

Moreton, Bobbingworth and the Lavers Parish Council

MINUTES

Meeting: Parish Council Meeting **Date:** 8 September 2020 **Time:** 7.30 PM

Venue: Video Link

PRESENT:

Councillors (10): Cllr John Collins (Chairman), Cllr Busch, Cllr Jim Collins, Cllr Cooper, Cllr. Devereux, Cllr Foulser, Cllr Padfield, Cllr Radbourne, Cllr Silk, Cllr Stevens

Also in Attendance (1) : Ian Hadley – District Councillor
Julia Milovanovic – Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: (0)

Members of the Press (0)

C.982 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Schwier and County Councillor Maggie McEwan

C.983 OTHER ABSENCES

None

C.984 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

C. 985 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2020 were agreed. This was PROPOSED Cllr Radbourne SECONDED Cllr Foulser

C.986 PARISHIONERS' FORUM

There were no questions from members of the public.

C.987 RESIGNATION

The Clerk advised that Cllr Chiverrell had tendered his resignation. The vacancy would be advertised on the Parish Council's website and noticeboards.

The Chairman proposed a formal vote of thanks to Richard Chiverrell for his work on the Council and in particular his involvement in organising the various commemorations for WW1. This was supported unanimously.

The procedure for either electing or co-opting a new Councillors was noted as per the Agenda.

C.988 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLORS

Two applications had been received for the two ward vacancies in Bobbingworth. They were from Mark Baines and Paul Dackombe. Both individuals were present at the meeting and gave a short explanations of why they would like to become members of the Parish Council.

It was unanimously agreed to co-opt both applicants.

The Chairman advised that they were both welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting but would not be able to take part.

C.989 REPORTS

a) Bobbingworth Nature Reserve

Cllr Cooper advised that Community Spirit was organising a community litter pick (War on Plastic) on Saturday 12th September between 10 am and midday at the Nature Reserve.

The rabbit traps installed by ECC were in a poor condition and this would be raised with Lee Saville.

b) District Councillor Report

Cllr Ian Hadley advised that:

- i) The White Paper due to be published at the end of September regarding the future shape of local Councils could lead to between two and four new Unitary Councils within Essex. EFDC was joining with other District Council's in the area to ensure that they were involved in future discussions on the proposals. This may lead to Parish Councils having more decision making powers;
- ii) The White Paper on the future of planning would mean that Local Authorities would have to produce and adopt a Local Plan

within 30 months. This would present a challenge as the current Local Plan takes circa 7 years;

- iii) The plans for the rejuvenation of Epping Street had been approved by Cabinet;
- iv) He had contacted the Highway Rangers regarding the village sign at Weald Bridge Road and discussion ensued regarding the two finger posts in the village. Cllr Cooper advised that one of the posts was being refurbished by a resident. Cllr Cooper would advise the Clerk the position with the post being refurbished and the Rangers would be asked to put it back in place.
- v) He was following up the “not expedient to take further action” decision on the unauthorised mobile homes at Lakeside. He would report back to Parish Council as soon as he had an explanation from EFDC.

c) Parish Councillor Reports - none

C.990 HIGHWAYS

- a) **Pot Holes** – noted as per Agenda.
- b) **Speed, parking and congestion survey Church Road, Moreton**
Noted – as per Agenda
- c) **Request for speed restriction on Watery Lane and through Little Laver**

Cllr McEwan was not present provide an update.

C.991. CLERKS COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

- Rural Affordable Housing – a representative from RCCE Rural Housing Team would be attending the November meeting.
- The Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator would also be attending the November meeting to provide a short presentation.
- Play in the Park – noted as per the Agenda

C.992 MHCLG WHITE PAPER ON PLANNING REFORMS

It was AGREED that the Clerk would draft an initial response which would be circulated to all Councillors for comment/amendment.

C.993 NOTICEBOARD POLICY

It was AGREED that the Clerk would purchase replacement locks. The Noticeboard Policy was also AGREED. PROPOSED Cllr Radbourne. SECONDED Cllr Busch.

C.994 DEDICATED E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR COUNCILLORS

It was AGREED to purchase the domain hosting at a cost of £30 per annum. PROPOSED Cllr Busch. SECONDED Cllr Radbourne.

C.995 DEFIBRILLATOR

It was AGREED that:

- i) the second defibrillator would be located in the Bobbingworth telephone kiosk and once this was in place the Clerk would request that a sign indicating the location of the defibrillator be sited on the A414.
- ii) A formal letter of thanks be sent to the member of public who made the generous donation for defibrillator pads and batteries.

PROPOSED Cllr Cooper. SECONDED Cllr Devereux.

C.996 REPAINTING OF PHONE BOXES

It was AGREED that the repainting of all three phone boxes should go ahead. PROPOSED Cllr Cooper. SECONDED Cllr Busch.

Cllr Cooper advised that a local resident had kindly volunteered to paint the Bobbingworth phone box free of charge.

The Clerk had received one quotation for repainting of the phone boxes to date of £750 per phone box. Further quotations would be circulated by e-mail to Councillors.

C.997 NEW RURAL POLICING UNIT

It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact Chief Inspector Batsford to ascertain what action this unit was taking/had taken within the Parish.

C.998 NEW CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS/CHRISTMAS TREE

It was AGREED that the Clerk would purchase 10 x 10m strings of new Christmas lights. PROPOSED Cllr Radford. SECONDED Cllr Cooper.

C.999 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON

It was AGREED that the Chairman would switch on the Christmas Lights but the switch on would be dedicated to the late Colin Thomson and a poem read out in his memory.

D.001 PARISH OPEN MEETING

This was unlikely to take place because of the COVID restrictions.

D.002 FORMAL COMPLAINT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN

As the response to the Stage 2 complaint from EFDC was unsatisfactory it was AGREED that the matter would be referred to the Ombudsman and supported by a list of other planning complaints where the Parish Council believes EFDC have failed to follow regulations and protocol. PROPOSED Cllr Busch. SECONDED Cllr Stevens

D.003 PLANNING

1. Blakes Golf Club Licensing Application

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had met with the current Managers of Blakes Golf Club the previous day. The current managers had been put in place by the administrators. Their aim was to work with the local community. All nearby residents would be given details of who to contact in case of any problems arising from the Golf Club.

With regard to the current application the managers had advised that the details on the licensing application form were incorrect and that the application was for the license to be effective from 11.00 am until midnight.

They had offered to use sound limiters on any music events.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should represent the Parish Council at the official hearing for the application on 22nd September and request that the use of sound limiters form part of the conditions for any license granted.

2. Planning Applications

Noted

3. Planning Decisions

Noted

4. Planning Concerns

It was AGREED that the list of planning concerns as per the Agenda be included within the complaints being submitted to the Ombudsman

5. Enforcement Action

Concern was expressed regarding the decision by EFDC that it was not expedient to take enforcement action. Cllr Ian Hadley had kindly already offered to ascertain why this decision had been taken

D.004 BOBBINGWORTH CLOCK

It was AGREED to award a grant of £200 towards the annual service and repair. PROPOSED Cllr Radbourne, SECONDED Cllr Stevens

D.005 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- i) Clerk's overtime – NOTED
- ii) Increase in NJC salary scales – NOTED
- iii) The payments below were AGREED. PROPOSED Cllr Busch. SECONDED Cllr Foulser.

Payment Number/met hod	To	For	Amount
BACS	Julia Milovanovic	Overtime July	£224.48
BACS	HMRC	National Insurance (July)	£23.54
BACS	Julia Milovanovic	Overtime Aug	£84.18
BACS	Vikatechost	Domain hosting for e-mail addresses	£30
BACS	EFDC	Play in the Park	£170
BACS	Carol Foulser	Land Registry charges reimbursement	£28.00
SO	Julia Milovanovic	Sept Salary*	£498.51
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BACS	Julia Milovanovic	Home Office expenses	£100.00
BACS	Julia Milovanovic	5 Sept – 7 November 10 x £10	
BACS	Julia Milovanovic	Backdated salary increase	£96.97

iv) Bank Balances

NOTED

v) Bank Reconciliation

NOTED

D.006 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be on the 10th November at 7.30 pm. It is currently scheduled to be held in Moreton Village Hall but may have to be held virtually.

There may be Planning Committee meetings held before this date if there are applications that need to be considered

C.D007 Items for Next Meeting

Councillors were asked to advise the Clerk of any items they would like included on the next meeting agenda