

# Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

# Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday the 12th of May 2022 @ 7.30pm at Mortimer Methodist Church Hall, West End Road, Mortimer

These Minutes are subject to approval.

#### **Present:**

#### **Councillors:**

Cllr. M. Dennett (Chairman), Cllr. S. Beard, Cllr. G. Bridgman, Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. C. Lewis, Cllr. M. Lock, Cllr. A. Marsden, Cllr. D. Morsley, Cllr. A. Noonan, Cllr. J. Wells.

#### Clerk:

Mrs. L. Hannawin. Ms. B. O'Reilly

# **Public/Press:**

There were three member of the public present and no members of the press.

#### Part I

# 22/001 Public Questions (for agenda items only)

A member of the public attended as a representative of an amateur boxing club to express the club's interest in taking over the trusteeship of Garth Hall. Details were given regarding the club's history, the need for new premises and the type of boxing and fitness sessions that would be on offer. The representative confirmed the club is aware of the potential costs of the required refurbishment and that grants would be available from associated sporting bodies. The Clerk will provide relevant information to the club to enable them to follow up with the current trustees.

#### 22/002 Election of Chairman

#### To elect a Chairman of the Parish Council for 2022/23 – Chairman to sign Declaration of Office.

Cllr. Dennett was nominated by Cllr. Hill and seconded by Cllr. Lock. There were no other nominations. Cllr. Dennett was elected as Chairman with 1 abstention. The Declaration of Office was signed.

# 22/003 Election of Vice- Chairman

To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for 2022/23 – Vice-Chairman to sign Declaration of Office.

Cllr. Morsley was nominated by Cllr. Hill and seconded by Cllr. Marsden. There were no other nominations. Cllr. Morsley was elected as Vice-Chairman with 1 abstention. The Declaration of Office was signed.

# 22/004 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. N. Carter, Cllr. K. Field and Cllr. D. Kilshaw.

# 22/005 To receive any declarations of interest

To receive from Members at this point or at any point during the meeting, in respect of any items included on the agenda, disclosure of any interests in line with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and gifts and hospitality in line with Government legislation.

None.

# 22/006 Committee Members

To appoint Members to the Committees for 2022/2023.

Councillors were appointed to the Committees as follows:

#### a. Fairground and Cemetery.

Cllrs. M. Dennett (ex officio), S. Hill, K. Field, M. Lock, A. Marsden, D. Morsley (ex officio) and A. Noonan.

#### b. Planning.

Cllrs. M. Dennett (ex officio), N. Carter, S. Hill, C. Lewis, M. Lock, A. Marsden, D. Morsley (ex officio), J. Wells, Mr. N. Kiley (co-opted) and Mr. T. Barber (co-opted).

# c. Roads, Footpaths and Commons.

Cllrs. G. Bridgman, N. Carter, M. Dennett (ex officio), S. Hill, D. Kilshaw, C. Lewis, A. Marsden, D. Morsley (ex officio) and J. Wells.

Proposed by Cllr. Dennett Seconded by Cllr. Bridgman **RESOLVED** unanimously.

# 22/007 Committee Chairman

#### To elect Committee Chairmen for 2022/2023:

#### a. Fairground and Cemetery.

Proposed by Cllr. Morsley. Seconded by Cllr. Marsden.

Cllr. S. Hill was elected as Chairman with 1 abstention.

#### b. Planning.

Proposed by Cllr. Lewis.

Seconded by Cllr. Marsden.

Cllr. D. Morsley was elected as Chairman with 1 abstention.

#### c. Roads, Footpaths and Commons.

Proposed by Cllr. Bridgman. Seconded by Cllr. Morsley.

Cllr. A. Marsden was elected as Chairman with 1 abstention.

# 22/008 Finance and General Purposes Committee

#### To appoint a minimum of two further members to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Cllr. Hill proposed the following additional councillors to be appointed to the Finance and General Purposes Committee: Cllrs. G. Bridgman, N. Carter, D. Kilshaw and C. Lewis. Seconded by Cllr. Dennett.

**RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions.

# 22/009 Working Groups and Parties

# To confirm the continued need for the Council's working parties, and appoint/confirm Members for 2022/2023:

The following appointments were made:

#### a. Climate and Environment Working Party

Cllrs. N. Carter, M. Dennett, K. Field, S. Hill and A.Marsden.

#### b. Communications Strategy Working Party

Cllrs. G. Bridgman, N. Carter, and D. Kilshaw.

#### c. Garth Hall Working Party

Cllrs. N. Carter, M. Dennett, C. Lewis, M. Lock, A. Marsden, J. Wells and Mr. N Kiley (coopted).

#### d. Library Working Party

The Library Working Party was disbanded and will be reconvened if necessary.

#### e. Memorial Working Party

The Memorial Working Party was disbanded, and any work required will be covered by the Fairgrounds and Cemetery Committee.

#### f. Mortimer to Burghfield Cycleway and Footpath Working Party

Cllrs. G. Bridgman, C. Lewis, D. Morsley and Mr. P. Wingfield (co-opted).

# g. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

The Working Group has been replaced by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

#### h. Queen's Platinum 70th Jubilee Working Party

Cllrs. S. Beard, G. Bridgman, K. Field, S. Hill, D. Kilshaw, M. Lock, Mr. Barton (co-opted), Mr. A. Bell (co-opted), Mr. E. Howell (co-opted), Mr. A. Hulley (co-opted), Mr. D. Overett (co-opted), Mr. R. Saunders (co-opted), Mr. A. Smith (co-opted), Mr. Richard Coles (co-opted and Mrs. Sykes (co-opted).

#### i. Strategy Working Party

Cllrs. G. Bridgman, N. Carter, M. Dennett, S. Hill, M. Lock, A. Marsden and Mr. P. Wingfield (co-opted).

#### j. The Street Footway Working Party

Cllrs. G. Bridgman, M. Dennett, D. Morsley and Mr. P. Wingfield (co-opted).

Proposed by Cllr. Dennett.

Seconded by Cllr. Bridgman.

**RESOLVED** unanimously.

# 22/010 Outside Bodies and Committees

#### To appoint Parish Council representatives.

The following appointments were made:

#### **Annual Appointments:**

a. AWE Local Liaison Committee

Cllr. M. Lock.

b. Burghfield & Mortimer Neighbourhood Action Group (BMNAG).

Cllrs. N. Carter and J. Wells.

c. Burghfield and Mortimer Volunteer Bureau.

Cllr. K. Field.

d. Plastic Free Mortimer.

Cllr. N. Carter.

e. St John's Hall Management Committee.

Cllr. N. Carter.

f. Stratfield Mortimer Relief in Need Charity.

Cllr. M. Lock.

g. Willink Leisure Centre Joint Advisory Committee.

Cllr. M. Dennett.

Proposed by Cllr. Dennett.

Seconded by Cllr. Morsley.

**RESOLVED** unanimously.

#### **Continuing fixed term of office:**

- a. Clarke's Educational Foundation (Cllr. N. Carter until July 2022).
- b. Stratfield Mortimer Fairground Trust (Mr. N. Kiley until October 2022).
- c. Stratfield Mortimer Fairground Trust (Cllr. D. Morsley October 2022\* October 2025).
- d. Wokefield Common Advisory Committee (Cllr. M. Lock until May 2023)

The above continuing fixed terms of office were noted and will be brought to Full Council for reappointment as required.

\*this should read 2021

# 22/011 Minutes of Last Meeting

To resolve to APPROVE the Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 14th of April 2022.

Cllr. Bridgman stated that he and Cllr. Kilshaw abstained from voting at agenda item:

- 21/144 Items for Consideration and Resolution
- 2. Queen's Platinum 70th Jubilee
- c. To resolve the payment of £5,000 to Mortimer Music Live for costs for the Saturday commemorations of the Queen's 70th Jubilee.

and requested that this be stated accordingly.

Further to the amendment above, Cllr. Dennett proposed the minutes be approved for signature by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Seconded by Cllr. Bridgman.

**RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions.

The amendment will be highlighted on April's minutes and the hard copy initialled.

# 22/012 Clerk's Report

To receive a report from the Parish Clerk outlining actions taken following the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April and other updates.

- 1. Casual Vacancies: Further to the resignation of Cllr. Tom. Palmer, a Notice of Vacancy was published. West Berkshire Council have confirmed that no election has been called and the two vacancies can, therefore, be filled by co-option.
- 2. Freedom of Information Request (FOI): This has been concluded and no relevant information found.
- 3. Transfer of Funds from The Public Sector Deposit Fund: Following the early receipt of the first payment of the Precept, the transfer agreed at April's meeting of the Full Council of £50,000 was not required.
- 4. Defibrillator: Advice has been sought from the Community Heartbeat Trust with regards to the damage sustained to the defibrillator. The manufacturer will advise as to whether it can be repaired or needs to be replaced.
- 5. WBC Community Award: The Lunch Club have confirmed that they shall be using their £50 Amazon voucher to cover ongoing costs for the LFTs, needed by their volunteers to enable them to help at the Club.
- 6. CIL Payment: £2,909.66 has been received in respect of 20/03014/FUL 24 King Street, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3RS £2,909.66
- 7. St John's Hall Planters: The brass plaque has been engraved, as per the wording suggested by the Council and attached to the planter purchased in memory of Lawrence Picking. The matching planter has a similar plaque on behalf of other organisations that Lawrence was connected with. The Trustees of the hall have also planted a small tree in the frontage area of the hall which has been dedicated to the memory of John Bull. The refurbishment of the hall frontage is now complete.

In addition, the Clerk reported that 2 complaints had been received regarding the level of noise of the PA from the Fair, one via West Berkshire Council (WBC). The Clerk contacted the Fair owner and the volume was turned down which resolved the issue.

The Clerk also confirmed that the Co-option notices for the casual vacancies have been posted and co-option would take place at the June meeting.

It was noted that Cllr. Carter was going to seek further information regarding the cost of the planters and plaque installed by St Johns Hall.

The report was received.

# 22/013 Items to be taken into private session

To determine which items, if any, of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

Cllr. Dennett proposed that agenda items 22/015. 2c. Licensing hours for the Queens Platinum Jubilee; 22/015 7. IT Support Contract; 22/015 9. Asset Register and 22/015 10. Insurance, should be taken into Part II.

Seconded by Cllr. Morsley.

**RESOLVED** unanimously.

# Cllr. Dennett proposed that agenda item 22/015 2. Queen's Platinum 70th Jubilee be taken next. Seconded by Cllr. Bridgman.

#### **RESOLVED** unanimously.

# 22/014 Items for Consideration and Resolution

#### 1. Queen's Platinum 70th Jubilee

a. To receive a written report and budgetary status from the Queen's Platinum 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Working Party.

Cllr. Beard stressed the need for volunteers and urged councillors, and their families and friends, to help both on the day and over the next 3 Saturdays selling Lucky Tickets. Help can be offered by contacting Cllr. Beard directly or signing up via the QR code. Cllr. Dennett agreed to arrange the Saturday selling of Lucky Tickets and oversee the volunteers.

# Cllr. Beard left at 20:35.

b. To receive a report on decisions taken under delegated powers.

The Clerk reported that insurance, separate from the Councils insurance, is being sought for the whole event. A budget of £2,000 has been allowed.

The report was received.

c. To consider the approved licensing hours and resolve an extension to the finishing times for the planned events for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of June.

Minuted at Part II.

# 22/015 Committee and Working Party/Group Reports

#### 1. Planning Committee

Cllr. Morsley gave an update on recent planning applications and confirmed that the car counting in the station car park and The Street is taking place. The results will be reported back to GWR.

#### 2. Climate and Environment Working Party

Cllr. Marsden reported that the aim is for the public meeting to take place in July with the official launch in September. The Working Party is having a stall at the Q70 celebrations to promote understanding and interest in the project.

#### 3. Communications Strategy Working Party.

No report was available.

#### 4. Garth Hall Working Party

The Working Party has agreed the format of the legal advice being sought.

#### 5. Strategy Working Party

No report was available.

#### 6. The Street Footway Party

No further work will happen until September.

#### 22/016 Items for Consideration and Resolution

#### 1. Neighbourhood Plan

a. To receive and endorse a written report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG).

No report was available.

# b. To receive an update on Phase 1 of the new Neighbourhood Plan and approve the additional budget of £1,000.

Cllr. Marsden gave an update on the consultation to date and confirmed the extra budget is needed for additional materials for the consultation promotion and administration.

Cllr. Marsden proposed the additional budget of £1,000.

Seconded by Cllr. Morsley.

**APPROVED** unanimously.

#### 2. Queen's Platinum 70th Jubilee

**a.** To receive a written report and budgetary status from the Queen's Platinum 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Working Party.

Minuted above.

**b.** To receive a report on decisions taken under delegated powers.

Minuted above.

**c.** To consider the approved licensing hours and resolve an extension to the finishing times for the planned events for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of June.

Minuted at Part II.

#### 3. Ordinary Meeting Schedule

To receive and approve the amended meeting schedule for 2022/23.

The amended meeting schedule was received.

Proposed by Cllr. Dennett.

Seconded by Cllr. Morsley.

**APPROVED** unanimously.

#### 4. Meetings of the 8th April 2021

To resolve to authorise Ridge & Partners to commission Aspect Ecology to undertake the next phase of the required ecological study at a cost of £3415 + VAT.

Cllr. Morsley confirmed the Ecological Desktop Study has informed what is required for the next part of the ecological survey. Depending on what is found there may be further costs, but this is the final report needed. The design is also needed.

Proposed by Cllr. Morsley.

Seconded by Cllr. Hill.

**RESOLVED** unanimously, that the ecological study is undertaken at a cost of £3,415 + VAT.

#### 5. Members Bids

To consider and approve suitable projects for consideration by the Ward Councillors.

No suggestions had been received.

#### 6. Community Grant

To approve the grant awarding process and upper application limit as recommended by Finance and General Purposes.

A report on the grant awarding process and upper application was received.

Cllr. Dennett proposed the grant awarding process as per the report and the upper application limit of £1,500.

Seconded by Cllr. Bridgman.

**APPROVED** unanimously.

#### 7. IT Support Contract

To approve the new IT Support Contract for 2022/23.

Minuted at Part II.

#### 8. Scheduled Review

To agree the timetable for the scheduled review as per Standing Order 5.j.x.

The timetable for the scheduled review was received.

Proposed by Cllr. Dennett.

Seconded by Cllr. Morsley.

**APPROVED** unanimously.

#### 9. Asset Register

To receive the Asset Register as approved by Finance and General Purposes on the 5th of May 2022.

Minuted at Part II.

#### 10. Insurance 2022/23

To receive confirmation of the arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all valuable risks.

Minuted at Part II.

#### 11. Co-options.

To resolve the co-option of:

a. Mr. Neil Kiley to the Planning Committee for the purpose of the Station Car Park.

Resolved at 22/006 b.

#### b. Mrs. S. Carter to the Garth Hall Working Party

Proposed by Cllr. Dennett.

Seconded by Cllr. Morsley.

**RESOLVED** unanimously.

#### **22/017 Finance**

#### 1. Accounts to the 31st March 2022

To receive and approve the Income and Expenditure Report to the 31st of March 2022 and the Balance Sheet as of that date.

The year end reports and accounts were received.

Proposed by Cllr. Dennett.

Seconded by Cllr. Morsley.

**RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the financial reports to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2021.

#### 2. Payments made with authorisation of Chairman/Vice-Chairman

To receive and note summary of payments.

The payments were received and noted.

#### 3. Accounts for Payment

#### To receive and APPROVE items of expenditure:

Item	Payee Details	Amount	
1.	West Berkshire Council – rent re Mortimer Library	£ 812.50	
2.	West Berkshire Council – recharge of expenditure relating to SMPC by-election held in May 2021	£ 2,425.84	
3.	David Sturt – SMPC IT Support April 2022 (incl. FOI request research)	£ 211.50	
4.	HALC – BALC & NALC annual subscription	£ 892.47	

5.	Playsafety Limited – RoSPA annual inspection – inc. VAT	£ 189.00	
6.	Oliver Signs – 2100x Spring newsletter print run – inc. VAT	£ 720.18	
7.	Oliver Signs – A0 Correx Poster for Annual Parish meeting – inc. VAT	£ 60.00	
8.	i-Next Ltd – 12 month website hosting and support – inc. VAT	£ 360.00	
9.	Andew Hazelden – 2x commemorative plates (SMPC Community Awards 2020 and 2021)	£ 500.00	
10.	Dads Shop – cable ties& PVC coated wire (Queens Jubilee banners/posters), lawn seed (cemetery), Velcro for display boards – inc. VAT	£ 70.38	
11.	Westcotec – tripod set and bracket for post and tripod – inc. VAT	£ 305.40	
12.	Mortimer Methodist Church – hire of hall for 2021-2022 Full Council and committee meetings	£ 670.00	7
13.	Amazon – white fabric bunting (Queens Jubilee event) – inc. VAT [SMPC Card]	£208.83	DD
14.	Amazon – Union Jack bunting (Queens Jubilee event) -inc. VAT [SMPC Card]	£ 275.21	DD
15.	HM Land Registry – title deeds for Windmill Common [SMPC Card]	£ 6.00	DD
16.	Brunel Engraving – brass plaque for Covid memorial trees – inc. VAT [SMPC Card]	£ 324.12	DD
17.	Google Cloud EMEA – March cloud storage [SMPC Card]	£ 0.24	DD
18.	Lloyds MultiPay Card – monthly fee (March 2022) [SMPC Card]	£ 3.00	DD
19.	SUEZ – Fairground Recycling April 2022 – Inc. VAT	£ 86.51	DD
20.	Smart Pensions Ltd – Monthly fee (March 2022) inc. VAT	£ 18.00	DD
21.	EE – mobile phone plan charges – inc. VAT	£ 26.23	DD

The Clerk reported there is a query with the equipment supplied by Westcotec listed at 11. Cllr. Dennett proposed the items of expenditure be approved for payment apart from £305.40 for Westcotec.

Seconded Cllr. Morsley.

**RESOLVED** unanimously that the accounts are approved for payment.

# Cllr. Marsden left at 20:55.

#### 4. Statement of Internal Control

To receive the Statement of Internal Control as approved by Finance and General Purposes. The Statement of Internal Control was received.

# 22/018 Items for information only

- 1. To note the meetings that have taken place of the following committees and to receive the draft minutes:
  - a. Planning 28/04/2022
  - b. Finance and General Purposes 05/05/2022

The meetings were noted, and the draft minutes for Planning and Finance and General Purposes were received.

#### 2. District Councillor Reports

Cllr. Bridgman summarised the changes at West Berkshire Council following the annual meeting and confirmed the proposed Energy Recovery Centre will be on the agenda for WBC's June's Planning meeting. Cllr. Morsley commented that the Ukrainian bus passes are not covered by Newbury buses.

The report was received.

#### 3. Correspondence:

Item	Details  Age UK Berkshire: Information on Dementia Week (16-22 May 2022) and other spe events taking place in May.	
1.		
2.	SSE: Email from Thames Valley Region regarding SSE's annual Resilient Communities Fund which is open for nominations and due to close on 1st June 2022.	
3.	Coop: Information for groups in our community to apply during May for funding from their Local Community Fund – information posted on social media.	
4.	WBC: Information regarding a Women in Politics Webinar on 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2022 – information posted on social media.	
5.	WBC: Information on the funding of a new community bus for the Newbury and Thatcham Handybus service.	
6.	WBC: Email from Libraries Manager with update on the Libraries Review – email circulated.	
7.	Citizen's Advice West Berkshire: Email requesting possible donations towards the sustainability of their service during the current 2022 economic climate.	
8.	WBC: Email from Building Communities Together (BCT) Team regarding a survey on the Consultation and Engagement Hub and the information gathered during the project will be used to help inform decisions about the Council's digital signposting platform – information posted on social media.	
9.	Greenham Common Trust: email enquiring if parish council interested in a representative visiting the parish council during 2022-23 to explain how Greenham Trust can work with the council and help local causes.	

In addition, an email had been received from a member of the public asking if a skatepark had ever been considered for Mortimer. Cllr. Morsley confirmed that skateparks had previously been suggested during public consultations, but support and cost was such that it was not carried forward as a council project. It was agreed to pass this to the Strategy Working Party for further consideration.

#### 4. Planning decisions and information from West Berkshire Council.

#### 22/00319/FULD: 2 Crockers, Mowbray Hill, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3JJ

Retrospective change of use from agricultural to C3a for the use of a new garage to the existing house.

**GRANTED RETROSPECTIVELY** – 6 April 2022 (Condition 3 includes "no gates, fences, walls or other means of enclosure which would otherwise be permitted by Schedule 2, Part 2, Class A of that Order shall be erected, constructed, or materially altered within the application site without planning permission")

**SMPC Comments**: The Committee did not object in principle to the change of use to C3a but had concerns as follows:

- There should be no further extension or change of use granted to agricultural land at and surrounding the site;
- Future access on the extension of land clarified;

- Condition that land can only be used for the development of a vehicle garage, subject to planning approval with conditions preventing the use of the garage being used for any other purpose;
- Would request that a tree survey would form part of any planning application.

#### 22/00457/PASSHE: 40 Stephens Firs, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3UY

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Larger Home Extension. Proposed rear extension 6m beyond rear wall x 2.6m maximum height x 2.45m at eaves.

**PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED** – 13 April 2022

#### 22/00659/HOUSE: 20 Victoria Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3SE

Replacement of existing conservatory with rear ground floor lounge extension.

**GRANTED** – 5 May 2022

**SMPC Comments**: No objections.

# 22/00702/HOUSE: Pine Lodge, 20 The Avenue, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3QY

White-painted render on front and rear elevations, internal structural changes, repositioned windows and doors on all elevations, new velux windows, and new first floor side window replacing a side dormer window removed in 2018.

**GRANTED** – 3 May 2022

**SMPC Comments**: This application creates an extra bedroom (from three to four) and, therefore, 3 parking spaces are required according to standards (Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan 9.2.2 Internal & External Access and Parking: GD2). These are not shown on the plans.

#### 22/00883/5DAY: The Copse, Loves Wood, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 2JX

T1 - Oak - Between the properties have reduced crown and windsail due to extensive limb failures on the house side of the tree. I have removed fractured limbs without inflicting to bigger wounds to the main stem and risking any further damage.

NO OBJECTIONS – 8 April 2022

The planning decisions were received.

#### 5. Neighbourhood Action Group report.

Cllr. Wells confirmed that the police are aware of the continued use of laughing gas cannisters.

#### 6. Health and Safety.

The annual RoSPA report has been received and quotes have been sought for undertaking the priority work. Cllr. Hill reported that underage children continue to use the play equipment for the over 8s, and a further sign is being considered. An educational session may be needed.

#### 7. Minor Matters.

- The Clerk confirmed that West Berkshire's Chief executive, Nigel Lynn, shall be visiting June's Full Council meeting. Any questions for Mr Lynn should be sent to the Clerk so that they can be forwarded on.
- Cllrs. Hill and Morsley continue to provide support to the residents of Windmill Court. Cllr. Bridgman said that he suspected that any proposals would be going to WBC Executive for

decision, and if so there will be a public report (and the opportunity for questions to be asked at such a meeting). Cllr. Bridgman will ask if SMPC may have sight of the list of relevant documents previously identified.

• The Clerk confirmed that the blue paint for the telephone box has arrived.

# 22/019 Communications

#### To identify items for communicating

- The sale of Lucky Tickets.
- Q70 Volunteer poster.

# 22/020 Future Agenda Items

To identify future agenda items

None.

# 22/021 Exclusion of Press and Public

To pass a resolution under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting at Part II, items identified at 22/013 on the Agenda, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Proposed by Cllr. Dennett.

Seconded by Cllr. Morsley.

**RESOLVED** that the public are excluded.

# Cllr. Dennett proposed extending the meeting by 30 minutes if required.

Seconded by Cllr. Hill.

**RESOLVED** to extend the meeting to 10pm if required.

# 22/022 Items for Consideration and Resolution

#### 2. Queen's Platinum 70th Jubilee

c. To consider the approved licensing hours and resolve an extension to the finishing times for the planned events for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of June.

Cllr. Bridgman confirmed that the licensing hours for the evenings of June the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> have been extended to 1pm the following morning. Whilst it is planned for all Mortimer celebrations to finish at 23:00, having flexibility in line with the licensing hours would enable the event to be managed as needed. Residents local to the Fairground would be informed. Cllr. Dennett proposed to extend the event timings in line with the licensing hours.

Seconded by Cllr. Wells.

**RESOLVED** with 1 abstention: Cllr. Bridgman.

#### 7. IT Support Contract

#### To approve the new IT Support Contract for 2022/23.

The new IT contract was considered.

Proposed by Cllr. Morsley.

Seconded by Cllr. Bridgman.

**APPROVED** unanimously.

# 8. Asset Register

To receive the Asset Register as approved by Finance and General Purposes on the 5th of May 2022.

The Asset Register was received.

#### 9. Insurance 2022/23

To receive confirmation of the arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all valuable risks.

The insurance arrangements were received.

# Close

The meeting closed at 22:00. Next meeting – June 9<sup>th</sup>.