

Longworth Parish Council

MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Held at Longworth Village Hall at 7 pm on 5th April 2017

PRESENT: Mrs Carlisle (Clerk), Mr Hodgkins, Mrs Kinch, Mr Longstaff, Mr Pearce (Chairman), Ms Sabathy and Mrs Woodford plus 4 members of the public

- 35/17 APOLOGIES** **Action**
Apologies received from Mr Shaw & Councillor Tilley
- 36/17 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST**
No new declarations of interest
- 37/17 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**
The minutes of the 22nd February meeting were put before the Councillors and accepted as being correct and duly signed.
- 38/17 MELINDA TILLEY**
Councillor Tilley sent her apologies and a report clerk to send round the village email
- 39/17 ANTHONY HAYWARD**
Mr Hayward was unable to attend the meeting
- 40/17 OPEN SESSION**
The litter pick on Sunday was discussed. The Parish Council would like to thank Jennifer Duncan her for her assistance in organising and managing the litter pick event, which enhanced the look of the village.
- 41/17 MATTERS ARISING**
There were no matters arising other than those dealt with under separate agenda items
- 42/17 MEETING FREQUENCY AND TIMETABLE**
It was resolved to meet every 8 weeks in future rather than 6.
- 43/17 CHURCHYARD AND BURIAL GROUND – ROBERT LONGSTAFF/MICHAEL PEARCE**

The Rector has committed to nominating a member of the PCC to liaise with the Parish Council

Table sunken tomb - Awaiting further information from Abingdon Stone & Marble and OG, and clarification from Reeves before moving forward with this. In parallel Mr Longstaff to maintain a liason with the PCC thus enabling the correct information is provided to pursue the faculty application. **RL**

Oak Trees - It was agreed at the previous meeting that professional advice re the Oak trees would be sought before a decision could be made. Experts consulted were Lloyds, Andrew Maclean, BGG and Tim Stringer, all agreed that the trees should be crown lifted, whilst at the same time all agreeing that they couldn't commit to the trees not causing damage in the future. Resolved to leave trees and manage appropriately. Vote: unanimous.

Quotes were obtained from Wiltshire Woodworking, Richard Cook, Gary Smith and BGG for the Perimeter fence. Resolved for BGG to do this together with Compost heap removal, as the most cost effective option

Quotes were obtained from Wiltshire Woodworking and Richard Cook for repair to Entrance Gate, and it was noted that Eynsham Sawmills the supplier had been asked for a quote but had not provided one. Resolved to award this job to Richard Cook.

Consecration of burial ground, was discussed at the last meeting, the Parish council have now written to families with graves in this section and had replies from most. It was agreed to write again to anyone who

hasn't responded with a due date for response. Posters to be posted at burial ground for the consultation period, once agreement reached for the poster content and image.

GC

Burial ground "Working party" to be managed by Mr Longstaff and Martin Eagle. Likely to be the end of May. Clerk to forward insurers risk assessment email, and speak to insurers to check what insurance covers, re working party. Notices to advise working party in burial ground need to go up for the duration of the working party.

RL

Memorials needing attention, quotes received from: OG, Reeves & Abingdon Stone & Marble Also Shepherds in Henley were willing to do a more professional comprehensive report for £610 Resolved: To go with Shepherds report at the end of May – unanimous. Mr Pearce to initially write to Shepherds and then the Clerk to take this over from Mr Longstaff and progress formalising the instruction.

MP

GC

Grave application procedure, Mr Pearce to forward email from the Rector with a suggested document, Clerk to forward to councillors

MP

Clerk to find out the cost of burials at other burial grounds.

GC

The bench near war memorial, has disappeared. Resolved to replace this. Clerk to get some costs.

GC

44/17 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR MARCH 2017

Receipts	
Investment Income	14.83
Tenancy receipts (Spencer £105, French £87.50)	192.5
Total Receipts	207.33
Payments	
Clerks Salary Mar	418.04
Clerks expenses timber for Signs	18
Churchyard Grass cutting	135
Comet Bus first invoice	100
River Thames Alliance subscription	25
VAT	27
Total Expenditure	723.04

45/17 FUNDING REQUEST – JUNIOR CITIZENS

Resolved to fund this for £50, out of the £250 donation budget. Clerk to advise Melinda

46/17 VALE PLAN PART 2

Chairman and Clerk attended event for Parish Councils (chaired by Matthew Barber and Roger Cox) prior to the launch of the consultation period

Consultation closes 4th May.

Oxford allocation not met in part 1, Vale plan, part 2 has to provide in excess of the 2,000 shortage which have to have deliverable so sensible to target a larger allocation.

Allocated sites are one in Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor - 600 houses frontage on A420, wrapping round to 415 towards Millets, New mini Southmoor bypass proposed

East/West Hanney two sites 80 & 50

Marcham two sites 400 & 120

Dalton Barracks 1,200 over a longer period

Harwell Campus 1,000, West Harwell village 100 and Grove 300

It was advised that if the unitary authority goes ahead, then local plans will stay in place for their duration.

47/17 PLANNING MATTERS/APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications to discuss

48/17 PLAYGROUND

March Inspection carried out by Mrs Woodford – who highlighted a couple of issues:

- Equipment starting to get damaged with bird poo – look at possibility of buying bird deterrent
- Clerk to ask Southmoor parish council how they deal with bird droppings in their park,
- Concrete in front of goal where the ground has eroded is dangerous and needs dealing with
- Nettles. Clerk to speak to parks department about how to deal with these
- The “No dog sign” has been removed and needs replacing

Future inspections

- April M Hodgkins
- May R Longstaff

49/17 ALLOTMENT UPDATE – WENDY WOODFORD

Very busy, still have an issue with 4 plots not being used as they should. Letters to go out to these plot holders

50/17 TRANSPORT UPDATE – LESLEY KINCH

All working very well. Appleton has a Monday bus to Abingdon in addition to the Wednesday

51/17 SPEEDWATCH INITIATIVE

Equipment back in circulation, still issues with the equipment, due back in 3 weeks, will set up a speedwatch if equipment is functioning again

52/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Letters re the consecration of the new burial ground

53/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

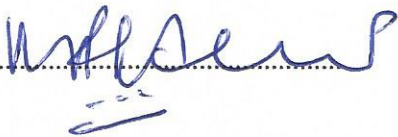
A member of the public advised that Letters have been received from developers asking people to sell land for development

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3rd May in the Village Hall at approx. 7.00 pm, to follow the annual parish meeting at 6pm

The meeting ended at 8.35

Signed.....



Date.....

3.5.2017.