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Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Aynho Parish Council held on **Monday 1st February 2021** at 7:30pm held on a 'virtual' platform.

Present: Chair: Leighton
 Cllrs: Clinch, Dean, Hadley, Icke, James and Moroney.

In attendance: Chris Wilson (Clerk), Roger Wertheimer (RFO) and 0 members of the public.

2021/

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr. Horley submitted apologies. The Council approved the apology.

Resolved: Unanimously.

2. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 7th December 2020.

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 7th December 2020 were proposed by Cllr. Dean and seconded by Cllr. Icke.

Resolved: Unanimously.

4. Public participation session.

There were no members of the public present.

Finance:

5. To receive the financial statement and consider invoices to be paid.

The RFO had previously circulated the financial statements RW/01/2021, RW/02/2021 and invoices. The RW/01/2021 payments were proposed by Cllr. Clinch and seconded by Cllr. James. The RW/02/2021 payments were proposed by Cllr. Moroney and seconded by Cllr. Hadley.

Resolved: Unanimously.

6. To review the use of online banking for payments.

The RFO confirmed payments were easy to set up and Cllr. Clinch confirmed ease of secondary authorisation.

7. To consider and approve donations.

The Council agreed to donate; £375 to Aynho Parochial Council, £200 to Thames Valley Air Ambulance and £200 to Brackley Community Hospital 2020 Trust. This was proposed by Cllr. Moroney and seconded by Cllr. Clinch.

Resolved: Unanimously.

8. To discuss adopting a Grant policy.

The Clerk explained the need for a grant policy. The Council agreed to develop a policy.

Action: The Clerk to develop.

9. To consider and approve LED conversion of light 22 (Blacksmiths Hill) at a cost of £355.00 (exc. VAT).

The LED conversion was proposed by Cllr. James and seconded by Cllr. Moroney.

Resolved: Unanimously.

10. To receive an update on the Club Park Draw 2021.

Valery Taylor had contacted the Chair to confirmed they had decided to stop the running of the Club Park Draw. The Chair thanked Valery for running for 20 years and the Council discussed and agreed to take on the management. The Council discussed and agreed raising the fee from £12 to £18 per annum.

Action: Cllr. James to update bank account, Chair and Cllrs. Moroney and Icke to plan re-launch.

Grants and Fundraising:

11. a. To receive an update on grant applications made.

No current applications in process.

- b. To receive an update on future grant applications.

Cllr. Hadley reported the proposed tree planting initiative needed an involvement with under 21's for the grant to be possible.

- c. To discuss the ambitions for 2021.

Cllr. Hadley reported a variety of funding available from and including; HS2, loneliness, youth, electric car charging and COVID.

Planning:

12. To appoint a Councillor responsible for leading on planning.

Cllr. James agreed to be temporary lead on planning.

13. To approve NCALC planning training (2nd March) for a Councillor and Clerk at £38 per person.
Cllr. James proposed and seconded by Cllr. Dean.

Resolved: Unanimously.

Risk and Risk Assessment:

14. To discuss adopting a Vexatious Complaints policy.

The Council discussed and agreed to adopt a policy.

Action: Clerk to draft policy.

15. To discuss and approve promotion of elections in May 2021.

The Council agreed to promote on email and in the Newsletter.

**Action: Cllr. Moroney publish email,
Clerk to publish in Newsletter.**

16. To discuss and agree the need to Co-opt to fill the Casual Vacancy.

The Council discussed and agreed to co-opt due to the uncertainty of the May election going ahead.

17. To discuss and agree actions required on resignation of a Councillor e.g., archive emails and documents.

The Council agreed to re-direct email and post an out-of-office message.

Parking, Highways and Transport:

18. To review traffic data from the SWARCO sign.

The Chair and Cllr. Dean reported the MVAS sign was on the Banbury Road and active, the data still needed to be downloaded.

Action: Cllr. Dean to report at next meeting.

The Council discussed recent accidents due to snow and cold weather and to promote the use of grit bins in line with NCC policies.

Action: Clerk to publish in N/L.

19. To discuss the ambitions for 2021.

The Council discussed purchasing another MVAS sign and to re-contact NCC. The Clerk reported County Cllr. Rebecca Breese had offered to help contact highways if needed.

Action: Cllr. Dean to contact R. Breese. Cllr. Icke to contact neighbourhood policing team.

20. To discuss and approve actions to alleviate damage to the verges on:

- a. Portway.

The Council discussed and agreed to display signage and to do remedial work in the spring/summer.

- b. The Glebe.

The Council discussed the verge and agreed to validate the plan proposed by Mr Lang.

Action: Cllr. Icke to contact Mr Willis.

Maintenance:

21. To discuss the likelihood of 'Keep Aynho Beautiful' and set a date.

The Council agreed to set a date (Saturday 27th March) and to finalise scope and scale at a later date.

22. To consider and accept grass cutting of verges on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council.

Cllr. Dean proposed and seconded by Cllr. Moroney.

Resolved: Unanimously.

Aynho Eco:

23. To receive an update and discuss the ambitions for 2021.

The Council discussed electric vehicle parking points, pop up market, clothes swap and initiatives at the same time as post office.

Action: Cllrs Moroney and Hadley to report in March.

Health, Wellbeing and Community Matters:

24. To discuss initial outcomes from the Village Survey 2020.

The Chair confirmed more work was needed to collate written comments.

Action: Cllrs Moroney and Clinch help.

25. To discuss the ambitions for 2021.

The Council agreed to look to help the Village Hall committee promote and develop the facility.

26. The Clerk to report on the Parish Council nominated trustees for the John Baker Charity (Almshouses).

Cllr. Clinch proposed nominating the existing trustees (Amanda Leigh and Ted Sutton), this was seconded by Cllr. Moroney.

Resolved: Unanimously.

Recreational Matters – sportsfield, playground and Aynho Active:

27. To receive an update on Aynho Active and discuss the ambitions for 2021.

Cllr. Icke reported continued small improvements. The pavilion now had a tennis table and when safe Cllr. Icke wants to set a running club up, have social events, coffee mornings and a camp night.

28. To note the number for the Park Club Draw.

The number #115 was noted for December Park Club Draw.

29. Farming and footpaths

There was nothing to discuss.

Communications:

30. To decide on Newsletter/website content.

Grit bins	Clerk
Mid-month mailchimp	Cllr. Moroney
Elections/Casual Vacancy	Clerk
Park Club Draw	Clerk
Keep Aynho Beautiful	Clerk
Aynho Active	Clerk

Meetings and conferences

31. To review the Little Brook Ward meeting held on Monday 25th January.

Cllr. James and the Clerk attended. They reported that Dr. Stevens from Brackley Medical Centre gave an update on the COVID vaccine distribution.

32. To discuss the Annual Village Report/Annual Village Meeting.

The Council agreed to follow this up in March.

33. To confirm date of next meeting on Monday 1st March 2021 at 7:30pm and close.

Resolved: That the next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 1st March 2021 at 7:30pm and closed at 9.56pm.