

**Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held on TEAMS
on Tuesday 9 November 2021 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs B Ezra, C Thorn and P Wood.

Clerk: Mr Tony Skeggs

Absent: None

Assistant: Mrs Ann-Marie Davies

Residents: None

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| C21/47 | APOLOGIES Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Magill. | |
| | OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS No residents in attendance. | |
| C21/48 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION There were no new declarations of interest or requests for dispensation. | |
| C21/49 | MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING a) The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on the 14 September 2021 were unanimously AGREED as a true record and would be signed by the Chairman at a later date. Cllr Reeves was no longer a parish councillor. b) The action plan was reviewed. Cllr Ezra NOTED the action to seek quotes for a new play area and suggested the local school could be involved in a competition to design their ideal playground. The meeting supported this idea. The Chairman Graham Stewart would be asked to speak to the school to take this forward. The Assistant Clerk advised the meeting she had not yet met up with the Local Area Technician as he was on annual leave, but she would chase him again to organise a date. | GS Asst Clerk |
| C21/50 | QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLAYING FIELD Play Around the Parishes (PATP) – The clerk advised that the offer to hold Play Around the Parishes had been received from Buckinghamshire Council. It was AGREED to host two x two-hour sessions. The assistant clerk would consult with the Community Centre Management Team when booking the sessions. | Asst Clerk |
| C21/51 | ALLOTMENTS To consider the two quotes received to lay a one metre walkway to the entrance into the allotments. All Cllrs AGREED to go with the more experienced contractor providing the price quoted could be reduced. The Assistant Clerk would contact the contractor to see if they were willing to reduce their original quote with a view to taking it forward to Parish Council next week for approval. | Asst Clerk |
| C21/52 | POLLYANNA PRE-SCHOOL The clerk reported that the new all-weather surface had now been successfully laid at the Pollyanna Preschool play area. As the main sponsor for these works, VAHT had issued a plaque to be displayed. The clerk would arrange for this to be erected. | Clerk |
| C21/53 | POINTS FOR INFORMATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was NOTED that the clerk would contact Thames Water once again to ask when the next crew were due to visit to conduct the next investigations. • Cllr Thorn asked whether the Assistant Clerk could check on the status of the Hawkslade Play area and whether it had yet been adopted by Buckinghamshire Council. It was AGREED she would speak to both Buckinghamshire Council and Abbey Homes to obtain a clear picture. | Clerk Asst Clerk |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Wood informed the meeting that several residents in Westfield on Hawkslade had received letters from HS2 requesting access to their properties. The clerk was to check with HS2 to see if they were genuine. | Clerk |
| C21/54 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting date will be confirmed at a later date. | |

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed _____ Dated: 9 November 2021

Action List

| Date | Minute | Description | By Whom | Status |
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| 08/06/21 | C21/32 | Meet up with Aylesbury Town Council to investigate a Christmas event in the Parish. | Clerk/Asst Clerk | In Progress |
| 14/09/21 | C21/40 | Source quotes to replace two benches on playing field | Asst Clerk | On hold |
| 14/09/21 | C21/43 | Contact Agripower to obtain costings to fix drainage problems at the Community Centre | Clerk | In Progress |
| 14/09/21 | C21/44 | Contact resident in Eskdale Road to progress erection of Christmas trees in the Parish | Clerk | In Progress |
| 09/11/21 | C21/49 | Contact the village school regarding a competition to design a new play area | GS | In Progress |
| 09/11/21 | C21/50 | Consult with Community Centre Management Team to book PATP sessions | Asst Clerk | In Progress |
| 09/11/21 | C21/51 | Contact Contractor to obtain a more competitive quote for the footpath to the allotments | Asst Clerk | In Progress |
| 09/11/21 | C21/52 | Arrange erection of plaque from VAHT at the Pollyanna play area | Clerk | In Progress |
| 09/11/21 | C21/53 | Contact Thames Water to obtain date for revisit | Clerk | In Progress |
| 09/11/21 | C21/53 | Contact Buckinghamshire Council and Abbey Homes to check on the adoption status of the Hawkslade Play area | Asst Clerk | In Progress |