

MITFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting was held at 7.30 pm on Monday 4 October 2021 at Mitford Village Hall.

Present:

Parish Councillors Mrs Sheena Hudson, Mrs Esther Ridley, Ted Rodger, Mike Sharp (Chairman in the chair), and Mrs Alison Young

Stephen Rickitt – Clerk – actions for the clerk are marked “SER”

1: Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to this meeting of the Council, their first face-to-face meeting since February 2020.

2: Public Participation

No parishioners were present nor had any questions been emailed to the clerk.

3: Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Glen Sanderson and PC Andrea Teasdale had presented their apologies.

4: Declarations and Grant of Dispensations

Cllr Mrs Ridley declared her membership of the village hall committee.

5: Coronavirus

Councillors were not aware of any new issues affecting parishioners and confirmed that the Covid Recovery Fund was for businesses and organisations within the parish.

6: Report from the Beat Manager

PC Teasdale had presented her apologies.

7: Report from the County Councillor

Cllr Sanderson had presented his apologies but repeated his offer to assist the Council with any issues arising with the County Council.

8: Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2021

These were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

9: Any Matters Arising from the Minutes, not reported elsewhere

9.1 A new Seat for installation at the entrance to Fontside

The seat has been ordered but it will be three/four months before delivery. The clerk will contact the warden regarding the possible refurbishment of the existing seat mentioned at the previous meeting.

9.2 The main noticeboard at the entrance to Fontside.

A new back had been affixed by the warden. The structure will be dismantled and refurbished by Cllr Sharp over the winter. **Action Cllr Sharp**

9.3 Streetlight MF 24

Councillors were pleased to see the vegetation has been cut back and the path is now well illuminated.

9.4 Parking at Fontside

The clerk is continuing with enquiries about the ownership of possible extra parking areas at Fontside. **Action SER**

9.5 Gateway Features

The clerk will ask the Highways Dept if they can give an indicative date for the Gateway proposals being available for both Tranwell Village and Tranwell Woods and will take the opportunity to remind the Highways Dept. of the Council's wish to see the speed survey data and to have a site visit to discuss possible locations for Gateway features on the entrances to Mitford. **Action SER**

9.6 Environmental Works

The clerk was asked to remind the Warden of the work to tidy up the area by the post box in Tranwell Woods. The Council was pleased to hear that the works in Tranwell Village had been attended to by the Warden. **Action SER**

10: Planning

The Council considered the following application and commented as shown

| Application | Resolution or Action |
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| 19/01471/DISCON – Discharge of various conditions - Land West of Lancaster Park | The Council had no issues of concern to express to the Local Planning Authority but were pleased to note the reference to links with the B6343 in the Travel Plan. |

11: Erosion of the Riverbank at the foot of the Allotment

11.1 Cllr Sharp further reported on his discussions with the Environment Agency and provided Councillors with copies of his email exchanges. [Copies are attached to the signed minutes]

11.2 In summary, a licence would be required for the intended works with various supporting reports. These were likely to involve the Council incurring professional fees and Cllr Sharp was making enquiries as to the cost. He will approach Cllr Sanderson to see if the County Council could assist with those fees.

11.3 Interestingly the depth of the boulder clay in the immediate vicinity is leading to a view that the erosion of the allotment has not been caused by undermining but in fact by heavy rainfall washing out the fine soil grains, leading to a loss of adhesion and then a land slip.

11.4 Cllr Sharp has asked Phil Straughan for the cost of core samples to support or disprove this concept and is also seeking confirmation that taking core samples would not require a separate licence from the Environment Agency. **Actions Cllr Sharp**

12: Highways

12.1 Potential Safety Improvements at Tranwell Village and Tranwell Woods

See item 9.5 above.

12.2 Installation of gateway features

See item 9.5 above.

12.3 Parking at Fontside

See item 9.4 above.

12.4 Water on Spital Hill

Councillors were waiting to see what effect the forecast heavy rain will have.

12.5 The state of the B6343 through Mitford Village

Councillors noted the response from the Highways Dept regarding the lack of funds for further works at the present time. Concern was expressed at the state of the footway on the south side of the B6343 leading east from Mitford as users were taking to the carriageway to avoid the weed growth. The clerk was asked to raise this with the County Council as a safety issue. **Action SER**

13: Financial Matters

13.1 The Council noted and adopted the current accounts. [A copy is attached to the signed minutes]

13.2 The Council authorised the clerk to make arrangements for insurance with Zurich Municipal if their quotation proved to be the lowest. **Action SER**

14: The Website

Cllr Mrs Young is seeking information regarding Village Hall activities so publicity can be given on the Council's Facebook page as well as the website. **Action Cllr Mrs Young**

15: The Village Warden and other Environmental Matters

See item 9.6 above.

16: The Village Hall

See item 14 above.

The Council was pleased to be back in the Hall for its meeting.

17: Correspondence

17.1 Party in the Park

Councillors reported suggestions that further events were to be held and regretted the lack of consultation with neighbouring residents. The clerk will ask Cllr Sanderson if he has any further information. **Action SER**

17.2 At the recommendation of Cllr Mrs Young, the Council agreed to register the defibrillator with the newly created national database once an in-date battery and pads had been obtained. **Action Cllr Mrs Young**

17.3 Cllr Mrs Young advised the Council that she has already report the graffiti which has appeared under the A1 bridge.

18: Any other urgent business

None, not raised elsewhere

19: Time and date of next meeting

The Council agreed to cancel the meeting scheduled for 1 November unless there was a pressing need to meet. The next meeting is therefore likely to be Monday 6 December 2021.

Further meetings are scheduled for

- 10 January 2022 – unlikely to be held – 3 January 2022 is a bank holiday
- 7 February 2022
- 7 March 2022
- 4 April 2022
- 9 May 2022 – This will be the Annual Meetings – 2 May 2022 is a bank holiday

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman Date