Potterspury Parish Council

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MINUTES of the meeting of Potterspury Parish Council held remotely on Wednesday 9 December 2020 at 7:30pm by Teams Video Conference

in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panels Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No.392 dated 4 April 2020 (Coronavirus Regulations 2020)

Councillors present: Dr S Parkin (Chair), Mrs J Millidge (Vice Chair), Mr M Wootton, Mr G Lucas, Mr R Capps, Mr S Dring, Mr S Norris, Mrs T Holland, Mrs A Ruck, Mrs J Blunden, Mr F Giblin, Mrs B Silvester. Mr R Armstrong (arrived 8:30pm).

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Spence.

Apologies: Cllr R Armstrong (delayed in traffic) – arrived 8:30pm.

Mr Coppin, NHW Co-ordinator sent his apologies.

5889	APOLOGIES: It was resolved to approve the apologies for absence from Cllr	
	Armstrong.	
5890	MINUTES: It was resolved to approve as a true record the Minutes of the Parish	
	Council Meeting held on 11 November 2020, which were duly signed by the	
	Chair.	
5891	MATTERS ARISING: None.	
5892	DECLARATION OF INTEREST UNDER THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT:	
	Cllr Lucas to receive payment £47.91 as reimbursement of expenses and expenditure	
	incurred on behalf of the PC - Minute 5897(vii). Cllr Dring quotation for removal of logs	
	- Minute 5899(iv).	
5893	MINUTES ACTION REPORT: Noted.	
5894	PUBLIC FORUM:	
100	Mr Craig Coppin – NHW Coordinator provided a report by email:	
	Crime figures: October – SN 351 (Potterspury 7). Recent vandalism including at SSC	
	- ashtrays and noticeboard damaged. In SN, thefts from vans and catalytic converters	
	from vehicles. Advice for shorter daylight hours – be aware of surroundings, report	
	anything suspicious, use security lights and indoor timer lights. Online shopping fraud	
	increased by 30% during pandemic. Latest scams: HMRC re tax refunds and self-	
Es .	employment grants, Royal Mail - parcel or letter awaiting delivery.	
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5895	PLANNING Planting Applications	
(i)	Planning Applications:	
(a)	S/2020/2043/FUL Replace a failing softwood external staircase and balustrade with a	
	hardwood accoya like for like replacement. Replace a dilapidated old wooden shed	
	with a green house. The Old Vicarage, 8 Church End. It was resolved to submit a	
(/5)	response of no objection to SNC.	
(b)	S/2020/2044/LBC Listed Building Consent Replace a failing softwood external staircase and balustrade with a hardwood accoya like for like replacement. Replace a	
	dilapidated old wooden shed with a green house. The Old Vicarage, 8 Church End. <i>It</i>	
	was resolved to submit a response of no objection to SNC.	
/ii\	Planning Decisions:	
(ii) (a)	S/2020/1640/FUL Front extension of garage, including raising of roof and external	
(a)	staircase to allow for home office and gym in roof area. 23 Mansion Gardens.	
	Approval 06/11/2020. Noted.	
(b)	S/2020/1784/LBC Listed Building Consent. To replace bathroom window. 39 High	
(0)	Street. Approval 27/11/2020. <i>Noted.</i>	
(iii)	Other Planning Matters:	
(a)	E/2020/0289 Special Ops Adventure Site, Furtho Lane. Enquiry – change of use	
(a)	without permission from agricultural to business. Awaiting more information from SNC.	

(b) ^	E/2020/0290 19 Meadow View. Enquiry — extensive ground-floor extension. Parish Council have safety concerns about its proximity to the road. Response from SNC 01/12/2020 — breach of planning control but further action not considered expedient. Noted. It was resolved to respond to SNC that the Meadow View housing estate original plans and approval stipulated open-plan and the PC request that SNC monitor application in this area which detract from open-plan. Appeal Decision APP/Z2830/C/20/3257138 Land at 24 Woods Lane. Summary Decision: The appeal is dismissed and the enforcement notice is upheld with corrections - 27/11/2020. Noted. It was resolved to contact neighbour to enquire if the building works on the west side are in accordance with approved plans.				JS JS
5896 (i) (a) (b) (ii) (a) (b) (iii)	PLAY AREAS: Inspection Reports November-December: Meadow View – Cllr Blunden submitted a report. Mays Way, Blackwell End & Village Hall – Cllr Silvester submitted a report. It was resolved to ask Handyman to carry out repairs and work as necessary. Inspection Rota December-January: Meadow View: Cllr Norris. Mays Way, Blackwell End, Village Hall: Cllr Ruck. Play Inspection Company: Annual Report dated 23/11/2020. Noted.			JS	
5897 (i) (ii) (a) (b) (c) (iii) (iv) (v)	FINANCE Budget Report: It was resolved to accept the Budget Report. Bank Balances: Total: £73,481.05 (30/11/2020). Lloyds Current: £22,636.74 (30/11/2020). Lloyds Deposit: £50,844.31 (30/11/2020). Receipts: Lloyds Deposit October interest: £4.13. Budget 2021-2022: It was resolved to approve the Budget dated 16/11/2020 prepared by the FWG, subject to any changes prior to submission in January. Reserves: Cllr Norris reported on current reserves. In specific reserves £5,000 transferred from 700/2 Play Equipment to 700/4 Churchyard Maintenance (includes, Lime trees pollarding, Churchyard wall repair and Chapel of Rest). 700/5 Chapel of Rest incorporated into 700/4. Current specified reserves £29,246.40. General reserves £31,344.30. These figures subject to adjustment at the end of the financial year. Electronic Tablets: Cllr Capps tested the internet connection around the village which was very poor overall and especially near Cllr Lucas' home. Cllr Capps will loan two tablets to the PC to test before buying. It was resolved that Cllr Capps will set up a tablet for Cllr Lucas to test at the January meeting.				RC
(vii)	It was resolved to approve payments as listed, having Armstrong IFC, to be authorised on Lloyds by Cllr Note TR no PAYEE DD PWLB: Loan repayment 63 J Spence: Clerk salary £706.06, Office expenses £125.49 64 HMRC: Clerk PAYE £176.60, Employer NI £20.79 65 A Stockton: Litter picking November 66 Aylesbury Mains Ltd: Streetlight repair [20114] 67 E.ON: Streetlight electricity October 68 DNH Contracts: Dog bins November [1630] 69 Play Inspection Co: Annual play area inspection [44419] 70 Cllr Lucas: Acorn Nurseries – Trees etc Conservation Area £35.28, PC Teams meeting 14/10/20 phone charges £12.63 71 R Phillips (Handyman): Labour £345.00, materials £147.78, mileage £24.80	Ref and CIII Net £ 63.47 813.30 197.39 80.00 59.80 152.55 64.56 322.50 42.03			



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	5898	PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS				
	(i)	High Street Churchyard Wall:				
	^(a)	Structural Remedial Report 2 and diagram for tender purposes received from Stuart				
		Thomas Associates Ltd which will enable the PC to start the tender process and				
		possible grant applications, once a guide price has been obtained.	SP			
		It was resolved to request a 'without prejudice/obligation' guide price from				
	(b)	Buckinghamshire Building Co Ltd.				
	(D)	An arboriculturist consultant survey of nearby Churchyard trees, two Limes and a Yew,	× 1			
		and how their roots may impact on the wall may be required. Pollarding of the 30	JS			
		Lime trees, spread over 3 years, is planned, requiring a TPO application to SNC Planning.				
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	(11)	Parish Council Website – Website Content Accessibility Guidelines: It was resolved that the website has an acceptable level of compliance for a				
		small PC.				
	(iii)	Parish Plan Review:				
	()	Good progress made on the review of survey questions. Cllr Holland to prepare a	TH			
		layout for consideration at the January PC meeting.				
	(iv)	Addition to Grounds Maintenance Contract with effect 2021:				
	` ,	It was resolved to extend the verge mowing in Furtho Lane (map F6) and to				
		include the Field Maple tree in tree works from February 2021. Clerk to contact	JS			
		RTM Landscapes.				
	(v)	Applications to use Meadow View Playing Field:				
-		It was resolved to ratify applications received from Emily Westwood – Solid Soul				
		Fitness and Mark Shettle Fitness.				
	(vi)	Handyman Contract:				
ĺ		It was resolved to offer a further one-year contract to Mr Rob Phillips.				
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	5899	VILLAGE MATTERS				
	(i)	Mill Pond Conservation Area:				
		The first memorial tree has been planted. The Community Funding Grant application				
	/::\	to SNC for the safety fence around the scrape was not successful.				
	(ii)	Defibrillator Monthly Check:				
	(iii)	CIIr Parkin advised in working order.				
	("")	CCTV Monthly Check: Cllr Capps advised in working order. An incident at the SSC on 20/11/2020 of two				
	40	youths acting suspiciously was recorded on CCTV and sent to the Police.				
	(iv)	Crack willow logs on farmland: Clir Dring left the meeting.				
	(10)	It was resolved to accept the quotation of £1,000 from Clir Dring to remove the	JS			
		crack willow logs. Clir Dring returned to the meeting.	10			
	(v)	Volunteer Litter Picking Duties Agreement:				
	(-)	It was resolved to approve the new agreement and honorarium of £100.00 per	JS			
		month with effect 01/01/2021.				
	(vi)	Queens 40 Trees – Watling Street:				
		It was resolved to accept the quotation from RTM Landscapes of £450.00 + VAT	JS			
		to remove 3 dead trees, grind stumps and supply and plant 4 Prunus pink				
		perfection 8/10 size. Donated reserves of £344 to be used.				
	(vii)	Trees Meadow View Playing Field:				
		Leylandii-type trees in far corner of MVPF near bridge are breaking and suppressing				
-		other trees. Site meeting to be arranged in the spring.				
	(viii)	Potterspury Community Shield 2020-2021:				
		It was resolved to have more than one category due to exceptional	JS			
	***************************************	circumstances in 2020 and significant community involvement. Draft advert to be				
	(isa)	prepared for February Old Mail.				
	(ix)	Coronavirus: Nothing to report.				
	(x)	Bins:				
		Village waste bins are being used for the disposal of dog faeces and some are	CD.			
		overflowing as a result. Clir Parkin will prepare a location map of all existing bins.	SP			
		It was resolved to consider the possible location of additional bins in January and Clerk to research additional bins from SNC.	JS			
		and Ciera to research additional Dills Holli SNC.	00			
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(xi)	Village Finger Post Sign (corner Poundfield Road/High Street): It was resolved to ask the Handyman to take down for Churchyard wall construction work and refurbish for sign-written letters instead of stick-on letters. Cllr Parkin will research signwriters.	SP
5900	HIGHWAYS ENGLAND: Speed limit on A5 through Potterspury: On 26/11/2020 the Clerk requested a progress update from HE and was advised that previous emails from HE gave false expectations. Funding has been allocated to the review of existing speed limits on the A5 between Weedon Bec and Old Stratford in 2024-25. It was resolved to pass this information on to residents via Facebook and The Old Mail. It was resolved to contact Andrea Leadsom MP again.	JM JS
5901	MK FUTURES 2050: In November, MKC published a revised strategy ahead of the Cabinet meeting on 15/12/2020 which still includes encroachment into Potterspury and other parts of SN without any reference to SNC or WNC Planning. It was resolved to email Cllr lan McCord and senior SNC officers to ask if anyone is registered to speak at the Cabinet meeting and if the strategic planning officers are monitoring MKC.	JS
5902	CORRESPONDENCE: 16/11/2020 Email: Request for a shield on streetlight opposite 19 Church End. It was resolved to write to the resident to decline the request on safety grounds as a shield would compromise the effectiveness of the streetlight.	JS
5903	UPDATES (for information only): Request for gravel on slippery entrance to MVPF and passage from Sanders Lane. To be included on January agenda.	
5904	Next Parish Council meeting Wednesday 13 January 2021 at 7:30pm via Teams.	
	JS 06/01/2021	

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Signed	Oli-	- Date	13	JAN	2021