

Longworth Parish Council

MINUTES of PARISH MEETING.

Held at Longworth Parish Church (Houlton Room) at 7:30 pm 17th December 2014

PRESENT: Chairman Mrs Boyce, Mr. Auckland, Mr Hodgkins, Mr Longstaff, Mr Pearce, Ms Sabathy, Mrs Carlisle (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

110/14 OPEN SESSION

Following on from the previous request for signs on the A420 Stuart Eastwood advised the meeting that he had received the reply via Parish Clerk and would be interested in taking this further when he has time. Richard Frost reported a problem with the Drains in Cow Lane subsequently the following notice was received from OCC :

A Retrospective EMERGENCY Temporary Road Closure – at Cow Lane, Longworth – outside ‘Ashlars’. A request has been received from Cappagh (on behalf of Thames Water) for a temporary road closure to apply to a length of Cow Lane, Longworth whilst emergency sewer repair works are carried out. A Temporary EMERGENCY Traffic Regulation Notice is being made by Oxfordshire County Council to implement the temporary closure and restriction and is already operating from: **Wednesday 17th December 2014 until, Friday 19th December 2014.** Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for those frontages within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works. Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Roisin Mahon (Cappagh) on 0208 947 4000 (extension 248) or Jamie Muldoon (Cappagh) on 07447 975 970.

111/14 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

There were no changes reported.

112/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Mrs Broad, Mr Hayward (District Councillor) and Councillor Tilley.

113/14 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the 5th November meeting were put before the Councillors and accepted as being correct and duly signed.

114/14 MATTERS ARISING

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

115/14 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT – KRIS FELTON

Kris Felton and Emily Lewis from Oxford Rural Community Council came to discuss community transport, as we have no means in this village of getting transport to hospital currently. It was agreed to canvass the village through 7 Voices and email & notice board see if there was any interest in this within the village. If volunteers come forward setting up a scheme can be investigated (either a casual scheme with a group of volunteer drivers who can step in when needed or a formal scheme, with a co-ordinator and possibly a rota). Criteria can be set by the Parish council or village. If a Formal group is set up there is a small pot of funds available from County council to cover set up costs via Emily. DBS and insurance checks need to be carried out.

Drivers will be reimbursed at 45p per mile, but all volunteers must first speak to their insurance companies to ensure cover for this social use.

116/14 DONATIONS

It was agreed that no donation would be made to The Independent Advice Centre, but a £100 donation to be made to South and Vale Citizens Advice Bureau.

117/14 PLAYGROUND: INSPECTION, PLAY TUNNEL & QUOTE FOR REPAIRS

Mr Auckland carried out November inspection and Dec Mr Hodgkins. There is still an issue with the bin. Clerk contacted Biffa about this 17.12.14, they confirmed that it will be emptied within the next 3 working days

The Play Tunnel is still roped off, Clerk has corresponded with Insurers, ROSPA and Playdale (the suppliers) they have all agreed that it is safe to use, with an element of risk, however Rospa say that the equipment is non compliant. Councillors are worried about litigation from injury on a piece of non compliant equipment. Clerk to get Insurers to confirm in writing that they will cover accidents in the park.

4 new swings have been ordered via Justine Cardy to replace the worn seats and chains, Clerk has also spoken to RSS Playground Inspection and maintenance as recommended by ROSPA regarding the other damaged items on the ROSPA report. The quote received for repairing the Zip wire (£763 + VAT) has been included in the forecast, it was thought that the quote for replacement Bark of £766.50 + VAT was very high and alternative supply to be investigated. RSS also quoted to take away the rotten components of the activity trail at a cost of £925, and supply and fit worn chain section to bridge with a cost of £533.90 + VAT. Clerk to distribute RSS quote.

118/14 ALLOTMENTS – UPDATE AND ISSUES

Wendy Woodford thanked The Parish Council on behalf of the allotment committee for paying to clear the brambles on the worst section of the allotments, to enable these plots to be used. Kristian Mateus did an excellent job with minimal supervision. The advert in 7 voices, will run again in February and March and will hopefully create some interest to fill the 5 empty plots (plus 3 more plots from April) A work party was held at the end of October, to cut back seedlings in front of hedges, this job will be finished at the next work party. WW has received comments from allotment holders about how good the allotments are looking.

119/14 PLANNING ISSUES

The 2 new semi's on the Hinton Road have come to a grinding halt, the foundations are too close to road, and this has caused problems with overhead cables which are in the way of upstairs in 2nd semi. Anthony Hayward has contacted the enforcement team who have visited the site.

Ms Sabathyand Parish Clerk have made enquiries regarding what appears to be a change of use from a barn into a business at the back of Frilford Farms land. Business is known as AJ Bennet (UK) Ltd which seems to be a used car dealership. Concern centres around possible implications for the surrounding agricultural land. We are awaiting a response from the Vale.

120/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE – ALAN BOYCE

interesting results from the Questionnaire, The planning committee are scheduled to run an evening/weekend late Jan/early Feb in the Village Hall (date to be confirmed) comprising a short presentation of facts illustrated with Graphs/pictures, set out around the room, picking out the main 5 or 6 issues on which more info/input from village is needed. The Parish Council will view and approve the presentation first, at the January meeting before village

meeting at the end of January. Clerk to get Village Hall availability dates from Sue Sandbach.

121/14 HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES AT NEWBRIDGE – ALAN BOYCE

At the November meeting it was agreed that Alan Boyce would contact journalist Suzanne Kelsey and take this matter further, progress to be fed to January meeting

122/14	RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS	
	Receipts for the months of November and December were as follows:	
	Interest on NSI	14.62
	Payments made during November and December:	
	Clerks Salary	360.00
	Stationery	121.08
	Allotment Water rates	66.69
	Allotment Bramble clearing	200.00
	Churchyard Grass cutting and clearing of fallen tree	360.00
	Donation to Oxford association for the Blind	50.00
	SLCC subscription	77.00
	Mark Herbert – refurbishment of Village Lamp post	100.00
	Payment to RCOH – Neighbourhood plan consultants	7200.00
	Total Payments	8534.77

Budget issued to Councillors by email for review, some amendments requested to cost headings, but figures accepted.

123/14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Doreen Broad has tendered her resignation, due to family illness. Do not need to co-opt anyone as within 6 months of election.

Circular from Age UK Oxfordshire and posters for the notice board, Poster and letter to be scanned and sent round to Village email. Posted on the notice board.

Various ongoing issues with Highways department, The Appleton Road drainage site has now been visited by Mark Bostock (job ref648474), who apologised for the delay in dealing with this. The repair job has been scheduled for February 2015, this is being carried out with kind help and support of Barry Shepherd who lives across the road from the problem. We received a reply from Adam Barrett Technical Highway Apprentice O.C.C. about the crossing points on the A420 advising that there are signs already at the appropriate places and they propose to do nothing about this. Clerk forwarded the email to Stuart Eastwood, who had raised the issue at a previous Parish council meeting. The response from the waste team (Zachary Nuttall, Waste Management Executive) about a rubbish bin at the bus shelter was that it was too close to other bins and there was not enough rubbish.

124/14 COUNCILLORS' CONCERNS

Ms Sabathy proposed a resignation gift in recognition of Doreen Broads contribution to the Parish Council, it was agreed to get National Garden Centre voucher for £100. *Nem com*

Mr Auckland and Mr Hodgkins are both concerned with the vast number of very deep pot holes along the section of road from A415 Witney Road to Cow Lane –Clerk to report via Fix my Street from A415 to the telephone exchange
RL expressed an interest in seeing data from Neighbourhood plan.

The meeting ended at 9PM

NEXT MEETING. 7:30PM Wednesday 28th January in the Houlton Room (Longworth Church).

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