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**MINUTES OF THE COLNEY HEATH EMERGENCY FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
 HELD VIRTUALLY
 TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2020, 7pm**

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) Cllr N West (Colney Heath 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 16 Members of the public	

20/21-15	APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS Cllr Jones was marked as absent.
20/21-16	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr C Brazier noted that as District Councillor he had called in the application to be discussed and had noted predetermination. He would be therefore taking part on the discussion as a voting member of the Parish Council. There were no other noted declarations.
20/21-17	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of 14 May 2020 – the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting with no amendments these were duly proposed. The minutes would be signed by the Chairman Cllr Cook.
20/21-18	QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC <i>7.04pm Standing Orders were suspended so members of the public could ask questions/make statements to the Council.</i> It was noted that any statements or comments that had been circulated to all Councillors were assumed to have read the emailed comments. There were two residents who spoke for 3 minutes each and both urged the Council to object on the strongest possible terms. <i>7.12pm Standing Orders were resumed.</i>
20/21-19	PLANNING APPLICATION 5/2020/1124 Cllr Solts wanted to reiterate that the Parish Council is not the decision-making planning authority and is a consultee only. Cllr H Brazier made the comparison between the agreed access at Fredericks Wood and the proposed wayleave agreement to be negotiated. It was confirmed that this matter would be the similar format as that agreement. There were additional questions regarding the delayed enforcement action by SADC which Cllr C Brazier gave an update on his contact with enforcement. The circulated draft proposed comment was read by Chairman. Councillors were asked to make any amendments or additions to the draft. It was unanimously RESOLVED by a show of hands that the Clerk be delegated to submit the draft to include a stronger objection made more clearly, to also include urge to object and references to the bearing of the weight of County sites in this area. The Clerk was also asked to chase enforcement action from SADC and ask for an update.

ACTION: Clerk



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	<p>The Council discussed the matter from a landowner perspective. It was made clear that regularising all access across Common Land by properties bordering this and other areas of Colney Heath Common was something the Council had been working on for several years.</p> <p>The term 'wayleave' was defined as a right of way granted by a landowner, generally in exchange for payment and typically for purposes such as the erection of telegraph wires, laying of pipes or to pass and repass to access property.</p> <p>It was proposed that a subject to contract and without prejudice letter would be sent by the Clerk to the owners advising that a wayleave would potentially be granted to exit and enter the land, subject to complying with planning permission. The wayleave to be managed in the way that Fredericks Wood was managed with the owners of the land requiring the wayleave to pay the costs of the Council costs in the matter. The proposal was made and seconded this was unanimously RESOLVED by a show of hands.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: Clerk</p> <p>Residents were urged to make individual comments on the SADC portal if they wished to make their comments known.</p> <p>Cllr Slaughter noted that there may be some comments on other matters that residents might like to discuss and that her next Open Surgery would be held on Tuesday 30th June at 7pm virtually via Zoom.</p>
20/21-20	<p>QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC</p> <p>Councillors agreed that there should be a further period of public questions. <i>7.40pm Standing Orders were suspended for members of the public to ask questions of the Council in relation to the matters discussed.</i></p> <p>The following items were clarified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillors are unable to make individual representations on planning applications as a Councillor. Any response submitted to be as an individual.• It was confirmed that there were at least 7 other wayleaves that were required to be issued to properties bordering common land on Coursers Road. All property landowners would be treated in the same clear open and transparent way.• A question on timing of the application and outcome was noted. The planning application would be at least 8 weeks with scope for appeals after this time. It was estimated that potentially 2 years would be spent on this matter <p><i>7.49pm Standing Orders were resumed.</i></p> <p>The Chairman thanked Councillors and the public for their attendance.</p>

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

L Chaplin
Clerk to the Council
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Signed by
Chairman Councillor Peter Cook
Approved by Full Council 25 June wet signature delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions
29/07/2020