Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 hosted online

Present were Cllrs S. Casey-Rerhaye (Chair), A. Morris, P. Owen and A. Steele.

In attendance L. Dalby (Clerk) and two members of the public.

1. **Public Participation (Max 15 minutes)**

   A member of the public asked about tree planting plans in the village, the school porch and reported that she had written to OCC about white gates for the village.

   The tree planting was discussed and it was agreed to obtain a quote and agreement form Mr Boyland to water the hedge. The Clerk to apply for £500 from the SODC Councillor Grant.

   A resident reported on Bioabundance who hope to initiate a legal challenge to the Local Plan. A corporate membership for the Parish Council would cost £25. It was agreed to join the group and consider making a donation at the next meeting.

2. **County and District Councillor Reports**
   The reports from County Cllr Lindsay-Gale and District Cllr Casey-Rerhaye were noted.

3. **Apologies for absence**
   There were none.

4. **Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest**
   There were none.

5. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2020**
   The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6. **Clerk's Report**
   The Clerk reported that she had followed up with the Europa School and Morrel's agent regarding the path from the Waggon and Horses to the school.
   The Clerk has asked SODC about moving the bins.
   The new bank account has been set up. Councillors now need to confirm their logins.

7. **Neighbourhood Plan Report**
   Cllr Owen reported that a questionnaire based on the Community Led Plan is to be sent to all residents. The committee is increasing in size. They hope to include design guidance and aspirational items on the plan. It is hoped to submit the plan at the end of the year.

   - To consider membership of ONPA
     Agreed.

8. **To discuss purchase of Green**
   The Clerk has obtained quotes for the conveyancing. More details are required from the Morrel family.

9. To discuss recruitment of new Clerk

The Clerk has resigned and will be leaving the post at the end of March. It was agreed to advertise the post giving a closing date of 12th February, with interviews in the week commencing 22nd February and a start date of 15th March for a handover.

10. To agree Budget and Precept for 2021-22

The budget was discussed and a precept of £21,253 agreed.

11. To discuss village speed limits

There has been no response from OCC.

12. To discuss community use of school

There has been no response from the Diocese. The Clerk to follow up and also ask about the porch.

13. Recreation Ground and Play Equipment Report

It was agreed to support a campaign to buy the recreation field from the Diocese. It was agreed to apply for an outdoor table tennis table.

14. Trees and Hedgerows Report

As public participation.

15. Planning

P20/S4244/FUL Renew the existing life-expired car park lighting to the Europa School Carpark. No strong views but would prefer low level energy efficient lights.

16. To agree Accounts for Payment

The following account for payment were agreed.

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerks Salary and Expenses	221.17		221.17
HMRC – PAYE	43.00		43.00
J. Boyland – Maintenance	76.00	15.20	91.20
L. Dalby reimbursement for grass cutting to cover lost cheques	192.00		192.00
Oxford Diocese – recreation ground rent	743.13		743.13
Bioabundance - subs	25.00		25.00
ONPA - Subs	25.00		25.00

17. Items for report and inclusion on February's Agenda

- Trees

18. Future Meeting

To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 9th February 2021.