



## September 2020 Minutes

Meeting Held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm via Zoom app,

Item No.	Minutes	Reporting / Action
430	<b>INTRODUCTION:</b>	
430.1	Meeting Attendees Cllrs Thyer, Inns, Malone, O'Brien, Thompson, Boyden, Fitzpatrick. Cllr Versallion, Webmaster and Clerk in attendance.	
430.2	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Chivers and Smith	
430.3	Declarations of Interest: None	
431.	<b>APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:</b>	
431.1	Approval of full Parish Council minutes July 2020. <b>Approved</b>	
431.2	Approval of Planning Committee minutes July 2020. <b>Approved</b>	
431.3	Approval of Planning Committee minutes August 2020. <b>Approved</b>	
431.4	Approval of Finance Committee minutes July 2020. <b>Approved</b>	
432	<b>PUBLIC FORUM</b> – members of the public have a cumulative 15 minutes to address the Parish Council, no resolutions other than those on the agenda can be resolved from items raised in the public forum.	
432.1	<b>Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report:</b> New bin to be installed inside bus shelter outside the Co-op, Cllr Inns concerned that the bus shelter is owned by Parish Council and would be liable for any damage. Clerk confirmed that insurance would cover this. <b>Vandyke (Redland) Plant</b> on Miletree Road , the United States owners have approached Cllr Versallion as they are evaluating the site regarding expansion or possible closure. We need to consider impact re local jobs, traffic, what would be the alternative possibly houses. Cllr Inns pointed out that expansion would be difficult if on greenbelt, but it would be possible to convert the existing site into housing. Cllr Fitzpatrick said people would not object to housing if it is not on greenbelt, but it would appear CBC ignore concerns about this. <b>Arnold White Estate</b> Solar panels have been approved and development should be considered in conjunction with the proposed charging station on A5. Cllr Versallion has registered a desire for a community contribution which has not received a positive response. Ian Foll from AWE estates has asked to address the Parish Council about the charging station at the October meeting . Cllr Fitzpatrick asked that this application is advertised to the village to allow people to raise their concerns. <b>Average Speed Cameras.</b> CBC have agreed not to block these, but the police have not been contactable during August. Cllr Versallion to redouble efforts now the summer holidays are over. LBO have been in touch and said would write an article about it.	
432.2	<b>Police Report</b> Circulated by the Clerk on receipt.	
433	<b>MATTERS ARISING – for information only</b>	
433.1	Website accessibility report prepared by Simplink Communications , Barrie Simpson, Webmaster, explained the global disabled badge on the website, so that everyone can have full access to the website. Three parishioners have tested it and gave valuable feedback so it is now ready for 23 <sup>rd</sup> September when it will be a legal requirement to be fully accessible. Clerk thanks Barrie for his hard work.	

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434	<b>PARISH COUNCIL REPORT</b>																			
434.1	Cemetery Management Committee: Payback now back, in fewer numbers due to Covid travel restrictions/ social distancing but they are on top of things and cemetery continues to look good.																			
434.2	Finance Committee: Audit has been submitted but no report received as yet.																			
434.3	Planning & Environment Committee: Meeting to take place this evening.																			
434.4	Sports & Recreation Committee: Bryant's Lane courts are now busy with bookings due to Cedars closing the 3g pitches until January. This will bring in a good revenue for the Parish. Defibrillator is installed. Rent is being received from the pavilion. Cllr Fitzpatrick asked about replacement of skin of defibrillator at the barn, Clerk has asked for a replacement.																			
435	<b>MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION</b>																			
435.1	To approve purchase and installation of defibrillator at Bryants Lane pavilion not exceeding £1,825 plus VAT. Proposed Cllr Thyer, seconded Cllr Fitzpatrick. <b>It was resolved.</b>																			
435.2	To approve subscription to AccessiBe for £390 per annum, accessibility tool for website. Proposed Cllr Thyer, seconded Cllr Fitzpatrick. <b>It was resolved.</b>																			
435.3	To consider and approve response to the Local Government Association consultation regarding the revised Model Member Code of Conduct. (Via NALC) Nothing to add. Proposed Cllr Inns, seconded Cllr Fitzpatrick. <b>It was resolved.</b>																			
435.4	To approve and adopt the Memorial Testing Policy Proposed Cllr Thyer, seconded Cllr Fitzpatrick. <b>It was resolved.</b>																			
436	<b>VILLAGE MATTERS</b>																			
436.1	Covid/foodbank update. Clerk reported that donations to the food bank have been generous and two families in the village are being supported on a weekly basis and the village fairies continue with prescription deliveries. There could well be more in financial difficulties with the ending of the furlough scheme at the end of October. Clerk asked to let her know if there are people who need help.																			
437	<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>																			
	Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances																			
	Current Account £3,841.69 Reserve Account £105,029.22																			
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	Direct Debits/Standing Orders																			
	Cheaper Waste £64.28																			
	M Redwood Green £43.33																			
	Am Power £700.00																			



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	Am Power Anglian Water	£ 15.72 £ 19.00	
438	<b>Administration /OTHER MATTERS of interest</b> Cllr Fitzpatrick raised concerns about a dog that is often reported on it's own, this is not acceptable as the dog must be controlled. CBC will issue letters about breach of bye-laws, if the owner can be identified. Cllr Malone asked if Parish Council have any plans to support the village if there is a second wave of Covid. Cllr Thyer said we would continue as we were and play it by ear.		
	Meeting closed at 6.45pm		