

**Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held remotely due to the
Covid-19 pandemic, on Tuesday 8 September 2020 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs B Ezra, R Butler, J Hunt, C Thorn, and P Wood
 Clerk: Mr Tony Skeggs Residents: None
 Assistant: Mrs Ann-Marie Davies

<p>C20/54</p>	<p>APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr J Magill The Chairman opened the meeting by expressing her sadness on behalf of all Councillors at the untimely passing of our Councillor Stephen Pluckwell. In tribute to Steve, a minute's silence was observed.</p>	
	<p>OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS No residents had joined the meeting.</p>	
<p>C20/55</p>	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION 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. Cllr Hunt had also previously sent in a request for dispensation in order to take part in agenda item 4. Her husband was an allotment holder and potentially directly affected by the proposal to plant a Community Orchard.</p>	
<p>C20/56</p>	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING a) The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee of the 14 July 2020 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. Others would remain until safe to take forward after Covid19. All Councillors wanted to recognise the excellent work carried out by Cllr Thorn and his friends in helping to clear the ditch that ran along the edge of Hawkslade. The exercise had been a tremendous success. Cllr Woods asked that Cllr Thorn pass on a huge thank you to the Aylesbury Wombles. The project, along with thanks from the Parish Council would also be noted in the Parish Magazine. It was noted that overhanging vegetation was still in place at the bridge on Station Road. The Clerk agreed to cut back. With regard to the action to 'contact tennis court cleaners with bowsers' the Assistant Clerk was asked to contact Aylesbury Tennis Club for their advice/contacts.</p>	<p align="center">BE Clerk Asst. Clerk</p>
<p>C20/57</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ORCHARD Following the offer from the Chiltern Conservation Board (CCB) to plant a Community Orchard in the parish, and the resultant proposal to site it at the allotments, a consultation was carried out with allotment holders to seek their views. The Clerk reported that all bar one allotment holder was against this idea. The primary reason cited was that of safety. Opening up the site to the community had the potential to raise the risk of crime levels which had up to date enjoyed extremely low levels. Going forward it was felt this project could be put forward to prospective developers to include within their outline plans. However, as no other suitable site had been identified the Clerk was asked to decline the offer of a Community Orchard in the Parish at this time. This was unanimously AGREED.</p>	<p align="center">Clerk</p>
<p>C20/58</p>	<p>COMMUNITY CENTRE a) Roof – It was NOTED that the roofing works were completed and a week ahead of schedule.</p>	

	<p>b) CCTV – It was NOTED that a new camera for the entrance to the Community Centre had been ordered. The Clerk would chase UK Security for an installation date.</p> <p>c) Car Park – Buckinghamshire Council had invited Parish and Town Councils to bid for funds to locate electric charging points in the car park. Following discussion Cllrs unanimously AGREED to decline this offer as they felt charging points were best placed at Supermarkets such as Asda and possibly new developments coming on stream.</p>	Clerk
C20/59	<p>QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLAYING FIELD</p> <p>a) Footpath around the Playing Field – It was NOTED that the Assistant Clerk had sought and received three quotes for a new footpath around the Playing Field. It was NOTED that the quotes did not include ‘passing points’ for wheelchairs. The Assistant Clerk would seek to address this addition to the quote once a final decision had been made at Full Council. In the interim, the meeting NOTED the quotes and recommended to Full Council that their preferred contractor would be the lowest submitted.</p> <p>b) Playing Field – The Clerk updated the group on the increasing number of requests he had received from residents wishing to use the Playing Field for fitness/yoga/circuit classes. In order to maintain some form of order Cllrs AGREED to ask each hirer for £20 per hour.</p>	Asst Clerk
C20/60	<p>ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE NOMINATIONS</p> <p>Cllrs NOTED that Buckinghamshire Council had accepted the three nominated Assets of Community Vale the Parish Council had put forward for a further five-year period ending 13 August 2025.</p>	
C20/61	<p>PLAY AREAS</p> <p>a) ROSPA REPORT – The Assistant Clerk referred to the reasonable quote received from Chesham Town Council to carry out all necessary works highlighted in the ROSPA report. Cllrs AGREED to the quote.</p> <p>b) Elephant Rocker – An estimate to replace parts to the Elephant Rocker had been received from Kompan. After discussion Cllrs AGREED the quote.</p> <p>c) Hawkslade Play Area – It was NOTED that Covid19 guidelines were now in situ at Hawkslade Play Area. The Assistant Clerk thanked Cllr Woods for erecting the signs.</p>	
C20/62	<p>HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS of WAY and FOOTPATHS</p> <p>a) Report from Cllr Thorn on Hawkslade clean-up – Cllr Thorn reported back on the excellent outcomes at Hawkslade following partnership working with Aylesbury Wombles and local residents. Cllrs referred to their earlier comments and said they could not recall anything like this piece of work by any other Cllr. Thanks were once again bestowed on Cllr Thorn.</p> <p>b) Pathways, Verges & Trees – The Clerk NOTED that he had seen an increase in reports of damaged paths, verges and trees. It was felt this could be directly attributed to more residents walking around the Parish during lockdown and should hopefully slow down going forward.</p>	
C20/63	<p>POINTS FOR INFORMATION</p> <p>Cllr Thorn informed the meeting that it had taken at least two people to lift, but the motorcycle had now gone!</p>	
C20/64	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be on 10 November 2020 at 7.30pm.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.19pm.

Signed _____

Dated: September 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	On hold
10/03/20	C20/22c/56	Contact Aylesbury Tennis Club cleaners about water bowsers.	Assistant	In Progress
10/03/20	C20/24b	Arrange installation of posts around village green.	Clerk	On hold
26/05/20	C20/39	Contact contractors regarding car park extension.	Assistant	In Progress
14/07/20	C20/49	Contact Bucks Council re passageway Station Rd/Brudenell	Assistant	Complete
08/09/20	C20/56	Cllr Ezra would include thanks to Hawkslade residents for clean up in Parish Magazine	Cllr Ezra	Complete
08/09/20	C20/56	Cutback overhanging vegetation by Station Road bridge	Clerk	Complete
08/08/20	C20/58	Chase UK Security for date to install CCTV camera	Clerk	Complete