

Longworth Parish Council

MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

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

PRESENT: Mrs Carlisle (Clerk), Councillor Fitzgerald-O'Connor (CC), Councillor Hayward (DC), Mr Hodgkins, Mrs Kinch, Mr Longstaff, Mr Pearce (Chairman), Ms Sabathy, Mr Shaw and Mrs Woodford plus 6 members of the public

- 78/17 APOLOGIES** **Action**
Apologies
- 79/17 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST**
Forms issued to councillors, to be submitted to VOWH when requested. There were no new declarations of interest
- 80/17 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**
The minutes of the 3rd May meeting were put before the Councillors and accepted as being correct and duly signed.
- 81/17 ANDA FITZGERALD O'Connor – County Councillor**
Councillor Fitzgerald updated that the recycling centre in Stanford in the Vale is staying open. There is a fund available "The Communities fund" for community use. Requests received before the end of December 2017 will be considered, details and guidance can be found here <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/communities-fund>
The Oxfordshire Minerals and waste strategy 2031 is set to be adopted, following successful inspection. Councillor Fitzgerald was asked to take an initiative to develop Parish Council meetings into the 21st century with use of technology should councillors not be able to attend in person. E.g. conference calls, skype, Face time etc...
- 82/17 ANTHONY HAYWARD – District Councillor**
The Chief executive David Hills has resigned, Mark Stone is acting C.E until a replacement becomes available.
Grants available for agricultural purposes, £75k available, information for other grants available can be found on the Vale of White Horse website.
New initiative launched "Planning champions" the intention of this is to train to a level to better deal with planning applications.
- 83/17 OPEN SESSION** **GC**
Verges along full length of the Appleton/Hinton Roads, and junction of Pinewoods, need cutting back, Clerk to report via Fix my street
- 84/17 MATTERS ARISING** **GC**
Clerk investigated adding hit rates to the village website and was advised there would be a cost to adding this. This has not been taken further.
Churchyard bench, has been put on hold until we can quantify how much the graveyard repairs are going to cost.
Clerk to contact land owner re the footpath around the back of the school, and ask for the path to be made safe
- 85/17 REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RISK ASSESSMENT**
Risk assessment updated following visit and professional advice from E.T Sheppards. It was resolved to adopt the Risk assessment
- 86/17 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS APRIL – JUNE 2017**

Receipts	
Investment Income (16.42, 15.36, 12.32)	44.1

Comet bus receipts	30.25
VOWH Precept	13865.00
Grave	200.00
Gravestone	300.00
Total Receipts	14439.35
Payments	
Clerks Salary (April, May, June)	1312.86
Internal audit	60.00
Donation junior citizens	50.00
"No dogs" signs	31.57
Church gate repair	55.00
E T Sheppard Gravestone report	610.00
Abingdon Stone and Marble deposit on Tomb repair	290.00
Grass cutting	405
Compost area removal and fence repair BGG	325
Footpath clearing	750.00
Web Hosting Fee (May 2017 – May 2019)	142.8
VAT	371.87
Total Expenditure	4404.10

87/17

NAG UPDATE

Mr Hodgkins updated that there had been a meeting on 25th May in Southmoor village hall, the main topic of discussion was a youth engagement day for 11-16 year olds at Mill Farm Stanford 17th Sept. Theme of the day - community safety. Activities: A football match, Tug of war, go karts climbing walls etc.. Trying to bridge a gap between police and youngsters. To be advertised at schools and youth clubs. Speedwatch usual problems with the machines.

Next meeting 24th August will be attended by Mrs Woodford

88/17

CHURCHYARD/BURIAL GROUND

Mr Longstaff updated that emails had been sent for available dates for Working party in July. list of working party members to be sent to Clerk. Stones uncovered, have been damaged by strimmer marks, Mr Longstaff to provide photographs for evidence.

RL

Chairman updated following the agreement to progress the report from ET Sheppard, who would test all memorials and lay flat any memorials considered to be a public risk, this was carried out on 16th May, as a result 36 memorials were laid flat, awaiting repair. Notices were erected on 19th May advising what had happened and why the stones had been taken down. Chairman was advised by the Rector a number of complaints had been received about the monuments, the names of the complainants have been requested, to add to the log of queries.

The faculty for the damaged table tomb was applied for and accelerated, order now placed for work to be done mid July.

Darren Oliver from the diocese inspected the churchyard recently and advised that the memorial work needs a faculty, this will cost approx. £300. Chairman to meet with Rector on Tuesday 11th July, following on from the meeting re the monuments.

MP

It was resolved to fund the re-erection of the tombstone (unanimous vote), also Resolved to fund to the level of precept this year.

Note to be erected to explain what happens next.

GC

Mr Pearce updated that the PC need to apply to Consecrate the final part of burial ground, awaiting details from Rector.

It was agreed to move one green recycling bin to the playground, metal bins to be removed

A tap was requested in the burial ground by a parishioner, Clerk to speak to PCC

GC

Clerk has issued rules and regulations, councillors to feed back

ALL

Mr Longstaff and Mrs Kinch to draft Grave rules

RL/LK

- 89/17 PLANNING MATTERS/APPLICATIONS**
P17/V1595/FUL Variation of condition 6-Landscaping (on application P15/V0944/FUL) Rose Ridge Tucks Lane Longworth Abingdon OX13 5ET. It was resolved that the restrictions should be upheld for the buffer strip, the restriction was put in for a good reason. Chairman to draft response and Clerk to submit to VOWH planning **MP/GC**
- P17/V1569/AG Portal frame grain Store (comments were due by 23rd June) P17/V1163/PAR Barn 1 Woodland farm, Appleton Road (permitted development no comments required) It was updated that Highways have not visited the site, Mr Longstaff to investigate why Road splays have not been considered.
- 90/17 PLAYGROUND**
May inspection carried out by Mrs Woodford commented that the concrete slab trip hazard in front of the goal was dangerous and needed digging up, June by Ms Sabathy – sign at entrance needs replacing. Overall the playground is in good shape. **GC**
It was agreed to see whether Rospa advised to remove the concrete slab before getting quotes
Resolved to get a price for pigeon scarers
July Inspection Mrs Kinch, August Mr Shaw
- 91/17 ALLOTMENT UPDATE – WENDY WOODFORD**
4 Official notices have been served, followed by 1 termination letter. It was resolved to let the school/preschool have a plot free. Previous Leak to the Northern allotment field, being observed
- 92/17 TRANSPORT UPDATE – LESLEY KINCH**
Bank account now set up for the comet bus, all running smoothly. Clerk to transfer money received to date £119 to this account **GC**
- 93/17 SPEEDWATCH INITIATIVE**
The equipment has continued to be faulty. One session planned for the end of July.
- 94/17 TRANSPARENCY GRANT**
It was resolved over email during June to apply for the transparency Grant, to buy equipment necessary to comply with the Transparency code requirements. Notification received that our application was successful. Clerk to source PC, Scanner and software. Money expected mid July
- 95/17 TOOLS FOR WORKING PARTY AT THE CHURCHYARD**
It was resolved to refund the cost to Mr Longstaff for replacement tools, after his tools were damaged at the Churchyard working party
- 96/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**
1 consecration query, 2 queries re memorials in the churchyard, 2 complaints re flower vase damage, query about churchyard flower waste, request for Fixed Asset breakdown from the auditors, 4 complaints about the height of the fence alongside the Village Hall, Clerk to report to Planning Enforcement.
- 97/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
Program on defibrillators, to be added to the next meeting, information already received to be forwarded to Mr Longstaff **GC**
Drones have been sighted over the village, clerk to investigate legal restrictions, speak to P.C. Robert Maris, and add to next agenda **GC**
DATE OF NEXT MEETING
6th September 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm

The meeting ended at 9pm

Signed.....

Date.....