

Longworth Parish Council

MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Held at Longworth Village Hall at 7pm on 1st November 2017

PRESENT: Mrs Carlisle (Clerk), Councillor Fitzgerald-O'Connor (CC), Mr. Hodgkins, Mrs Kinch, Mr. Longstaff, Mr. Pearce (Chairman) and Mr. Shaw plus 3 members of the public

- 126/17 APOLOGIES** **Action**
Apologies received from Ms Sabathy and Mrs Woodford
- 127/17 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST**
There were no new declarations of interest
- 128/17 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**
The minutes of the 4th October 2017 meeting were put before the Councillors and accepted as being correct and duly signed.
- 129/17 ANDA FITZGERALD O'Connor – COUNTY COUNCILLOR**
Councillor Fitzgerald gave a general OCC update:
Oxfordshire has won a £6.9m share of Government funding for Science vale for test areas for Driverless cars.
Primary school places can now be applied for online, for children born between 1.9.2013 and 31.8.2014, this can be done by visiting the County Council website.
OCC are launching event to tackle trading illegal tobacco, using sniffer dogs.
The P.C. asked the councillor to speak to Highways about the A420 Pinewoods junction, as another accident occurred on 15th September, the question is “How many deaths do we have to have before something is done about this”
In addition it was mentioned that the PC were objecting to the proposed development of between 600 and 700 houses to the east of the A420/A415 roundabout and to the south of the A420. The Chairman confirmed that he would send Councillor Fitzgerald – O'Connor a copy of “the objection letter” and asked her to provide whatever assistance she could in supporting **MP**
our cause.
- 130/17 ANTHONY HAYWARD – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**
Councillor Hayward was unable to attend
- 131/17 OPEN SESSION**
There were no items in open session
- 132/17 MATTERS ARISING**
Standing orders updated, First draft of Burial Regs drafted by Mr Longstaff and issued to Councillors for review, burial ground hedge trimming complete, Speed awareness stickers ordered.
- 133/17 LONGWORTH ALLOTMENT LAND – POTENTIAL BURYING OF OVERHEAD CABLES**
Resolved to grant permission to bury cables around the footpath at the allotment. SSE to further matters via their Wayleave Officer and will organise notices re closure of footpath, this is likely to happen in 2018.
- 134/17 ACCOUNTS AND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2017**
Audit letter received from BDO our auditors signing off the accounts and finding no areas needing comment. Notice of conclusion of audit was displayed on Parish notice board and village website in accordance with legislation. Councillors noted receipt of the audit letter.

Receipts	
Precept	13,800
Allotment rents	389.50
Investment Income	24.24
Council as landlord Allotment rent	210.00
Comet bus	15.00
Easy Fundraising	32.83
Total Receipts	14471.57
Payments	
Clerks Salary Sept & Oct	875.24
Meeting room rental	105.00
Stationery/postage	35.32
Audit Fee	200.00
Grass Cutting	270.00
Other church expenses legal fees re consecration	350.00
Replacement equip	61.31
Donations RW memorial bus, British legion poppy appeal	150.00
Comet Bus	15.00
Playground inspection	119.00
VAT	-640.08
Total Expenditure	1,540.79

135/17 CHURCHYARD/BURIAL GROUND

The consecration of new burial ground went ahead on 16th October and was well attended. Memorials update, work has started and the first 13 monuments have been repaired and re-erected, The Stonemasons have done an excellent job and the re-erected monuments are looking really good, positive feedback has been received.

The consultation form 4B has been in place for the required 28 days and can now be signed and submitted to the Diocese, who promised that once document was submitted it would be fast-tracked.

Graveyard rules, Mr Longstaff circulated a document for discussion, It was **resolved** to get comments back to Clerk by 15th November.

All

136/17 PLANNING MATTERS/APPLICATIONS

P17/V2804/HH Boundary fence, garden wall and entrance gates: West View Cottage

Resolved no objections

P17/V2813/FUL Demolition of Millers cottage and plans for new 4 bedroom dwelling

Resolved to Fully support, complies to NP

LPP2 – objection letter drafted by Ms, Sabathy and Mr Pearce was discussed, Mrs Kinch asked whether we should be requesting increased busses on routes 66 and 15. It was **Resolved** to submit the letter

137/17 PLAYGROUND

The October playground inspection was carried out by Mr Shaw Issues with algae/mould on some of the equipment which needs cleaning, and there are still maintenance items outstanding from the Rospa inspection, re the football goal and zip wire. Quote has been requested for removing the timber around the zip wire, but is still outstanding.

A Black wheelie bin to be trialled in the playground. To be collected from Tucks Lane, Clerk to organise logistics with neighbours.
November inspection Mr Hodgkins
December inspection Mr Longstaff

138/17 TRANSPORT UPDATE – LESLEY KINCH

Comet bus still running well. Expenditure so far £200, Forecast for the year £400. Budget for £520 for next year.

139/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Reply received re letter sent (minute 119/17)

Letter received from Independent advice centre, **Resolved** to look at this in December

140/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A supporting wheel was suggested re the Church Gate, Mr Longstaff to meet up to discuss this with contractor

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6th December 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm

The meeting ended at 8.11pm

Signed.....

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