

Minutes of the meeting
MILWICH with FRADSWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Fradswell Village Hall 7:30pm 21st July 2021

Agenda

Present Chairman Elkin
 Councillor Nicholls
 Councillor Baggaley
 Councillor Ratcliffe
 Councillor Calhaem
 Councillor Walker

21/1. Apologies

Vice Chairman Walters, Cllr Hocknell, Cllr Collier, District Councillor Harp

21/2. Minutes - Meeting of the Parish Council, 16th June 2021.

Unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign as a true record.

21/3. Chairman's Announcements

Nothing to report

21/4. To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Declared Personal Interests and other Personal Interests.

None to report

21/5. Outstanding Matters Reports and Updates

5.1 Milwich Play Area

The Clerk reported she was happy to undertake the playground maintenance and would pop over on a regular basis over the summer holidays.

Cllr Ratcliffe expressed concern that mowing equipment had been left on site during the recent mowing.

The Cllrs unanimously agreed to ask Glynn to undertake some sprucing up on the playground equipment.

The Clerk would put some no dog fouling signs up in the playground.

The Clerk would investigate the possibility of a byelaw for the playground to prohibit dogs.

21/6. Stafford Borough Council

Nothing to report

6.1 Correspondence

All circulated via email.

21/7. Staffordshire County Council

7.1 New Highway Matters

Chairman Elkin asked if the Clerk could speak to SCC to arrange the cutting back of the Bridleway and also investigate if the Milwich Footpath Volunteers were still up and running.

Cllr Ratcliffe reported he had cut the hedges round the 30mps sign on his boundary but didn't want to do other people's boundaries. The Clerk would speak to Highways and ask if this could be delegated to the Parish on this occasion.

The Clerk would ask Cllr Walters to check if the speed camera gun was still in storage and investigate if the speed watch initiative was available to train any willing volunteers.

7.1.1 Notification of road closures within the parish

7.2 Correspondence – all circulated via email

7.2.1 Coronavirus Updates – all circulated via email

21/8. Brick Kiln Pits Report

There had been a few incidences of inconsiderate parking – The Clerk would make contact to inform the club.

21/9. Finance

Bank Balances:	Current Account	£5692.97
	Reserve Account	£17666.67

9.1 Financial Statement and Bank Account Reconciliation..

One uncashed cheque of £85.41

Interest in reserve account of £0.16 for the month

Cash Book balance on current account £5607.56

9.2 Invoices to be approved.

None to approve

21/10. Planning

10.1 Applications returned to Stafford Borough Council – none to report.

10.2 Applications received by the Parish Council for Consultation.- none to report

10.3 Planning Appeals - none to report

10.4 Planning Queries - None to report

10.5 Queries with SBC Planning Enforcement.

The Clerk continued to keep the pressure on SBC enforcement team regarding the issue at Sun Bless. A letter from a resident regarding this issue was noted.

21/11. Correspondence

11.1 Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association – Circulated via email

11.1.1 Weekly updates - forwarded by email.

11.1.2 To appoint a new Fradswell District Trustee for Colwich Parochial Charities.

It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Calhaem would be the representative.

21/12. Matters Raised by Member Councillors / Clerk

The Clerk reported that Cllr Walters had received a verbal complaint regarding the cooption procedure. This had highlighted a chance to improve the way that the Council communicated and she asked the Councillor if they received any letters / complaints from residents to forward them to the Clerk for response as individual Councillors strictly speaking should not be corresponding on behalf of the Council.

This led to a discussion about using personal emails for Council business and the Clerk suggested that she investigate the possibility of having web based official email addresses, she would speak to the web site host and report back.

21/21/1 Queens Jubilee

It was unanimously agreed that there would be a celebration on the Saturday with stalls ect which could raise money for the Queens chosen charity and a street party on the Sunday for the Parishioners. The Clerk would speak to the web site host to ask if an advert for volunteers could be raised.

21/13. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 18th August – Fradswell Village Hall

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