

MICKLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Mickleton Parish Council held on Wednesday, 9th December, 2020 via Zoom Mickleton at 7.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor P. Britt (Chairman)
Councillors D. Banks, R. Cotterell, S. Hall, B. Kibblewhite, K. Riste, and
G. Tyler
The Clerk, Mrs. A. Cox, and one member of the public was also in
attendance

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillor N. Britt

2. To receive Declarations of Interest

Councillor Kibblewhite declared an interest in Agenda Item 6 (i)

3. Clerk's Salary

It was proposed by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Kibblewhite and unanimously agreed that the Clerk's salary be increased by £725.00 per annum to £8,580.00 per annum commencing 1st April, 2021.

4. Cemetery/Burial Charges

It was proposed by Councillor Tyler, seconded by Councillor Riste and unanimously agreed that there would not be any change in cemetery charges and that they would remain as follows:

Burial – First Interment	£350.00
Burial – second Interment	£250.00
Cremation – first interment	£250.00
Cremation – second interment	£150.00
Right to erect a headstone/tablet	£200.00 to include second inscription

5. Regular Donations

It was unanimously agreed to continue the following regular donations:
British Legion Poppy Appeal £100;
The Hedgehog Community Bus £400.00 (final year of three year agreement)
Defibrillator maintenance £300.00
Bretforton Silver Band - £130.00 (carried over from last year)

6. New Grant/Donation Requests

(i) It was proposed by Councillor Cotterell, seconded by Councillor Tyler and unanimously agreed that a donation of £500.00 be made towards the cost of Mickleton Archive website data support

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6. New Grant/Donation Request

- (i) It was proposed by Councillor Tyler, seconded by Councillor Banks and unanimously agreed that an amount of £200.00 be allocated for the purchase of a new computer monitor.

7. Allocation of Funds for Specific Projects

Community Land at Oak Grange – A number of expenses need to be considered for the maintenance/upkeep of the new community project on the Oak Grange development, which includes the cost of paying someone to lock/unlock daily to maintain security, at a suggested cost of £5.00 per day; grass cutting which should be minimal as the area is mostly hard standing and wild flowers; additional insurance; RoSPA safety check; annual maintenance/repair.

It was proposed by Councillor Banks, seconded by Councillor Riste and unanimously agreed that an amount of £3,500.00 be reserved to cover the estimated cost of the above items. This will be reviewed again next year when more details are available.

Repair/Maintenance – following the recent spate of vandalism, it was proposed by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Riste and unanimously agreed that a contingency reserve of £4,000.00 be allocated to cover repair and maintenance of village assets.

Leaf clearance – Smartcut will be asked to quote to add three annual fallen leaf collections to the maintenance of grounds contract.

Environmental Issues – it was unanimously agreed that initiatives need to be started and a reserve be allocated in order that progress may be made. A suggestion has been made for trees to be planted on the church allotment and consideration given to creating a memorial garden. It is suggested that a tree be planted for each of the fallen and to include a granite engraved memorial stone. The village will be encouraged to contribute.

The Community land at Oak Grange is another area where additional trees can be planted.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Britt, seconded by Councillor Riste and unanimously agreed that initially an amount of £2,500.00 be allocated.

8. Membership of Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils

It was unanimously agreed to renew the membership for 2021/2022.

9. 2021/2022 Precept

It was proposed by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Tyler and unanimously agreed that the Precept for 2021/2022 remain at £35,000.00.

10. The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday, 27th January, 2021 via Zoom at 7.30 p.m. but subject to alteration in line with Covid-19 guidelines.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.18 p.m.