



## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Downley Parish Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30 pm**

Present: Councillors M Lazenby (Chairman presiding), K Ahmed, S Biggs, K Chandarana, P Brooks, A Lenard, A Mann, W Monroe-West, T Snaith and W Steneskog  
Officers: G Tandy (Clerk)

### **1) Apologies for Absence (8476/03/22)**

Apologies were received and accepted from Buckinghamshire Councillors M Hussain, M Smith and P Turner.

### **2) Declarations of Interest (8477/03/22)**

There were none

### **3) Minutes (8478/03/22)**

It was **RESOLVED** that the **Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February be received, approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.**

### **4) Public Participation (8479/03/22)**

A member of the public requested an update on the streetlight replacement program. The Clerk reported that the contractor was looking to engage an overhead linesman to replace approximately 30 lights that remain outstanding. There had been a difficulty in finding an overhead linesman to complete this work as recent storm damage had seen them greatly in demand. It was estimated that once started the work should take just under a week to conclude.

In response to a request the Clerk agreed to ask the contractor to quote to fix a lamp to an existing pole outside 4 Littleworth Road.

### **5) Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors (8480/03/22)**

There were none.

### **6) Comments on Planning Applications (8481/03/22)**

Comments on planning applications as set out in appendix a) of the agenda were noted.

### **7) Decision Notices (8482/03/22)**

The Decision notices made by Buckinghamshire Council in respect of the Planning Applications as set out in appendix b) were noted

**8) Grant applications (8483/03/22)**

Proposed by Cllr Lenard & seconded by Cllr Ahmed it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to provide Downley Cricket Club a grant of £500 towards their pitch repairs & maintenance.

Proposed by Cllr Lenard & seconded by Cllr Biggs it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to provide Downley Common Preservation Society with £765 in respect of the annual bonfire & torchlight procession

Proposed by Cllr Lenard & seconded by Cllr Steneskog it was **RESOLVED** that £840 should be spent to allow the Chiltern Rangers to complete coppicing at the Community Orchard to open up visibility & reduce opportunities for antisocial behaviour

**9) Platinum Jubilee (8484/03/22)**

Cllr Lazenby provided her report on behalf of the Platinum Working Party & their progress towards an event planned for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. with a concert band playing until 7:30 p.m. There will be a DJ set until 9:20 p.m. a pop/rock band will play until 10:20 p.m. when there will be 10-minute fireworks display before the band return for a further hour.

**10) The Queens Green Canopy (8485/03/22)**

Proposed by Cllr Biggs & seconded by Cllr Lazenby it was **RESOLVED** that £755.74 be allocated to complete the project to plant 7 trees at various sites throughout Downley.

**11) Boundaries Commission Review (8486/03/22)**

Buckinghamshire Council are redrawing the ward boundaries & are seeking input. As each representation is judged on its own merits & the view of the Parish Council would carry no more weight than the views of an individual, it was agreed that Councillors would submit their own views rather than seek to agree on this as a Council.

**12) Risk Assessment & Asset Register (8487/03/22)**

The Risk Assessment circulated by the Clerk was noted. The Asset Register circulated by the Clerk was noted. It was agreed after discussion that the Chairmans badge of office be photographed to assist with its replacement should that ever become necessary & that the Clerk should check our insurance policy to ensure that it is adequately covered. A discussion ensued around Public Liability Insurance & while we hold our own policy that covers this it is essential that where we organise events, we need to check that other organisations have their own cover should they wish to participate in that event.

**13) The Clerks Progress Report (8488/03/22)**

The Clerks progress report was noted

**14) Reports from other Committees & Working Parties (8489/03/22)**

Councillor Steneskog reported on the work at the Sandpits Pond at Gosling Grove following a second working party there on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March.

**15) Payment of invoices (8490/03/22)**

The payment of invoices shown in appendix g was noted

**16) To note the date and place of the next meeting (8491/03/22)**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Downley Community Centre**

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 08:32 p.m.