

# Longworth Parish Council

## MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Held at Longworth Village Hall at 7 pm on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**PRESENT:** Mrs Carlisle (Clerk), Mr Hodgkins, Mrs Kinch, Mr Longstaff, Mr Pearce (Chairman), Mr Shaw and Mrs Woodford plus 12 members of the public

<b>138/16</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received from Ms Sabathy	<b>Action</b>
<b>139/16</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS of INTEREST</b> No new declarations of interest	
<b>140/16</b>	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b> The minutes of the 26 <sup>th</sup> October meeting were put before the Councillors and accepted as being correct and duly signed.	
<b>141/16</b>	<b>MELINDA TILLEY</b> Melinda was unable to attend but sent a report which was forwarded to councillors	
<b>142/16</b>	<b>OPEN SESSION</b> A member of the public requested a defibrillator at the village hall – clerk to investigate costs of this. A member of the public asked that New planning applications should to conform with Neighbourhood plan	<b>GC</b>
<b>143/16</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> A response received from OCC re to the request for new signs at Newbridge is “There are signs to warn of the weight restriction far in advance of the actual location of the restriction, Oxfordshire County Council are actively enforcing this restriction with drivers being fined for ignoring the weight limit.”	
<b>144/16</b>	<b>KINGSMORE DAY CENTRE – GWYNNE DIMENT</b> The Kingsmoor Community Club is a ‘tier-two’ day service funded by Oxfordshire County Council which provides a much needed service for the local community, it actively supports those with forms of dementia. The trained staff and volunteers also provide essential respite and support for carers for up to 5 hours a day whilst providing a safe and stimulating environment. In August 2017 OCC is proposing to cut funding to all its ‘tier-two’ day centres and is proposing for the centres to become self-sustaining or be replaced with centre based community support in large towns.  The Parish Council agreed to send a document round the village email, and the Chairman agreed to write to OCC challenging their decision initially copying his draft to both Gwynne and , Valery Rose.	<b>GC MP</b>
<b>145/16</b>	<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2016</b>	
	Income from NSI Investments Nov & Dec	32.31
	Northern Allotment field	87.50
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>119.81</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	
	Clerks Salary Nov	418.04
	Allotment water rates	125.46

	<p><b>Total Expenditure</b></p>	<p><b>543.50</b></p>	
<p>146/16</p>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS/APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>New Applications</b></p> <p>P16/V2801/FUL West View Cottage – There was considerable discussion around this application and subsequent minor change. The council view was split with some councillors feeling that it didn't fit within the Neighbourhood plan specifically, and there was concern expressed re "creep" of houses if planning were to be granted, but most feeling that it fell within the grey area and that there was no evidence of harm within Vales definition. Technically this development might be considered backfill rather than infill as it doesn't front on to a road, although it does benefit from direct vehicular access and this is why it might not fit with the NP. It was concluded that some development has to be allowed within the village and this was not thought to be too intrusive. There was also discussion about a Covenant on the land in favour of the Rectory, this is in the process of being redrafted to limit building to one property.</p> <p>Vote: 5 for 1 against, (one councillor was absent, so no vote counted though she had confirmed prior her wish to approve.)</p> <p>P16/V2997/RM Culver Barn</p> <p>Variation was outline planning, more design. Concerns were raised re the Culvert and the stipulation under the Outline Approval P16/V1923/O that 'suitable construction methods...should be submitted with the Reserved Matters application' for 'protection' of the 'existing underground culvert...' and which do not appear to have been presented as yet. The culvert drains through from Woodbridge Nurseries (over 13 acres) with an existing 12" duct under Rectory Lane in a locality prone to historic flooding of both land and property. The current application should include ducting to meet modern specifications and safeguard nearby properties and the highway. It was agreed that consent should not be granted until the condition has been properly satisfied.</p> <p>Vote: 6 for (1 absent)</p> <p>P16/V2626/FUL Princes Farm update, Correspondence from Sarah Green, Planning officer to say that VOWH planning would be deciding this application under delegated powers, and they would be approving the revised application.</p> <p>P16/V2767/FUL Annex to Ashen Copse</p> <p>This application is outside the built up area of the village and therefore comes under Vales policies rather than the Neighbourhood plan, although our Plans policies should be noted. General consensus was that this application for essentially a single but small dwelling in a garden was not appropriate notwithstanding that it was described as an annex. MP to draft comments and circulate to Councillors, stating the above in a format to submit to VOWH</p> <p><b>Updates</b></p> <p>P15/V2863/O Potting Shed nurseries application update</p> <p>The applicant has withdrawn the application. The Parish Council asked for pledges from the village to fight the application which have been collected. Our barrister advised us to issue a claim because we incurred cost as a result of the Secretary of state call in prior to the applicants withdrawal. This claim is currently with the Planning Inspectorate. The unspent money (approx. 90%) will be returned electronically. Clerk to contact donors to discuss paying back the balance.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>GC</p>	

147/16	<p><b>PLAYGROUND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November inspection was carried out by the Clerk, some erosion in front of goals needs filling in and some litter issues, repairs to corrosion of zip wire platform still outstanding</li> <li>• Project completed, post project report submitted to Groundworks, feedback and final portion of grant to be received</li> <li>• December Inspection Lesley Kinch, January Nigel Shaw</li> </ul>	
148/16	<p><b>CHURCHYARD AND BURIAL GROUND – ROBERT LONGSTAFF/MICHAEL PEARCE</b></p> <p>Communications with BGG as bad as ever. Mr Longstaff has left several messages. Chairman to contact BGG to discuss issues. Preparation of the faculty in hand, awaiting a meeting with PCC to discuss, this is likely to take place in February.</p> <p>A Member of public volunteered to get some alternative quotes for Grass cutting and maintenance and send to Clerk.</p>	
149/16	<p><b>ALLOTMENT UPDATE – WENDY WOODFORD</b></p> <p>Still waiting for Tony Craddock to deal with the trees/saplings this needs to adding to the draft forecast issued to councillors. Electricity board are going to do some tree clearing near the power lines in January</p> <p>The Northern Allotment “New joint tenancy” has commenced, Mr Longstaff queried why the PC had agreed the terms for 10 years rather than an annual grazing licence on yearly basis. The Chairman updated that 3 interests were brought to an earlier meeting to be discussed as A, B and C for anonymity . Prior to that meeting two parties also requested a shared tenancy as a 4<sup>th</sup> option also offering improvements/maintenance. As minuted in August, the tenancy was awarded to Mrs French and Mr Spencer as a shared tenancy and subsequently updated that the process was ongoing in the September minutes. On investigation it was decided to progress with a Farm Buisness Tenancy as this would suit the purpose of keeping the income flowing for a longer guaranteed period and would provide some security of tenure to the tenants who were spending quite a lot of money on improvements. It was also stated that a review would be held at 5 years, a rent review would be possible then.</p> <p>A letter was received by the clerk from David Catherall, this was read out at the meeting and the answers to his questions were as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes all 3 applications were received and put forward to the August meeting and all parties were welcome to attend the meeting.</li> <li>2. All applications were discussed and debated and the joint tenancy was accepted for reasons of improvements to the site that were offered and the PC voted unanimously to accept this proposal. Richard Spencer is retiring and is intending to keep sheep at that stage. The fact that his own paddock is empty is irrelevant</li> <li>3. The land will be used for grazing animals, A considerable amount of money has already been spent setting up the new infrastructure the new gate is in position and the new dividing fence constructed.</li> <li>4. The land will be offered to villagers again as and when it is available following termination of the existing tenancies.</li> </ol>	
150/16	<p><b>TRANSPORT UPDATE – LESLEY KINCH</b></p> <p>The comet bus has been running for the 6-7 week trial period, the plan is now to run it every week for the 3 villages. The costing should be £10 per week i.e. £520 per year. It was confirmed that these buses are provided by Oxfordshire County Council, and they are unable to take payments from the passengers, it was however confirmed that it was understood that appropriate liability insurance was in place.</p> <p>Vote: unanimous to fund this from Parish Council funds.</p>	
151/16	<p><b>SPEEDWATCH INITIATIVE</b></p> <p>There is still a shortage of volunteers although one new volunteer this month. The equipment was damaged in Southmoor and has had to be repaired together with a software update which has resulted</p>	

	<p>in shortening the timeframe which is a big issue. This issue has been raised with the manufacturers who will look at extending back the timeframe.</p> <p>People are not as enthusiastic. The equipment was due to be in Longworth on Friday but no volunteers means this will not now be happening, it would appear all villages are now struggling, not just Longworth.</p>	
<b>152/16</b>	<p><b>NAG MEETING – MICHAEL HODGKINS</b></p> <p>Flashing signs were discussed at the meeting (30MPH), there is no funding available for this and cost is in the region of £2-3k per sign, it was agreed this was too expensive to come out of the PC budget. Smartwater signs which were previously agreed are expected to cost approx. £20 per sign but we may be able to get funding for these. Clerk to follow up</p> <p>Robert Maris Thames Valley Police has asked us to “take a stance against scams” – especially involving the elderly, there is a video to watch at <a href="https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/page.php?xPage=elearning.html">https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/page.php?xPage=elearning.html</a> and more information at <a href="https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/">https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/</a> . It was agreed to set up a Local point of contact, Mr Hodgkins volunteered to be the contact.</p>	<b>GC</b>
<b>153/16</b>	<p><b>ED VAIZEYS EMAIL</b></p> <p>This has now been received, it was agreed to distribute via email system and include in Seven Voices</p>	<b>GC</b>
<b>154/16</b>	<p><b>GIFTS AND DONATIONS</b></p> <p>British Legion, poppy appeal £50 + £17 Kingsmore day centre £100 South and Vale young carers no donation</p>	<b>GC</b>
<b>155/16</b>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b></p> <p>Starting school poster, loaded to village website. Letter from Mr Catherall</p>	
<b>156/16</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There was none.</p>	
<b>157/16</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> January in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm</p>	

The meeting ended at 8.57pm

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