

ADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 2 July 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Neil Fraser-Smith, Chris Cornish, Paul Salver, Doug Randall,
Jon Stone, Marianne Murphy,
District Cllr Sue Renshell

Clerk: Ruth Millard

Public;

- 64/19 Apologies;** Cllrs Simon Walker (Chairman), District Cllr Llew Monger, County Cllr John Chilvers, Due to the absence of Simon Walker, Cllr Neil Fraser-Smith took the Chair.
- 65/19 Public Open Forum (under adjournment);** for residents to bring items to the Council's attention
- 66/19 Members Interests;** Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Adstock Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011. None were declared
- 67/19 Approval of Minutes;** Members agreed the minutes from the general Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Adstock on 4 June 2019 the Chairman signed the minutes.
- 68/19 Finance & Accounts.**
- a Members agreed the financial statements of accounts and bank reconciliations for the end May 2019
 - b Cheques were drawn for the July invoices shown below.
 - c Members discussed the 2 quotes for insurance that the Council had received, N F-S proposed engaging Zurich Municipal on a fixed 3 year deal. Members **RESOLVED** to engage Zurich Municipal for a 3 year deal.

Account Balance

....0909	26 May 2019 – Statement	23,215.93
....0895	31 May 2019 - Statement	7,232.67
	Including Ring fenced Play equipment	13,997.00

July 2019 Direct Debit & Payments

PAYEE	POWER	Cheque/DD	Amount
Southern Electric , Account for May 2019	LGA 1972, Sched 14 para 34	DD	61.33
Bucks County Council , land at Old School Site	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19	100853	400.00
GM Outdoor Services Ltd , inv. 1339,	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19	100854	55.00
ER Millard , June 2019 remunerations	LGA 1972, s112	100855	188.48
HMRC , 1 st quarter, in credit with HMRC	LGA 1972, s112		00.00
Mrs MR Rose , internal audit	LGA 1972, s111	100856	30.60
Zurich Municipal , council insurance	LGA 1972, s111	100857	677.55

- 69/19 Planning;** 19/02391/APP / Folly Inn Ph Buckingham Road Adstock Buckinghamshire MK 18 2HS / Change of use of former public house and first floor flat to single dwelling, demolition of rear extensions and erection of two storey side extension, alterations to access and parking.
- 70/19 Environment**
- a. **Grass Cutting;** N F-S reported that he had received complaints from residents regarding the cut grass lying on the roads. He said that the problem was with grass growing so long in between cuts he didn't think that the contractor was doing as good a job as he did the year before. The Clerk reminded members that the Council had reduced the amount of cuts this year to eight from the previous years 10 cuts. A Councillor queried whether the Council could specify when it wants its cuts to be made. The Clerk advised that the Council could specify how many cuts it wants and when, at the beginning of the year before the contractor has set his schedule. DR proposed that the Council renegotiate next year for 10 cuts with 6 cuts through April, May & June if needed and then 4 cuts through July, August, September & October. If the grass was still growing at the end of the season the Council could request a further cut at the beginning of November. The Council **RESOLVED** to negotiate this proposal with the contractor.
 - b. **Highways and footpaths;**
 - i JS reported that he has been approached by a land owner who would offer a small piece of land to make into a footpath. He proposed that the footpath could run along the inside of his land for approximately 200 metres leading to the A413. The Council discussed the benefit of a footpath and whether he would want to be paid for the land or not. N F-S proposed that JR invites the

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landowner to the next meeting in September to discuss his idea.

ii DR reported that the posts for the road sign for East Street at the junction with Main Street have rotted. **Action;** Clerk to inform AVDC to ascertain if they will replace them.

iii MM reported that in East Street the Elder that was cut down last year has started to re-grow.

c. **Play area;** N F-S reported that although he has sprayed the weeds in the play park they are growing again. He will spray them again before the children break up for the summer holidays.

71/19 Correspondence and communications including reports on Local Area Forum and training courses;

- a. Website: <http://www.adstockvillage.info> - no problems were reported
- b. Newsletter: no specific items for the newsletter were suggested.
- c. Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. Members noted the latest information update from No Expressway Alliance.
- d. Sale of land off the A413 – The Members agreed to monitor the sale of the land.
- e. AVDC – Planning forum 30 July 2019 – members noted the event.
- f. AVDC – Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places, views welcomed by 2 August 2019
- g. Bucks CC – Local people are being asked for their views on Buckinghamshire's highways and transport services.

72/19 **Councillors Forum** (under adjournment); for Councillors to bring any concerns to the table to be added to the next agenda for discussion.
None at this time.

73/19 **Date and time and venue of the next meeting;** The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall, Adstock on 3 September 2019 at 8 pm. TBC

Meeting finished at; 8.40 pm

SignedChairman Date