

MINUTES of the meeting of Soulbury Parish Council held on Monday, 19 October 2020 at 7.30 p.m held via Zoom due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

PRESENT: Cllrs Mr V.Wright, Chairman; Mrs M. Rowe; Mr A. Stevens; Miss W.Taylor; Mr M. Cross and 4 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ian Culley and John Day, Mr J. Spires, Clerk to the Parish Council. Cllr Taylor was asked to take the minutes of this meeting.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2020 were approved by the Council and signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Update regarding the Cherry Trees, please see 'Any other business'. Progress on the PSPO - there is no news but it appears the legislation is for events occurring continually rather than having an issue which is dealt with and having the PSPO in place in case of further instances.

4. FINANCE:

There were no bills to approve for payment. Cllr Wright highlighted that one for £290 was in the pipeline for mowing the Village Green.

5. PLANNING:

5.1 20/03088: The Rowans, Grove Farm Lane, Hollingdon, Soulbury - erection of single storey side extension.
No objection.

20/03285: Stapleford Cottage, Stapleford Mill Road, Soulbury - application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an annexe that has not been used as ancillary to main residence (self contained bungalow).
No objection.

20/02951: Chelmscote Manor Farm, Leighton Road (A4146), Soulbury - Further detailed plans received. However there are no changes to our objection, ie 'whilst this plan is much better than previous submissions it was felt that Highways should be involved because the Parish Council is worried about vehicular access from the Stoke Road. Concern was also raised about lorries turning into and out of the site in this narrow access'.

19/04200: Winscott Farm, Stewkley Road, Soulbury - Residential conversion of 2 barns and rebuilding of other agricultural buildings to provide 6 dwellings - revised drawings received. Concerns were raised about the access from/onto Stewkley Road for cars and, in particular, construction vehicles. Access is on a bend and entrance is not clear when approaching from Stewkley direction.

The Boot, Soulbury: Cllr Wright is applying to make the pub a 'village asset'. Forms for this have been sent to Buckinghamshire Council. Consideration is being made to apply for 'listed' status.

6. ENVIRONMENT:

6.1 Childrens' Playground

Work on gate still needs to be carried out. Nigel Kemal has completed several of the tasks highlighted in the RoSPA report for which he was thanked. Couple more tasks still outstanding. Cllr Wright will follow up with Tony Crack and Alan Humphries on mowing status. The legal paperwork for the lease can be created in-house at Buckinghamshire Council. We need to ascertain how much there is to spend from grants that will be available to us.

6.2 Grass Cutting

Robert Goss will carry out a cut to roadside areas up to the 30 mph limit around 3rd week in October. No confirmation that he will continue in 2021.

7. REPORTS OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

None present

8. PARISH HALL:

No news on replacements for Ian and Jean Housley. Cllr Wright will organise a letter of thanks to Ian and Jean from the Parish Council. Cllr Wright believes the gas certificate has expired so will organise for a test to be carried out. It was also thought necessary to have a risk assessment for the hall. Cllr Taylor advised that she had sent a batch of documents relating to the opening of such halls during the pandemic to Jax Crack which could have included a template for this. These were obtained from Community Impact Bucks team.

9. MILLENNIUM GREEN:

RoSPA report - 4 items completed, few more still do to. Problem with pond liner which slipped and created a bubble. All sorted now. Community Payback lads are doing a grand job grading the edges to the pond. Power needed for the container for lighting and kettle boiling. Frances Andrews will chase her husband to get this completed..

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Karen Wood reported that, as yet, there have been no requests made to the Soulbury Helpers.

Lindsey Russell asked when the Parish Magazine will be produced in its printed form again. Cllr Taylor (editor) had no date to reinstate this yet. Two villagers are printing the emailed version and giving them to those with no computer connection. It is being considered that a small charge be made for the magazine which might encourage it being read. In the meanwhile, she asked that if anyone hears of someone needing a copy in print to let her know. A list will be compiled and if it isn't too huge it will be printed on the domestic printers we have.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- 2 cherry trees on the village green - £40 earmarked for the purchase of replacement trees. Location of them discussed - suggested that we put a note into the Parish News to ask if villagers have a preference. Post meeting note: this has been done.
- Christmas tree - needs to be purchased. Cllr Stevens will ask the Greensand Trust for

one, approx 18 ft high. Post meeting note: Robert Bone has been asked if he could supply a tree and he was very willing to let us have one and he will deliver to site.

- Austin and Carney in Leighton Buzzard are now the Parish Council's new solicitors. They will be doing the work on the Childrens' Playground lease and the fountain in Leighton Road.
- Concerns raised at the continual parking on the bottom end of the Green. Cllr Taylor pointed out that parking also occurs at the top end of the Green and so both areas must be treated similarly. It was suggested to the Council that the owner of the vehicle at the bottom end be advised that he cannot park there until he has obtained permission from Buckinghamshire Council so to do. Property owners in both areas will have been aware of the parking restrictions on the Green when purchasing their properties.
- Poppy wreath paid for but not arrived yet. Cllr Rowe will follow up.
- Community Boards - these replace the Local Area Forums when Bucks County Council was in place. The Chairperson of the CB for Soulbury is Cllr Sue Renshell, Vice chair is Cllr John Chilver. Cllr Taylor offered to be our Liaison and so will report back to Council.
- Adoption of Parish Council legal documentation - Cllr Taylor has uploaded these onto the website for the Council to read and adopt. This has not happened so she will now email a document at a time to all Councillors for perusal, consideration and adoption.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on 16th November 2020 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom. Cllr Wright will organise the link for everyone which will be published in the Parish News and put on the Soulbury Facebook page