

Longworth Parish Council

MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Held at Longworth Village Hall at 7pm on 3rd February 2016

PRESENT: Mr Hodgkins, Mr Longstaff, Mrs Kinch, Mr Pearce (Chairman), Ms Sabathy, Mrs Woodford, Mrs Carlisle (Clerk) and 13 members of the public

1/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Shaw

2/16 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the 16th December meeting were put before the Councillors and accepted as being correct and duly signed

3/16 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

There were no changes reported.

4/16 OPEN SESSION

Councillor Tilley updated that The local authority is due to set its budget in February and has been asked to find savings of £70 million. They have just ended a consultation (just before Xmas) to find £50m in savings. Circa 50 MPs have got together to complain about unfair cuts in the Shire counties. There is a full county Council meeting in County Hall on 16th February for anyone who wishes to attend. All bus subsidies will be stopped and a lot of local funding

5/16 MATTERS ARISING

Clerk advised quote received for repairing Bus shelter, (£120 from Wiltshire woodworking), repair to be completed very soon. Mrs Woodford updated that the Kissing gate, on the footpath between the allotments and Tucks Lane needs replacing quote received for £135 plus VAT, it was agreed to do this work.

6/16 BUSES – LESLEY KINCH

Mrs Kinch attended the meetings for the 63 and 43 bus routes. The 43 is unlikely to remain in action. It was thought that although the 63 will probably not continue in its current form, there might be an off peak service offering 2-3 days per week, options are currently being considered, questionnaire to be received Mrs Kinch to forward when received.

7/16 NAG UPDATE – MICHAEL HODGKINS

The next meeting is on 25th Feb in Southmoor. Mr Hodgkins will report the beer cans on the Hinton/Appleton Road.

8/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- P15/V3019/HH Tennis lawn Hawthorn House (due 4/2) cancelled

- P16/V0165/HH SS extension Chestnut Cottage Appleton Road (18/2)

Councillors all happy to support this application

- P16/V0181/HH 2 storey extension West, extension North, & move garage

Kingston Hill Barn Witney Road Kingston Bagpuize OX13 5HY

Mrs Kinch and Mr Longstaff think the Garage out of proportion and spoils the look of the

building. Mrs Woodford thought the plans looked good. It was agreed that Safety issues need to be investigated, for example a footpath could join with the village. Trees need trimming, as there has been a history of accidents here due to poor visibility caused by the overgrown trees including some dead elm trees which need to come down. Clerk to draft response for review before submitting.

9/16 PLAYGROUND

The December inspection was carried out by Mr Pearce and Januarys by Mrs Woodford, Mr Hodgkins to do February.

Quotes for playground hedges have been requested, Ford Landscaping and BGG scheduled in to quote over next couple of weeks, clerk to try and secure a 3rd Quote.

The only Issues were with the equipment known about, which is due for replacement and beer/cider cans around the park. Bin full, Stuart Eastwood to empty tomorrow.

10/16 CHURCHYARD AND BURIAL GROUND – ROBERT LONGSTAFF

No feedback from BGG, the general feeling is that most people are happy with the standard of the Church yard. Mr Longstaff advised that we need to get the licence back before we know the extent of work needed. Clerk to finish grave plotting with Mr Hodgkins

11/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE – SANDRA SABATHY

The official consultation closed on 28th Jan, 54 responses were received, 50 of which from village residents, There was an overwhelming support for the plan, the committee are now working on making any changes, and fine tuning the documents to be submitted. The Consultation document, which outlines the process, history, and anonymous feedback from the consultation will be accompanied by an equality statement and the draft plan, and submitted to the inspector who will be selected, with the help of our consultant from rCOH. There will then be another 6 week consultation whilst the inspector does necessary investigations. The inspector can request changes. The Vale have advised that they are happy with the plan as they have been involved quite closely with the process.

12/16 ALLOTMENT UPDATE – WENDY WOODFORD

Mrs Woodford met with Mrs Pointon on allotment to discuss the trees that are in danger of falling down, it was agreed they need to come down, and the footpath will need to be closed whilst this work is being done. One quote has been requested from Russ Gooding, Mrs Kinch/Ms Sabathy to provide details for Andrew Maclean, Clerk to provide details for Antony Craddock.

13/16 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Income	£
Income from NSI Investments	7
Graveyard receipts (December)	350
Total Receipts	357
Expenditure	
Clerks Salary	-399
Expenses	-61
Churchyard - Grass Cutting and Hedge Trimming	-354
Total Expenditure	-814

14/16 STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Documents issued to be signed off at the March meeting

15/16 COMMUNITY WOODLAND

An issue was raised by a parishioner, Mr Pearce issued a briefing note to councillors. The original agreement was between LEN (who have now been officially dissolved) and Mrs E. Walton in 2008, it has been requested that the agreement be superseded. It was agreed that permissive access was granted to parishioners, and the public liability for programmed and authorised events was organised through LENs membership. There was no public liability provided for this area at other times. The memorandum is now out of date. Mr Longstaff to investigate what might needs to be done and will feed back on legalities to a future meeting, together with an indication of the cost of upkeep, at which point the councillors will vote on whether to do maintenance or let the woodland deteriorate as a planted area.

16/16 ALLOTMENT LAND – INDICATIVE INTEREST RE PURCHASE

The Parish Council received a request to purchase the land North of the allotments as a result of other suggestions to use this as communal roaming land. Councillors voted unanimously not to sell the land.

17/16 QUEENS 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

It was agreed to combine the Queens 90th Birthday celebrations with the Big Lunch.

A Committee of 4 people to be set up Mrs Hall, Mr Kenyon, Mr Pearce and one other. There was a debate as to whether the lunch would again be held at the school but it was agreed to return to the centre of the village and hold the event in the street. This decision mirrors the original request made by the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire.

Clerk to investigate how to close the street, whether entertainment and liquor licences would be needed.

Post meeting note – John Goss has generously offered to join the committee.

18/16 NEWBRIDGE – TRAFFIC/LORRY ISSUES

There have been issues at Newbridge farm, with lorries turning. A car transporter got stuck and had to be winched out, lorries have collapsed the bridge on the north side. It was asked if the Parish Council could lay any pressure on highways/council to help with this. Member of public asked if it would be possible for another sign maybe a flashing light. It was suggested by a member of the public that Trading standards could monitor the area. Mr Pearce and Clerk to draft something

19/16 SPEEDWATCH INITIATIVE – WENDY WOODFORD

Risk assessment of sites has now been carried out. Training has taken place for 3 people, the remaining 4 were not available. Dates of the first few sessions have been issued, 2 people have come back to say available for any of the 3 dates. More volunteers needed. Clerk to email round the village to try and drum up more volunteers.

Post meeting note:- Barry and Christine Shepherd and John Goss have offered their services to become involved.

20/16 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Freshwater habitats trust, requesting help with water testing to be advertised. Clerk to forward note to Councillors.

21/16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Signs are being removed in the village, not sure by whom.

Mr Longstaff asked if the advertising pallets tied to lampposts could be removed it was thought that this would be ok.

22/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15th March at 8.30pm in the village hall, followed by Annual meeting at 6.30pm 18th May

The meeting ended at 8.16 pm