MARSTON MORETEYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of Marston Moreteyne Parish Council held by Zoom on Tuesday 2nd February 2021, commencing 8.00pm.

Present: Parish Councillors: Peter Neale (Chairman), Hugh Roberts, Janice Green, Carol Carter, Ted Pilbeam, Robert Morris & Carole Yates.
Officer: Mrs Hazel Trustam – Parish Clerk

21/02/049 **Apologies for absence**
No apologies were received.

21/02/050 **Declarations of interest**
No declarations of interest were received.

21/02/051 **Dispensation Requests**
No requests had been submitted.

21/02/052 **Public Participation**
No matters were raised.

21/02/053 **Minutes of meetings**
It was resolved to approve as an accurate record of proceedings, the minutes of Marston Moreteyne Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 5th January 2021. Proposed Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Green . Agreed. (Minutes to be signed in person by the chairman when Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted).

21/02/054 **Matters arising from the minutes.**
17/04/167 Community Emergency Plan: Cllr Neale and parish clerk to collate a list of community buildings and contacts.
20/01/019 Cemetery pedestrian notice: It was agreed to ask Cllr Banks if he might be able to replace it the backing board for the notice.
20/08/196.1 Play/Skate Park Area: Cllr Pilbeam had circulated a suggested approach to the shrinkage issue of the safety surfacing at Bedford Road. The main problem is down clay heave which cannot be prevented, therefore a solution to try to mitigate it is all that can be done. The suggested approach is to dig out the surrounds of the safety surfacing and overlap the join with topsoil. It was suggested that Lisa White be contacted to discuss possible solutions.

21/02/055 **Invoices for payment**
A list of receipts and payments was circulated. **It was resolved** to approve invoices for payment per Appendix 1 (attached). Proposed Cllr Morris, seconded Cllr Green . Approved

21/02/056 **Finance Correspondence**

56.1 A thank you email was received from Mid Beds Citizens Advice Bureau for the grant awarded for the Outreach Service.

56.2 Cllr Carter had written to the Committee asking for it to give consideration towards the purchase of a Silent Soldier to be installed in the garden area at the War Memorial as part of the Centenary celebrations. After liaising with Eric Robinson, Cllr Carter advised that The Royal British Legion was willing to supply one for a donation of £100.00 due to the reasons it is being requested.
Members were supportive of the request, and discussed the requirements for installation, which at present were unknown. There was a suggestion that there might be an opportunity to move it around the village periodically once the Centenary celebrations had taken place.
It was resolved to recommend to full council that a Silent Soldier was purchased at a cost of £100.00 from The Royal British Legion.

Further discussion took place in regard to the boards with children's Remembrance Day drawings on which were currently located to the rear of the war memorial. It was acknowledged that these had been there for over 12 months and some were looking very faded. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, schools had not had the opportunity to renew the drawings. Members also expressed concern that the area might look overcrowded with the Silent Soldier added.
It was resolved that the matter be considered by full council to whether the boards should be removed.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

Appendix 1.

Invoices approved for payment:

Payee	**Invoice No.**	**Description**	**Net £**	**VAT £**	**Total £**
Bedford Borough Council	180565	January Payroll & payroll provision	**	2.55	**
White Heart Press	23499 & 23527	Newsletter printing for Nov, Dec & Jan editions	200.00	0.00	200.00
Andy Muskett Ltd	46446	Install and remove Christmas tree and lights	430.00	86.00	516.00
Viking Payments	745924	Stationery & postage stamps	166.62	20.12	186.74
SLCC Enterprises	BK200360	Clerks attendance at Practitioners Conference	75.00	15.00	90.00
Beds Assn of Town & Parish Councils		New councillor induction training for Cllr Little	30.00	0.00	30.00
Eyelid Productions	INV2576	Annual website support	100.00	0.00	100.00
Beds Rural Communities Charity		Grant	250.00	0.00	250.00
Income					
Central Beds Council	2000093886	Grass cutting contribution			4,359.41

*(** Note: Salary/expense payments are excluded from publication due to protection by the Data Protection Act).*