

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**held remotely via Zoom Application**  
**ON 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr G Murchie Cllr P Oxley, Cllr D Woodcock Cllr R Fihosy Cllr N Martin Cllr R Waldorf & Cllr A Newman

Clerk: Helen Matthews.

**Apologies for Absence**

There were none

**1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Cllr. A Murchie, as present chairman, sought nominations for the office of Chairman for the ensuing year. Cllr. Murchie was proposed by Cllr. Oxley and seconded by Cllr. Fihosy. There being no other nominations it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Murchie be elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Cllr. Murchie in the chair

**2 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The newly elected Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**3 TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Cllr. Oxley sought nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Cllr. Woodcock proposed Cllr Oxley and seconded by Cllr Martin. There being no other nominations it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. P Oxley be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none

**5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**

Cllr P Oxley proposed that the minutes were a correct record and was seconded by Cllr Martin and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**6 POLICE REPORT**

6.1 Police crime report was circulated via e mail

**7 CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT**

There was no report

**8 CLERKS REPORT**

8.1 Clerk provided update to councillors to confirm that precept amount requested has been received.

8.2 Clerk provided details for the renewal costs of the Annual subscriptions to the BATPC, SLCC & CPRE. It was AGREED to renew all subscriptions

8.3 Clerk updated the council regarding the APGAR and internal audit. The council fall within the guidelines to submit a certificate of exemption. For the purposes of the certificate of exemption the income figures were agreed at £7362 and the expenditure figures were agreed at £2990. Clerk will arrange for the Exemption Certificate to be signed by the chairperson.

8.4 Clerk confirmed that the insurance renewal with the Zurich was due although renewal costs had not yet been received. It was AGREED that renewal should proceed with the Zurich.

#### **PAYMENTS AUTHORISED**

Due to the meeting being held remotely it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for signatures outside of the meeting to all cheques agreed.

| Cheque No | Payee             | Amount  | Description                 |
|-----------|-------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| 100483    | Hyde Village Hall | 1000.00 | Contribution to Maintenance |
| 100484    | BATPC             | 93.00   | Subscription                |
| 100485    | H Matthews        | 260.00  | Clerks Wages                |
| 100486    | H Matthews        | 93.20   | Clerks Fixed expenses       |
| 100487    | SLCC              | 34.20   | Subscription (36%)          |
| 100488    | CPRE              | 36.00   | Subscription                |

#### **9 HIGHWAYS REPORT**

Cllr Newman has met with CBC to discuss the flooding problems. Solutions suggested were a balancing pond and soak away are being proposed. Both solutions are expensive so would need to look at the possibility of funding

Cllr Murchie has spoken to Emma Kines from Highways CBC regarding the painting of the white lines on the Lower Luton Road. It is noted that this work has still not been completed and Cllr Murchie agreed to chase.

#### **10 PLANNING**

- CB/21/00878FULL Bullwood Cottages – No Objections
- CB/21/01265/FULL 111 New Fiddlers Hill – No Objections

#### **11 VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

Cllr Martin reported to the Council that due to his personal work load he has not spent as much time as he would have liked. The next stage requires a public meeting which currently is not possible. Cllr Martin asked the council for their thoughts on what can be achieved. Cllr Newman agreed to send a report with ideas that were discussed within the Luton Hoo Estates.

#### **12 CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was sent prior to the meeting.

Cllr Waldorf raised awareness of hares that are dying of a virus.

Cllr Fihosy asked about a van that appears to have been abandoned.

Cllr Oxley asked about a member of public who had been clearing the pathway by the sewerage works.

Cllr Martin confirmed that it was a neighbour. Cllr Oxley advised that he had done an exceptionally good job and it was looking noticeably clear.

#### **13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public

#### **14 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

End of the meeting 20.15pm.

Signed..... Dated.....