

**Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held remotely due to the Covid-19 pandemic, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs R Butler, B Ezra, J Hunt, S Pluckwell and P Wood plus G Stewart (ex-officio).  
 Clerk: Mr Tony Skeggs Residents: None  
 Assistant: Mrs Ann-Marie Davies

<b>C20/29</b>	<b>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</b> It was proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Pluckwell that Cllr Ezra be elected as Chairman. This was unanimously agreed.	
<b>C20/30</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> There were no apologies.	
	<b>OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS</b> No residents had joined the meeting.	
<b>C20/31</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> Cllr Ezra declared an interest in the items relating to the community centre as her husband was the Chairman of the Community Association. Cllr Hunt declared an interest in the items relating to the community centre as her husband was a trustee and the allotments as he was a tenant.	
<b>C20/32</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> a) The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee of the 10 <sup>th</sup> March were unanimously agreed as a true record. They were not signed at the meeting. b) The action plan was reviewed, with several completed tasks being removed.	
<b>C20/33</b>	<b>COMMUNITY CENTRE</b> a) Windows – It was <b>NOTED</b> that one of the windows in the Park Room was broken. RCF Windows were due out on the 24 <sup>th</sup> March but cancelled because of Covid-19 restrictions. Clerk to contact RCF for an update. b) Weeds – It was <b>NOTED</b> that the weeds around the edge of the community centre had been cleared by the ground's maintenance contractor.	Clerk
<b>C20/34</b>	<b>QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLAYING FIELD</b> a) Play Area – It was <b>NOTED</b> that a new cradle seat for the toddler swing had been installed. b) Tennis Courts – It was <b>NOTED</b> that the tennis courts had been reopened and that their use was subject to several guidelines. c) Outdoor Gym – It was <b>AGREED</b> that a notice should be displayed on the gym equipment to inform the public that the equipment should not be used.	Clerk
<b>C20/35</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS of WAY and FOOTPATHS</b> a) Footpaths – Cllr Hunt presented a paper on the footpaths around the village highlighting the impact that housing developments were having. Footpaths 3, 10 and 14 had been blocked and diverted, so it was <b>AGREED</b> to contact Buckinghamshire Council to find out the duration of the diversions. Cllr Hunt reported that the stiles at the entrance to footpaths 5a and 6 needed attention. It was <b>AGREED</b> to ask Fox Maintenance to provide a quote to repair. b) Countryside Code – Cllr Hunt commented that more residents were using the footpaths now but that in some cases there was a total disregard for the countryside code e.g. trampling through crops, dogs off leads, dogs fouling the footpaths and dogs loose whilst sheep and cattle about. It was <b>AGREED</b> that notices be put up at entrances to footpaths highlighting the code.	Clerk  Clerk

<b>C20/36</b>	<b>OPEN SPACES</b> Bloor Development - It was <b>NOTED</b> that whilst the parish council had agreed in principle to take ownership of the open spaces that there would still be a Management Company in place with responsibility for feeder pillars, lighting bollards, bin collection points, and visitor parking spaces.	
<b>C20/37</b>	<b>ALLOTMENTS</b> There was currently a problem with dog fouling believed to be from non-allotment holders walking their dogs through the allotments. It was <b>AGREED</b> to put some notices up.	Assis.
<b>C20/38</b>	<b>STREET FURNITURE</b> UKPN had been out to fix the Chapel Lane light today (26 <sup>th</sup> May) but there was still a problem. The clerk would wait for the report from UKPN before taking further action.	
<b>C20/39</b>	<b>POINTS FOR INFORMATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Ezra asked on the progress of the car park extension. This was on hold as Covid-19 had not allowed for further quotes to be obtained. Assistant Clerk to contact contractors to see if they were now working and could provide a quote.</li> <li>• Cllr Pluckwell informed the meeting that village school would reopen on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June.</li> <li>• The clerk reported that Buckinghamshire Council were taking the dumping of the nitrous oxide capsules in the car park further. They had enough evidence to take legal proceedings.</li> <li>• Cllr Butler requested that the ditch between the playing field and the Abbey Homes development be cleared as it was not visible in some places.</li> </ul>	
<b>C20/40</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The next meeting will be on the 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm.	

The meeting closed at 8.16pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: July 2020

### Action List

Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
02/10/18	L18/27h	Contact Stoke Mandeville FC regarding a plaque for the wall	Clerk	In Progress
11/06/19	L19/18c	Prepare specification and obtain quotes for a red tarmac footpath around the playing field. Awaiting Project Officer.	Clerk	In Progress
24/09/19	L19/29e	Consult Cllr Clark regarding ramps for the Park Room	Clerk	Outstanding
10/03/20	C20/22c	Contact tennis court cleaners with water bowsers.	Clerk	Outstanding
10/03/20	C20/24b	Arrange installation of posts around village green.	Clerk	In Progress
26/05/20	C20/33	Contact RCF Windows regarding Park Room window.	Clerk	Completed
26/05/20	C20/34c	Put up "Closed" notice on outdoor gym equipment.	Clerk	Completed
26/05/20	C20/35a	Contact Buckinghamshire Council regarding footpath closures.	Assistant	Completed 26 <sup>th</sup> May
26/05/20	C20/35b	Put up "Countryside Code" notices for footpath entrances.	Clerk	In progress
26/05/20	C20/37	Put up "Dog Fouling" notices at entrance to allotments.	Assistant	Completed 27 <sup>th</sup> May
26/05/20	C20/39	Contact contractors regarding car park extension.	Assistant	In Progress