fleet (CF) CLERK

Members of the Public:

Katy Draper
Roger Bastow
Cllr Mike Kerford-Byrnes (MKB)
Cllr Arash Fatemian (AF)

09.20.01 **Apologies**

No apologies had been received

09.20.02 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

09.20.03 **To receive the minutes of the last parish council meeting**

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 27th August 2020 were checked for accuracy and content, agreed as a true record of the meetings and signed by the chair.

09.20.04 **Public participation**

Members of the public were invited to participate

09.20.05 **Clerks Report and Actions from previous meetings**

NO	ACTION	OWNER	Update
07.20.07	Katy Draper to send details of the signs to KA. James and Roger (attending the meeting) volunteered to assist with Speedwatch patrol	KD/KA	Action closed
07.20.08	CF to make enquiries to CDC regarding a replacement larger bin for outside the village hall .		Action closed

NO	ACTION	OWNER	Update
08.20.01	KA to purchase speed signs	KA	Action closed, signs have been ordered and will be placed when received.
08.20.02	NO to contact chair of Steeple Aston regarding borrowing Speedwatch equipment	NO	Action closed, NO has collected radar gun and will purchase new batteries for it. 6 out of the

			required 10 volunteers have been identified. PSCO Louise Beaumont will provide training.
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Matters arising

Flooding - Following heavy rain, rainwater ingress to the sewage system caused flooding in several properties in the village. OCC Highways cleared the storm drains. Thames Water are due to survey the sewage system this week. **MKB will chase Neil Whitten, Environmental Officer for OCC, if no action is taken.**

Speeding

Sadly a cat was killed on the road recently as a result of a speeding vehicle. It is believed that most of the speeding incidents are caused by independent delivery drivers ,e.g. Yodel and not supermarket delivery drivers.

Electric vehicle charging point

NO has been put in contact with OCCs Lead Strategist, but as yet no strategy for electric vehicle charging points in villages has been developed.

AF will chase

09.20.06 Updates

a) Playground Advisory Group

It has been reported that there is a wasps nest in the playground. **NO to deal with it.**

The netting around the big slide which has been closed is no longer there. **AS to create sign informing that the slide has been closed, is dangerous and must not be used.**

b) Nancy Bowles Wood Advisory Group

Nothing to report

c) CDC

MKB reported that CDC are working on a revised balanced budget as a result of Covid19. Central Government may not provide additional funding and work is on going on next years budget.

Amendments to the Cherwell Local Plan have been passed with the green belt area around Kidlington approved.

The Local Plan amended by MCNP is being revised with consultation on what should be covered extended to 29th September.

A supervision Board has been formed to ensure parishes are represented on planning applications. MKB is on the panel.

Details of the Government White paper have been published which could involve reorganisation of counties and districts over a period of several years. The Heyford Park Master plan including proposals for the Bus Gate at Middleton Stoney will be considered and MKB commented that there is considerable village opposition to the Bus Gate. MKB mentioned that the paperwork for grant application for Covid funding had not been received - **NO to chase**.

d) OCC

AF reported that OCC has a budget shortfall of £16m out of a total of £500m, some of which is caused by Covid and some due to lack of income (e.g. parking fees due to people working from home)

The county is considering Unitary proposals as government have found, particularly during the pandemic, that dealing with so many layers of authorities has been problematic and there is scope for streamlining.

AF commented that he was aware of the recent flooding issues in Souldern and had offered assistance, and that the recent request for funding of bollards had been paid.

09.20.07 Planning

20/02194/TCA Beech House, High Street - APPROVED

20/02035/F Timber cottage - REFUSED

20/02610/TCA Holly Cottage - no objections

09.20.08 Finance

Paid by standing order in September

Payee	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
Cathy Fleet	Clerk Salary (Sept)	82.00	0.0	Standing Order
HMRC	(re above)	16.00	0.0	Standing Order

Proposed for approval by AS, seconded by KA

Payee	Detail	Total £s	VAT	Comments
Nigel Prickett	Grasscutting 1 st September	396.00	66.00	Invoice 1284 (01.09.20)
Tim Vincent	Gate Post (NBW)	73.78	12.30	0002/02048934
Tim Vincent	Perspex Sheet (NBW)	57.32	9.55	2200120774
Nick Oakhill	Defib pad replacements	58.80	9.80	Order 1059481

Other matters

- NO to speak to JH regarding the trees in the churchyard to see if a further survey is required.

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- Part of the wall in the closed churchyard has fallen and is the PC's responsibility. NO to contact Malcolm Skuce to see if he will provide a quote for the repairs.
- KA mentioned that there has been an increase in the number of dogs in the playground.

Date of next meetings :

Parish Council meetings

26th November

Planning meetings

29th October

17th December

Signed

Date

Chair, Souldern Parish Council

ACTION LIST SUMMARY

NO	ACTION	OWNER	Update
	Flooding - . MKB will chase Neil Whitten, Environmental Officer for OCC, if necessary.	MKB	
09.20.06	NO to deal with the wasps nest in the playground AS to create sign informing that the slide has been closed, is dangerous and must not be used. NO to chase application for Covid grant funding and ensure paperwork is sent to MKB	NO AS NO	
	NO to speak to JH regarding the trees in the churchyard to see if a further survey is required	NO	
	NO to contact Malcolm to see if he will make repairs to the churchyard wall.	NO	