

**MINUTES OF MACKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 1.3.22 SAINT MICHAELS CHURCH KIRK LANGLEY**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: I Debling (Chair), R Barber, B Bond, P Hanson, Parish Clerk, Councillor D Taylor (DCC)

**22/022 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Councillor Taylor reported that two litter picks had taken place in Mackworth which had been a great success. Following the boundary review there will be changes to representation in the future. The DCC climate change committee is moving forward with its plans to reduce climate change and nature recovery and the AVBC Local plan is progressing. Councillor Taylor has been busy attending events as Mayor.

Councillor Orton had sent in the following report. At the AVBC March Full Council meeting it will be proposed that Council Tax in Amber Valley Borough be increased by 2.83%. The AVBC element of the Council Tax is typically about 9% of the total collected; the other elements being Derbyshire County Council (72%), Police (12%), Fire & Rescue (4%), and Parish/Town Councils (3%). For a Band G property this makes for a typical increase of £8.33 per year for the AVBC element of Council Tax. Though please note that the other parts of bill will also be increasing. The Borough Council is still following the Budget Reduction Plan that started in April 2021. It anticipates making savings of £583,000 this year. However, the increase in the cost of living and the impact of the pandemic are making it more challenging to reduce the deficit.

Those of you who enjoy a visit to Amber Valley's Riverside Gardens in Belper will be pleased to hear that the keys to a brand-new building for the Swiss Tea rooms have been handed over to the new operators. Hopefully the tea rooms will be open from this Spring. The original Tea Rooms were a fixture in the gardens from 1906, but they became derelict in 1981.

Further to the report on AVBC electoral ward boundary changes in the January 2022 Alport & South West Parishes Ward will merge except for Quarndon which will go into Duffield. The new Ward will be a huge geographical area covering Holloway to Mackworth Village but will be served by two Councillors. The Boundary Commission is also reviewing Parliamentary Constituencies and a secondary consultation will run from 22 February to 4 April 2022 see <https://www.bcereviews.org.uk>

**22/023 APOLOGIES**

Councillor M Smith, Councillor J Orton (AVBC)

**22/024 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

**22/025 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

None

**22/026 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 25.1.22 were approved and were signed by the Chair.

**22/027 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY FROM PART 1 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

None

**22/028 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**22/029 PLANNING**

None

**22/030 PLAY EQUIPMENT/FENCING UPDATE LANGLEY COUNTRY PARK**

The installation of the equipment is due to start from the 3 March. It was agreed to organise insurance cover.

**22/031 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

It was resolved to appoint S Lorking.

**22/032 QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Councillors agreed it would be a good idea to organise an event. Some funding maybe available from Councillor Taylor. Councillor Barber offered to progress the proposal.

**22/033 CLERK'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**22/034 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

None.

**22/035 ACCOUNTS**

Monthly accounts circulated

**RESOLVE:** That the Accounts listed below be accepted for payment.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
L Storey	Salary February	350.29
HMRC	PAYE	79.80
Mickleover Sports Football Club Ltd	Room Hire January	25.00
Kirk Langley PCC	Room Hire March	30.00
Mrs L Storey	Salary March	355.83
HMRC	PAYE	80.20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>921.12</b>

**22/036 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- DALC February newsletter
- March's health and wellbeing roundup
- Derbyshire Constabulary Safer Neighbourhood Team confirmed to attend May meeting
- AVBC Annual Civic Service - 10 April 2022
- Community news and Covid-19 updates for Amber Valley
- DALC Spring Seminar - April 5th confirmed
- Covid vaccines and Transport

**22/037 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

- 17 May 2022 Saint Michaels Church Kirk Langley 7.00 pm Annual Parish & Annual Parish Council meeting

**22/038 POINTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**