

Maidwell with Draughton Parish Council
via Zoom

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 22 April 2020

Present: Cllrs Calnan (Chair), Munro, Paybody, Sanders-Hewett and Wright and Cllrs Harris and Parker

- 958. Apologies for absence were received:** Cllrs Cornwell and Martin
- 959. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests** under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda – None received
- 960. Open Forum** – One person in attendance who highlighted the good work that has been going on throughout the “lockdown”. The Community Support Group in Maidwell were using WhatsApp to connect with each other; those who need support and those able and willing to provide it. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CScfkhtTptM97VwX25PXJo> Approximately 79 people were in the group and it was working well. A private Facebook group was also being utilised to bring everyone together with links to the Northants Resilience Forum, Police and Neighbourhood Watch. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2426745440759133/> It was noted that a similar group was operating in Draughton. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/260875954891685/> The resident was thanked for the update and it was agreed that it was encouraging to see the villagers supporting each other during this difficult time.
- 961. Street Lighting Update** – the contractor had advised that, at the current time, it was expected the work would be carried out in mid-May. Obviously, if the situation were to change, then the date would alter accordingly.
- 962. VE Day 75-year anniversary** – it may still be feasible for the “Ringing out for Peace” bell-ringing at Maidwell to go ahead, with one or two people at the most.
- 963. Grass Cutting** – The contractor had begun grass cutting and was happy to continue, whilst social distancing. Cllr Sanders-Hewett reported that the Loder Hall committee had offered £50 contribution to an extra cut of the grounds at the back of Loder Hall. It was previously decided by the Parish Council that they would pay for an extra cut during the quicker growing period; they had previously reduced the cuts from three to two as a cost-saving exercise. Clerk to write to LHC to accept their offer. Prop: Cllr Munro, Sec: Cllr Wright. Unanimous Councillors RESOLVED to ask the contractor to cut Loder Hall three times over the quicker growing period (two months at maximum). Prop: Cllr Wright, Sec: Cllr Sanders-Hewett. Unanimous
- 964. Councillors to consider using online banking for payments** – It was RESOLVED to arrange online banking in order to make payments. Clerk to action. Prop: Cllr Munro, Sec: Cllr Sanders-Hewett. Unanimous.
- 965. Reports:**
- i. **Planning Application: DA/2020/0171** – Erection of pre-prep school building, vehicular entrance and driveway alterations to accommodate two-way traffic associated with pre-prep building and creation of new parking and turning area. Maidwell Hall School, Draughton Road, Maidwell for PC decision. PC had no objection to the application but did make the following comments:-
 - MD1 – Village confines and development principles** - The application for a single storey, pavilion-like, building providing classrooms and associated amenities is outside of the village confines but has been submitted by an existing business which should help support and grow the local employment. It will be set adjacent to playing fields and, along with a parking area, be screened to open views from the south and west by existing trees and will enhance the resources of the school (See MD9 below).
 - MD4 – Protecting and Enhancing Landscape Character** - The proposed building is well screened and will have minimal impact on Landscape Character.
 - MD5 – Local Wildlife Sites** - The application does not impact on the listed sites. The recommendations of the RJ Tree Services Ltd impact assessment (Feb 2020) should be made a **condition** of consent.
 - MD8 – Design and Energy Efficiency** - The layout appears to be efficient and well thought through. The contemporary pavilion style is potentially well suited to the sports field location, though the proposed structure, materials, and glazing may well give the building a short life.
 - MD9 – Local Economy and Employment** - The strength of this application is its potential to allow an existing business to thrive.

MD11 – Traffic Management, Transport and Local Connectivity - The application gives some concern and a larger splay would provide a safer entrance and exist – Highways and Police would provide comments worth noting.

Prop: Cllr Sanders-Hewett, Sec: Cllr Paybody. Unanimous

- II. **Planning Application DA/2020/0133** – Listed Building Consent for widening of existing opening in stone wall, Maidwell Hall – Granted by DDC with conditions. Noted.
- III. **Planning Application DA/202/0086 – Land Adj Bold Cottage, Draughton Road, Maidwell** - Granted by DDC with conditions. Noted.

966. Finance:

I. Clerk produced accounts to the year ending 31 March 2020 (£8,215.41 less £202.81 of NP grant monies) along with bank reconciliation and bank statement.

Prop: Cllr Munro, Sec: Cllr Sanders-Hewett. Unanimous

II. Cheque No. 100244 – Eon, Street Lighting for month of March 2020 £41.02

III. Cheque No. 100245 – NCALC Subscription and Audit year ending 31 March 2021 £442.41

IV. Online banking – Draughton Clubroom for room hire 2019 20 £45

V. Online banking – Loder Hall, Maidwell for room hire 2019 20 £59.13

VI. Online banking – Blades cuts for 6 and 20 April 2020 £295.27

All the above approved. Prop: Cllr Wright, Sec: Cllr Paybody. Unanimous.

967. Date and Time of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 May 2020 at 7.30 p.m. on zoom.

968. Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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