

Present: Cllrs Barwick, Brown, Dorman, Henderson, Munson, Scott

In the Chair: Cllr Smith

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

Also Present: District Councillor Thompson

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

All Members were present.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

4. District Councillors

Cllr Thompson reported:

- Maldon District Council are working on holding virtual meetings.
- Most services are running as normal.
- The business grants are being distributed.

5. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

6. Minutes

Minutes 14th April 2020

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting held on 14th April 2020 be approved as a true record of the Meeting. Unanimously agreed.

The Chairman to sign the Minutes as soon as possible.

7. Accounts 2019/20

The Clerk presented the accounts for 2019/20.

Resolved: to approve the 2019/20 accounts, subject to internal audit. Unanimously agreed.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return was completed as follows:

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019/20

Section 1 was completed and approved by the Council. This was signed by the Clerk. To be signed by the Chairman as soon as possible.

Section 2 – Account Statement

Section 2 was completed and signed by the Clerk, as the Responsible Financial Officer. To be signed by the Chairman as soon as possible.

8. Finance

Payments

Resolved: to ratify payment totalling £907.42. Unanimously agreed.

9. Planning

Planning Applications and Decisions

- **Planning Applications:** None received

- **Appeals:** None received
- **Planning Decisions:** None received.
- **Planning Appeals Decisions:** None received.

10. Training

Resolved: for the Chairman to attend the Routine Play Inspections Training course. Unanimously agreed.

11. COVID-19

11.1 Update on COVID19 - Volunteers

The Chairman reported that there had been 25 assist to residents which included shopping, collection medication, collection food parcels from the Salvation Army and taking a resident to Barts Hospital.

The Volunteers had also provided assistance to residents in neighbouring parishes.

Cllr Munson stated that the Henry Smith Trust would be happy to pay fuel costs for any of the Volunteers. The Chairman advised this offered had been extended to the Volunteers.

Cllr Thompson thanked the Volunteers for their hard work and for providing assistance to residents in her other parishes.

11.2 New Flyer

Resolved: to ratify the expenditure on a new flyer for £28.80.

The Chairman reported the Volunteers had distributed the flyers to every household in the Parish.

12. Police/Maldon District Council – Community Protection Officers (CPOs)

12.1 Police Reports

The Police Reports were received.

It had been noted that there had been a reduction in the number of crimes in the District which followed trends nationally.

12.2 Community Protection Officers (CPOs) Report

The Report for March was received and noted.

During the CPOs Patrols in March, a total of 11 drivers were captured with the TruCam for speeding.

The Clerk advised that it is likely that the CPOs will be likely to resume TruCam during the first week in May.

13. Administration

No new information to report.

14. Representative Reports

14.1 Burial Ground

14.1.1 Update from Cllrs Brown, Henderson and Scott

It was reported that Maldon District Council had cut the grass in the Burial Ground.

Cllr Brown reported that the weed on the path needed sprayning.

Action: Clerk to raise this with Maldon District Council.

14.2 Recreation Ground

14.2.1 Update from Cllrs Brown, Dorman and Munson

Cllr Dorman reported that he had replaced the backstops in the play area gates.

14.3 Highway/Footpaths

14.3.1 Update from Cllr Henderson

Cllr Henderson advised there was no new information to report.

Cllr Dorman reported that a resident had brought to his attention that a number of the speed signs in the parish had been covered over.

Cllr Brown reported that the legs on the village sign in Beckingham Road had corroded.

Action: Cllr Henderson to report to Highways.

Cllr Scott advised that a number of residents were using the footpaths around the village for their daily exercise. It would appear that a number of people did not know the footpath route.

Action: Clerk to obtain a copy of the footpath maps from Essex County Council to display on the Parish Council website.

Cllr Barwick reported that the vegetation on Tollesbury Road opposite the Village Hall had been cut back.

14.4 Website / Facebook Updates

14.4.1 Website/Facebook

The Clerk to update website/Facebook with new Parish Council telephone number once the new phone had been received.

15. Community Concerns – Information Exchange/Next Agenda Items

No issues to report.

16. Date of the Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 26th May 2020 – Full Council Meeting - 7.30 pm

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.03 pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....