

MINUTES of Islip Parish Council Meeting

The Council met remotely [by Zoom] Tuesday 9th June 2020 at 7.30pm

I certify that these minutes are a true reflection
of the events that took place
date: signed:

107/20 Present [by Zoom or telephone]: Dr P Collins, Mrs F Forbes, Mr D Price, Mr N Wiles (Chairman), Ms N Richardson, Cllr D Sames (OCC), Mr M Wilkinson (Clerk)

108/20 Apologies: Mr M Brown, Mrs D Chapman

109/20 Minutes: the minutes of the meetings of **Tuesday 12th May 2020** were approved.

110/20 Matters arising which will not be raised under subsequent agenda items: none.

111/20 District and County Council Reports: Cllr Sames is to pursue the extension of the 20mph zone up the Wheatley Road on behalf of the Council.

112/20 Changes in Members' interests and declarations of personal or prejudicial¹ interest: none.

113/20 Administrative matters: 1. Position of Clerk: the Clerk reported that he had held an extended conversation with a potential replacement, and that he was happy to propose that the Chairman and Councillor Collins might proceed, with the Council's approval, to interview the candidate. This was approved unanimously.

114/20 Financial Matters: 1. Cheques and electronic payment: the Clerk noted that the approval of the remote payment of creditors (it is to be hoped that *two* councillors are to approve any given payment), is proceeding. The proposed signatories now have in their possession secure devices which should facilitate funds transfers; Cllr Collins is to let the Clerk have copies of correspondence received with these, so that Council correspondence is complete, and so that the Clerk is informed as to how payment might be managed.

115/20 Environment: 1. Flood Management Plan: Cllr Collins had nothing to report. **2. Raw sewage, Mill Street:** the Clerk reported that Thames Water had not replied to his emails about this. Council instructed the Clerk to pass the correspondence to the appropriate officers at OCC as a public health matter; Councillor Sames acknowledged that this is to be done. **3. Grass cutting – Mill Lane verges:** the Clerk had been approached by Mrs Emily Cohen who had objected to the part-cut of the Mill Lane verges (up to the burial ground). The Clerk had contacted Green Scythe, who had part-cut the verges in error, and will not repeat this. **4. New hedge – playing field:** the Clerk had been approached by Mrs Emily Cohen, who kindly wished to water the new hedge by the Kidlington Road entrance to the playing field. The Clerk had contacted Mr Rick Henshaw, of Islip Cricket Club, who had kindly offered assistance to the petitioner. **5. Dogs off lead:** it had been reported to the Clerk by three villagers that their dogs had been approached by a dog or dogs off the lead, and that this had led in one case at least to injury to an animal. The Council instructed the Clerk to ask that dog owners be considerate of others, and to keep their dogs on the lead where they might meet with other dogs in and around the village. **6. Mill Lane planter:** it was noted that the water trough donated to the village by

¹“one in which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgement of the public interest”

Messrs Henman had disappeared from Mill Lane. The Council was much exercised by this, and asked the Clerk to make enquiry before any report of the loss to the authorities.

116/20 Communications: nothing to report.

117/20 Traffic, Highways, and Footpaths: 1. Speed camera: Cllr reported that there is discussion in hand about the transfer of the police connection from Wheatley to Bicester.

118/20 PC Properties: 1. Playground: Cllr Collins reported that some of the repair work needed has been done, but that the work is as yet incomplete. The annual inspection of the playground is to be postponed until 2021 in the light of its ongoing closure and the required refurbishment. [the cost of the inspection, if not carried out in June this year, rises by some £200.] **2. Anti-social behaviour on the playing field:** the Clerk reported that the cricket club had repaired the nets, but closed them by means of chains in the light of Covid-19. **3. Lower Street fenceposts:** the Clerk reported that two of the three parties to the removal of the posts are now incommunicado. The Council proposed that the matter be allowed to lie. **4. Playing field wayleave for Network Rail:** the Clerk reported that the valuation survey carried out at NR's request would generate an invoice addressed to Islip PC, but marked payable by another body. No cost is to be accepted by the Council, as the wayleave is a matter for NR only. **5. Red Lion notice-board:** Councillor Chapman is to arrange for a carpenter to look at the notice-board.

119/20 Planning: 1. Planning Applications: the Clerk reported that he had received no potentially contentious applications. The Chairman noted that an application had been received for open-fronted storage on Jacob's Field, but that this had appeared uncontentious. The Council accepted this.

Address	Application number/details	Decision
Jacob's Field	20/01299/AGN open fronted storage bays	PC no objection
Cherry Holt, Middle Street	20/00504/F raising the roof to allow a first floor extension	CDC approved [cladding to change from artificial stone to limestone coloured render]
30 Kidlington Road	20/00704/F Entrance porch, single storey rear extension and loft conversion	CDC approved

120/20 Strategic Planning: nothing to report.

121/20 Village Hall: 1. Function and funding: it was suggested that Dr South's School might be encouraged to consider the use of the VH as additional space in response to the demands of Covid-19, and that the Council would consider a contribution then to VH funds. Councillors Forbes and Richardson are to approach the School. **2. Refurbishment of pavilion:** Councillor Chapman reported *via* the Chairman that the VH is to proceed in the refurbishment of the pavilion extension to the VH.

122/20 Health: 1. Village Shop and other volunteers: the Council once again warmly thanked all those volunteering in the village, and noted the successful introduction of the roadside shop in Lower Street.

123/20 Security: 1. PCSO: Cllr Forbes noted that she is in intermittent contact with the PCSO at Kidlington.

124/20 Any other business: none.

125/20 Date of next meeting: the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held remotely [by *Zoom*] on **Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 7.30pm. It should be noted that there will be no meeting in August.**

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