



COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY THURSDAY 11 MARCH 2021, 7.30pm

Members in attendance	
Cllr K Barnes (Highfield Ward) Cllr C Brazier (Highfield Ward) Cllr H Brazier (Hill End Ward) Cllr P Cook (Chairman) (Highfield Ward)	Cllr J Mulroney (Colney Heath Ward) Cllr K Slaughter (Colney Heath Ward) Cllr R Solts (Highfield Ward) Clerk of the Council, Ms. L. Chaplin
Due to the nature of the virtual meetings, it is noted that members of the public may join and leave without notice so only Councillors leaving and joining the meeting will be documented.	
Other attendees 8 members of the public	

20/21-118	APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS Apologies have been received from Cllr West who has another commitment this was accepted.
20/21-119	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST a) Nothing in advance raised with the Clerk. Cllr C Brazier had an interest in item 123 and would not take part in the discussion or debate. b) All councillors in attendance confirmed by a show of hands that the published declarations were correct and up to date. c) None received or noted d) None received or noted
20/21-120	QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC <i>7.32pm Standing Orders were suspended so members of the public could ask questions/make statements to the Council. All attendees were unmuted, and the Chairman asked for any questions.</i> A resident raised that they were recording the meeting. <i>7.33pm Standing Orders were resumed.</i>
20/21-121	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of 25 February 2021 – The meeting minutes were taken as read and noted. The Chairman asked for any comments as to their accuracy, there were none. The minutes were duly proposed, seconded, and unanimously RESOLVED by a show of hands to be a true and accurate reflection of the meeting. The minutes would be signed by the Chairman Cllr Cook and posted on the website as soon as practicable.
20/21-122	TYTTENHANGER ACCESSWAY The motion as stated on the agenda duly proposed and seconded prior to the meeting by two councillors was discussed and the following was agreed by recorded vote all councillors in attendance voted for the motion and the motion was carried and action agreed as follows – in the matter of the landowner adjacent to the Tyttenhanger accessway the Clerk was instructed to: a) Issue a second letter before action detailing the decision made, the breaches that have occurred and what will happen next b) Delegated authority to the Clerk to issue high court injunction if the non-compliance continues with more than one or more instances of breach of the agreement. c) That all costs in this matter would attempt to be recovered from the adjacent landowner in the event of court action d) That the works agreed for the accessway be carried out as soon as possible



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20/21-123	<i>Cllr C Brazier took no part the discussion or the vote of the next item</i> COUNTY COURT MONEY CLAIM The correspondence as circulated and points regarding this as noted: - Council noted the defence filed and noted receipt of the 3rd defendant defence was still not yet received. - There was a request as per directions of the court in respect of mediation. It was duly proposed, seconded, and unanimously RESOLVED by the Councillors voting to instruct the Clerk to agree to mediate on behalf of the Council. On the matter of any terms of negotiation delegated to the Clerk this was considered a confidential matter and it was duly proposed, seconded and unanimously RESOLVED to discuss this in a closed Council session. - It was duly proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED that delegated authority for the Clerk to submit the court documentation as required. <i>Cllr C Brazier took part in the meeting as a Councillor for the remainder of the meeting.</i>
20/21-124	COLNEY HEATH PARISH OFFICE The contents of each piece of correspondence were noted as circulated. Disappointment was expressed by members again at this matter being subject of a further eviction notice. Councillors were all asked for their opinion and all were in agreement with the exception of Cllr Slaughter. A motion to obtain legal opinion with a budget of £600 was delegated to the Clerk to obtain a legal opinion for reporting back to the next Council meeting. This motion was duly proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED with motion carried with a vote of 6 councillors in favour and 1 councillors against. Motion was carried.
20/21-125	QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC <i>8.14pm Standing Orders were suspended so members of the public could ask questions/make statements to the Council. All attendees were unmuted, and the Chairman asked for any questions/statements:</i> - Resident asked why more money was being spent on the eviction at the Parish Office and why were the Parish Council again being litigious - Resident asked if the Parish Office could be shared - Resident and representative of the Village Hall asked why the Parish Council did not just take the Community Room as the office you have and are being offered that and that the office should be given up. <i>8.18pm Standing Orders were resumed.</i> It was duly proposed, seconded, and unanimously RESOLVED by a show of hands that the Council should now go into a closed session that excluded the press and public. The Chairman thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.19pm



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REDACTED MINUTES OF THE COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (CLOSED SESSION)

HELD VIRTUALLY

THURSDAY 11 MARCH 2021, 8.19pm

Members in attendance	
Cllr K Barnes (Highfield Ward) Cllr H Brazier (Hill End Ward) (left 8.24pm) Cllr P Cook (Chairman) (Highfield Ward) Cllr J Mulroney (Colney Heath Ward)	Cllr K Slaughter (Colney Heath Ward) Cllr R Solts (Highfield Ward) Clerk of the Council, Ms. L. Chaplin
20/21-119	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Solts raised the issue that he was uncomfortable to discuss matters given that defendant 3 being Cllr C Brazier (having left the meeting) as Cllr H Brazier was still in the meeting. In his opinion and following the Clerks issued flow chart Cllr H Brazier had an interest in this matter. There was a heated debate and Cllr H Brazier made some personal statements to Cllr Solts and then choose to leave the meeting at this point. Cllr Cook and Cllr Barnes supported Cllr Solts comments and Cllr Mulroney apologised to Cllr Solts for the personal attack that he received from the councillor before she left.
20/21-123	County Court Money Claim The matter of mediation and the permission to be delegated to the Clerk on this was discussed. After a discussion, it was duly proposed, seconded, and unanimously RESOLVED that the Clerk be delegated to accept the agreed amount if offered in mediation as the sum to be recovered from both parties expected to mediate. The hearing cost of approx. £275 was also to be budgeted and allocated for this matter should mediation be unsuccessful. The Chairman thanks all those in attendance for their time and closed the meeting at 8.48pm

Meeting closed at 8.48pm

L Chaplin LCGI PSLCC CPFA CiLCA
Clerk to the Council
Drafted 18/03/2021

Signed by
Chairman, Councillor Peter Cook
Approved by Full Council 25/03/2021