



**Minutes of the meeting of the Somerton Parish Council held on  
28th September 2020 by Zoom videoconference**

**Present:** - Alison Smith [chair], Neil Good, John Gatley, Neil Clare

**Members of the public :** Cllr Mike Kerford Byrnes, Ruth Power

**In attendance:** Cathy Fleet (Clerk)

**09.20.01 Apologies :** Apologies had been received from Andy Corner

**09.20.02 Declarations of Interest :** There were no declarations of interest.

**09.20.03 Minutes of the last meeting** held on 27th July 2020 were read and it was **RESOLVED** to accept these as a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chair.

**09.20.04 Public Participation :** Members of the public were invited to participate

**09.20.05 Clerk's Report and Actions from previous meeting**  
There were no outstanding actions from the previous meeting

**09.20.06 Update on Covid19 situation**  
The village hall has not opened and is not taking any bookings. The playground has re-opened.

**09.20.07 Reports from OCC and CDC**  
**MKB reported:**

- The Local Plan has been changed to incorporate the allowance for Oxford City's unmet housing need and has been passed and adopted. This includes 4400 houses in the green belt near Kidlington.
- The budget has been revised as it would be illegal if not balanced. The budget was balanced before Covid but due to a drop in income and additional expenditure now shows a deficit of £6.5m. Some funding has been provided by central government but there is still a shortfall of £3.2m which has been addressed partly by the use of reserves.
- Government White Paper has been submitted which will eventually lead to changes.
- MKB has noted that the Somerton Resilience Fund has not submitted its application for funding to him. **AS to chase**

- MKB is on the Planning Committee and as such cannot be biased regarding the Heyford Park Masterplan which will be discussed at the meeting on 8th October, but he commented that a large number of letters had been received, mostly opposing the proposals.

**09.20.08 Update on Somerton Resilience Fund and opening of bank account**  
AS will chase Unity Bank regarding the opening of the new account.

**09.20.09 To discuss and approve the increase of the clerk's salary in line with NALC recommendation**  
It was proposed by AS and seconded by NG that the salary increase be improved. **Clerk to inform payroll.**

**09.20.10 Highways**

- Drains throughout the village have not been cleared resulting in areas becoming flooded.
- Traffic calming - Naomi and Ailsa are looking at asking children to make pictures to be laminated and mounted on boards to be erected as a traffic calming method. It was agreed that the PC would provide a budget of up to £100 to fund this.
- A wall in Church Street has been hit by a tractor which had been unable to turn due to parked cars. After discussion it was agreed that **NG will write to OCC requesting white lines in areas where cars park in order to discourage parking (copying in Cllr Fatemian)**

**09.20.11 Masterplan**  
The Masterplan will be discussed at CDC's meeting on 8th October.

**09.20.12 Planning**  
There were no planning applications to be discussed

**09.20.13 Finance - the following accounts were approved for payment, proposed by AS, seconded by NG :**

Payee	Details	Amount	VAT	Note
Grid24	Website support	207.60	34.00	paid 28/07/20
Cathy Fleet	clerk salary(Aug)	176.26		paid s/o
HMRC	PAYE	112.80		
Cathy Fleet	clerk salary (Sept)	176.26		paid s/o
TP Jones	Payroll	54.90	9.15	
Cathy Fleet	Clerk expenses	15.80		

### Date of next meetings

Tuesday 24th November by Zoom Videoconference

Signed ..... **Alison Smith (Chair)** Date .....

### ACTION LIST SUMMARY

<b>No</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>
<b>Oct20.01</b>	AS to chase the Somerton Resilience Fund members to submit application form for funding to MKB	AS
<b>Oct20.02</b>	Clerk to inform payroll of salary changes	CF
<b>Oct20.03</b>	NG will write to OCC requesting white lines in areas where cars park in order to discourage parking (copying in Cllr Fatemian)	NG