

Longworth Parish Council

MINUTES of EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Held at Longworth Village Hall at 7.30pm on 4th October 2017

PRESENT: Mrs Carlisle (Clerk), Mr. Hodgkins, Mrs Kinch, Mr. Longstaff, Mr. Pearce (Chairman), Ms. Sabathy, Mr. Shaw and 1 member of the public

- 115/17 APOLOGIES** **Action**
Apologies received from Mrs. Woodford
- 116/17 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST**
There were no new declarations of interest
- 117/17 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**
The minutes of the 6th September meeting were put before the Councillors and accepted as being correct and duly signed.
- 118/17 STANDING ORDERS**
It was proposed to insert a further order under the heading of "Disorderly Conduct at meetings" as follows:-
"Behaviour at meetings should always be courteous and respectful and it is expected that such behaviour will extend to all forms of correspondence and communication between councillors outside meetings whilst addressing council business." It was resolved to add this clause **GC**
- 119/17 CHURCHYARD AND BURIAL GROUND**
- Burial Ground Regulations**
Mr Longstaff wanted to make some changes and agreed to circulate document to councillors for review before the next meeting. **RL**
- Consecration update**
The petition to consecrate the western section of the burial ground is now complete. Bishop Colin will attend on 16th October to carry out the consecration ceremony at 12 noon, invitations have been sent out.
- Hedge Trimming and creation on un-consecrated area**
Clerk to follow up quotes and availability for hedge trimming and making good the old compost area, 3 quotes BGG, Kristian Mateus and Lloyds Tree services. If Lloyds can do it by 16th then resolved to go with Lloyds as this was the best solution for the new area. **GC**
- Tombstones, faculty update and selection of Stonemasons**
Following the survey carried out on 16th May by E.T.Sheppards a number of monuments which were considered a health and safety risk were laid flat. A discussion was held about the progress so far: form 4B has been erected in the church, on the church notice board and Village Hall notice board 4th October for the consultation period which will end on 2nd November. Next of kin Letters have been sent out where contact details are known, and the responses have started filtering back. So far responses received for 19 gravestones out of the 39 laid flat, 2 of which are negative. A discussion was held about the various quotes from Abingdon Stone & Marble, Reeves & E.T. Sheppard, It was resolved to engage E.T Sheppards with 1 abstention, (this councillor wanted minuting that he felt that information had been with-held).
It was also resolved to ring-fence the money requested for gravestone repair for future years if not all spent on this process

- Complaint** **GC**
 2 letters of complaint were read out from members of the public. One letter has been replied to already and Clerk to contact this family to discuss their stone, and to get permission to re-erect. It was resolved that Mrs Kinch would write a personal letter on behalf of the councillors and Chairman would write a reply to be sent within next 48 hours to the other
- 120/17 DONATIONS REQUESTED –**
 Richard Wellesley memorial bus it was resolved to donate £100
 Poppy Wreath & donation to British legion agreed £50 in total
 Clerk to check that wreath is ordered
- 121/17 SPEED AWARENESS STICKERS** **GC**
 It was resolved to buy 750 stickers to be issued to each household in the village
- 122/17 CHURCH BENCH**
 It was resolved to get the 1.5m bench
- 123/17 PLANNING MATTERS/APPLICATIONS**
VOWH Plan part 2 update
 Ms Sabathy attended the update meeting in Abingdon with Clerk, the main issue to be highlighted to the Parish council was the proposal to build 600 houses in Fyfield parish, together with a new road linking the A415 and A420 bypassing Kingston Bagpuize village. LPP2 will not over-ride the Longworth neighbourhood plan. Letter received from Julian Mellor Fyfield P.C. circulated re the 600 proposed houses. The review period will start on 11th October. Ms Sabathy proposed to draft an objection letter on behalf of the P.C. for discussion at next meeting.
P17/V2572/HH Construction of single garage, utility room and storage 2 Bow Bank
 No objections to the plans for a garage so long as it will be ancillary to the house, and providing that cannot not developed into a house in future, because this would not be in line with our neighbourhood plan. The Parish Council would like these conditions writing into the planning permission should it be granted.
- 124/17 USE OF PARISH EMAIL LIST**
 It was resolved that this is Solely for Parish council business and not to be used to advertise village events
- 125/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS** **GC**
 Mrs Kinch raised concerns about the Pinewoods road junction, there was a discussion about closing off the middle section to avoid more accidents, It was suggested that a bridge would be the best solution. Clerk to contact Councillor Fitzgerald O’Connor to get her to contact highways to ask the question “How many accidents did there need to be before action was taken” and to notify them that there had been another bad accident.
 Clerk to email Mrs Woodford for an update re the attempted break ins in August
- DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
 1st November 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm
 The meeting ended at 10.25pm

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