

## Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held in the Committee Room at Eskdale Community Centre on Tuesday 8 June 2021 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:	Cllrs B Ezra, C Thorn, P Wood, and J Magill.		Absent: No	ne Resi	Residents: None
	Clerk:	Mr Tony Skeggs	Assistant:	Mrs Ann-Mari	e Davies

C21/22	ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN	
	Cllr Wood was proposed as temporary Chair for this meeting only by Cllr Thorn and seconded by	
	Cllr Magill.	
C21/23	APOLOGIES	
	Cllr Ezra had informed the clerk that she may be late to the meeting. She arrived at 7.45pm.	
	OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS	
	No residents in attendance. Cllr Magill commented that the Risborough Road is cracked along	
	the length from the Station Road roundabout to the Terrick roundabout making it difficult for	
C21/24	cyclists. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION	
CZ1/24	There were no new declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.	
C21/25	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
	a) The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on the 9 March 2021 were unanimously AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a true record.	
	b) The action plan was reviewed. Cllr Magill <b>AGREED</b> to speak to the Football Club to arrange	
	for the plaque to be handed over to the parish council. The other remaining actions were on	JM
	hold due to Covid restrictions and appropriateness for time of year.	••••
C21/26	QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLAYING FIELD	
C21/20	a) Playing field flooding - The Clerk reported that the field was still flooding. Agripower had	
	inspected the drains and suggested they could be blocked. The issue was to find out where	
	the blockage could be. The drains could be cleaned out, but the direction of the drains was	
	needed to ascertain where the water could surface, The Clerk had asked Agripower for the	
	plans as they were in receipt of them for the playing field and once sourced it would help	
	identify whether any section of drains had been broken during the installation to the new	
	footpath. Whilst there was still 'bubbling' water the grass cutting had been halted. The Clerk	Clerk
	was to contact the Environment Agency and keep the meeting updated on progress.	
	b) Playing Field – It was NOTED that the ditch along the edge of the playing field had been cleared by Fox Maintenance at a cost of £1,245 plus vat. It was felt that the ditch clearance	
	was not in any way attributable to the flooding.	
	c) Tennis Courts – As agreed at the last meeting, Penn Court Cleaning were commissioned to	
	clean the tennis courts. Regrettably, the process had been unsuccessful with the contractor	
	aborting the job as it the water pressure was too low, and it had taken three hours to clean	
	just 20% of the court. The Assistant Clerk reported that companies who brought in their own	Clerk
	water via water bowsers had quoted extortionate costs. The Clerk AGREED to speak to the	
	former Clerk to ask how this undertaking was carried out historically.	
C21/27	PLAY AND GYM AREA ROSPA INSPECTION	
	The Clerk reported that the Annual inspections had been undertaken and not produced any	
	issues that needed emergency attention. The Assistant Clerk AGREED to contact our Play Area	• • • •
	contractor to walk around both areas and decide which pieces of equipment needed attention.	Asst
	She would update on actions. Cllr Thorn asked that the matting to the small slide be looked at with a view to improvement. S 106 funding was discussed, and Cllr Wood asked the Assistant	Clerk
	with a view to improvement. S.106 funding was discussed, and Cllr Wood asked the Assistant	

	Clerk to ascertain what constitutes a 'new playground' as if it were just simply moving the existing one slightly, it could prove useful to draw down funds to improve the play area.	Asst Clerk		
C21/28	ALLOTMENTS - The Clerk reported that all plots had now been let. We had received a request to install a new water butt close to the main entrance. The Assistant Clerk would contact our devolved services contractor to ask if this was possible with the existing water pressure and ask that one butt was fixed.			
	The Assistant Clerk advised the meeting that all tenants had been advised about the rent increase and the decision had been well received. The Assistant Clerk had started to investigate whether a skip could be placed onto the allotments for a few days. She would keep the Committee advised on progress.	Asst Clerk		
C21/29	SWALLOW LANE BURIAL GROUND			
	a) To consider removing the grass compost heap. The Clerk reported that the compost heap had now become very large. The location of the heap hindered its removal. The Clerk <b>AGREED</b> to contact the homeowner close to the heap to ask for access to their land which would aid its removal.	Clerk		
	<ul> <li>b) To consider getting a brown bin for the burial ground – The Clerk asked the meeting's permission to purchase a brown bin for the burial ground. This was unanimously AGREED. The Clerk would contact Buckinghamshire Council to arrange delivery.</li> <li>c) To note the request for erecting a memorial stone – The Clerk reported that a request had been received from a resident to erect a memorial stone to plots 215 and 291. The Clerk was</li> </ul>	Clerk		
	in receipt of a signed Statutory Declaration from the resident. The suitability of the chosen memorial would be agreed before allowing the installation. The request was proposed by Cllr Ezra, seconded by Cllr Thorn and unanimously <b>AGREED</b> .	Clerk		
C21/30	<ul> <li>HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS of WAY and FOOTPATHS</li> <li>a) Grant bid for litter picking equipment – The Assistant Clerk reported that despite the bid being accepted for consideration, she had then been told it did not fit the criteria. Following discussion, the meeting AGREED the Clerk should purchase our own equipment for use by the residents of the parish.</li> <li>b) The bench just off the Station Road roundabout – The Clerk reported the bench on the corner of Station Road diagonally opposite the church was in a poor state of repair. The meeting</li> </ul>	Clerk		
	AGREED that he should contact Fox Maintenance for a quote to repair.	Clerk		
C21/31	<b>SCHOOL BIDS FOR HS2 FUNDING</b> The Chairman had advised the meeting of the bids the village school had put forward to HS2 for funding. The meeting agreed with the Chairman that we would not be in support of their proposal to provide additional parking to the front of the school. Whilst Cllrs were broadly in favour of the proposals, they indicated that most listed could also be impacted by the SEALR.			
C21/32	<b>REVITALISE THE PARISH PRESENTATION</b> The meeting discussed the enthusiastic presentation given to them at the last parish council meeting by a resident. Cllr Ezra expressed concerns regarding the cost around some of the suggestions, especially considering the Burial Ground and yet unknown associated costs. The Assistant Clerk told the meeting that as a starting point she had contacted Buckinghamshire Council to ascertain the procedure and costs associated with installing white gates within the Parish. She had received a Project Initiation Document (PID) to complete and to that end the Clerk and Assistant Clerk would drive around the Parish to confirm locations of the white gates. The Assistant Clerk would then complete the PID, and once confirmed costs were received back from Buckinghamshire Council, she would update the committee accordingly.	Asst Clerk		
	The Assistant Clerk also advised that following a suggestion by the Chairman she had contacted Aylesbury Town Council (ATC) to ask if they would be willing to offer advice on planning future events e.g., a Christmas one. ATC had been very helpful and offered to meet up. Cllrs <b>AGREED</b> for the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to further investigate both options.	Clerk/ Asst Clerk		
C21/33	POINTS FOR INFORMATION			

C21/34	Cllr Thorn expressed concern over whether footpaths would be lost to HS2 going forward. The Clerk reported that there had been no notification of this yet,           DATE OF NEXT MEETING           The next meeting will be on 13 July 2021 at 7.30pm.	CIEIK
	It was <b>NOTED</b> that the Pollyanna Preschool are looking to arrange their own Wi-Fi at the Community Centre. Cllr Ezra asked if any Play in the Park sessions had been booked. The Clerk <b>AGREED</b> to find out if any spare slots were still available. Cllr Wood reported the wooden footbridge between the Bloor development and Hawkslade was rotten. It was <b>AGREED</b> that it should be reported to Buckinghamshire Council.	Clerk Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed	Dated:	July 2021

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Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
10/03/20	C20/24b	Arrange installation of posts around village green.	Clerk	On hold
12/01/21	C21/08	Seek quotes for updated high level cost quotation for a new burial ground.	Clerk	In Progress
09/03/21	C21/16	Obtain two further quotes for the car park extension at the Community Centre.	Asst Clerk	In Progress
09/03/21	C21/17	Obtain two further quotes for an access path to the allotments.	Asst Clerk	In Progress
08/06/21	C21/26	Contact Environment Agency regarding flooding of playing field.	Clerk	Completed
08/06/21	C21/26	Speak to former Clerk to ascertain details of previous tennis court cleaning.	Clerk	Completed
08/06/21	C21/27	Contact Bucks Council to investigate what is deemed a 'new play area.	Asst Clerk	In Progress
08/06/21	C21/27	Meet play area contractor to inspect play area.	Asst Clerk	Completed
08/06/21	C21/28	Investigate siting of a skip at the allotments.	Asst Clerk	In Progress
08/06/21	C21/29	Contact homeowner regarding access to land.	Clerk	In Progress
08/06/21	C21/29	Order brown bin for burial ground	Clerk	In Progress
08/06/21	C21/29	Advise resident of permission granted – check suitability of memorial stone.	Clerk	Completed
08/06/21	C21/30	Purchase litter picking equipment.	Clerk	In Progress
08/06/21	C21/30	Contact Fox regarding repair of bench on Station Road.	Clerk	Completed
08/06/21	C21/32	Complete Project Initiation Document to find out costs of installing white gates in the Parish.	Asst Clerk	In Progress
08/06/21	C21/32	Meet up with Aylesbury Town Council to investigate a Christmas event in the Parish.	Clerk/Asst Clerk	In Progress
08/06/21	C21/33	Investigate if any spare slots are available for Play in the Parishes.	Clerk	In Progress
08/06/21	C21/33	Report wooden footbridge between Hawkslade and the Bloor development to BC Rights of Way.	Clerk	Completed