

Longworth Parish Council

MINUTES of PARISH MEETING.

Held at Longworth Parish Church (Houlton Room) at 7:30 pm 28th January 2015

PRESENT: Chairman Mrs Boyce, Mr. Auckland, Mr. Hayward District Councillor, Mr Hodgkins, Mr Longstaff, Mr Pearce, Ms Sabathy Mrs Carlisle (Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

1/15 OPEN SESSION

Mrs Auckland praised the clean up of the footpaths in the village, undertaken by Biffa this week. They have worked hard clearing moss and plant debris and the village is looking much smarter now.

2/15 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

There were no changes reported.

3/15 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Tilley.

4/15 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the 18th December meeting were put before the Councillors and accepted as being correct and duly signed.

5/15 MELINDA TILLEY

Mrs Tilley was unable to attend the meeting but sent an update:

Safeguarding children policy, we are trying to get everyone involved in safeguarding and the policy advises how to do this. Clerk to request a copy.

A working group has been formed to look at problems along the length of the A420. At some Point opinions will be sought about the Pinewoods Road exit onto the A420

The budget process has started again, but this time with a very big deficit, thanks to a 40% reduction in Government Funding.

Mr Hodgkins suggested that we gather the villagers ideas on what can be done on the A420, it was agreed to put a notice in Seven Voices asking for views.

6/15 ANTHONY HAYWARD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Mr Hayward advised that the Council offices burnt down 2 weeks ago, and temporary offices are being sought in Milton Park for next 2-3 years, until the office is rebuilt. There are forthcoming elections in May – Longworth is now part of Thames ward which includes Fyfield, Tubney and Appleton. Feedback on the Hinton Road development is that the Enforcement team have visited the site, and work has ground to a halt. Mr Auckland asked who was responsible for cutting the hedges along the A415 – Clark to report to Highways that the sign on the approach to Kingston Bagpuize roundabout is badly obscured by Brambles, and this section of road has a lot of litter and Rubbish. Mr Hodgkins requested cutting back the hedge on the A415 from the top of Kingston Hill towards Newbridge; Clerk to report to Highways.

7/15 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising apart from items included on the main agenda

8/15 PLAYGROUND: INSPECTION

Clerk to perform January inspection by the end of the month, and to update on playground issues at the next meeting. New inspection rota issued for 2015. Mr. Longstaff to complete the February inspection.

9/15 ALLOTMENTS – UPDATE AND ISSUES

Mrs Woodford updated the council. Advert was placed in the January Seven Voices to try and drum up some interest for the remaining plots One plot has been let and there is to be another viewing next week.

10/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE – ALAN BOYCE

Mr Boyce reviewed the initial findings of the questionnaires with Councillors and answered questions. There is to be a Public feedback presentation on 11th February in Village Hall. The next step will be to create a statement hopefully by May 2015, then a Draft plan currently estimated to be completed by June 2015.

11/15 HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES AT NEWBRIDGE – ALAN BOYCE

Mr Boyce has passed on emails and responses about the non prosecution of violations at Newbridge to journalist Suzanne Kelsey. SK to publicise in one of local papers.

12/15	RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS	
	Receipts for the months of January were as follows:	
	Interest on NSI	7.43
	VAT Refund	1724.57
	Payments made during January:	
	Clerks Salary	180.00
	Donation to Oxfordshire South and Vale CAB	100.00

Budget Precept request was submitted to VOWH in December.

13/15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Appleton Road drainage (job ref648474), Mark Bostock now advised the repair job has been moved from February 2015 to before Year end, ie March/April 2015. Emergency plan request, Clerk to investigate whether it is mandatory to have an emergency plan in place.

14/15 COUNCILLORS’ CONCERNS

Mr Pearce requested that Clerk to speak to Andrew Dawson Paul for investment advice with Capital sum. Mr Auckland commented that the verges and hedges have been cleared on the A415, presumably by someone from Highways, however, the sign on the approach to the Kingston Bagpuize roundabout is still obscured by a large patch of brambles, Clerk to raise this with Highways. Clerk and Ms Felton have drafted an advert for Volunteer drivers Mr Longstaff queried whether the statement “Will not affect insurance” was correct? *Clerk checked with insurance company and was advised Business use would be required.* Document to be picked up before the next meeting as exact text was undecided. *Text for Seven Voices advert was amended by Chairman/Clerk and sent to Julie Kirby for inclusion in April and May Seven Vioces.* Gigaclear asked about location for banners, it was decided that on the Hinton road opposite Lodge Lane would be a good location and on the corner of Cow Lane, Gigaclear must comply with any regulations and banners erected at own risk.

The meeting ended at 8pm

NEXT MEETING. 8PM Wednesday 11th March in the Houlton Room (Longworth Church).

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