

# Longworth Parish Council

## MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Held at Longworth Village Hall at 7pm on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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

- 98/17 APOLOGIES** **Action**  
Apologies received from Councillor Hayward (DC)
- 99/17 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST**  
There were no new declarations of interest
- 100/17 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**  
The minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> July meeting were put before the Councillors and accepted as being correct and duly signed.
- 101/17 ANDA FITZGERALD O'Connor – County Councillor**  
Councillor Fitzgerald O'Connor advised that recycling centres are going to start charging for certain items of non-household waste, £1.50 for most items, with a premium for plaster and car tyres, Clerk to send poster to the village email and load to village website. This small charge will help to enable the recycling sites to stay open, the councillor offered to be the contact for fly-tipping, occurring as a result of the new policy. **GC**  
The councillor updated that she had attended a briefing about the Oxford-Cambridge expressway.  
Small grants as discussed at the July meeting are still available for projects in the village, to be applied for asap.  
Planning permission approved for more houses at Didcot.  
From 1<sup>st</sup> October O.C.C. are replacing "Health, Wellbeing and Learning disability daytime support services" with a new "Community Support service" which will be delivered from 8 centres: Abingdon, Banbury, Bicester, Didcot, Oxford, Wallingford and Witney. Further information is available at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2017/mar/changes-daytime-support> transitional grants have been awarded to existing service providers.  
At the last meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July the Councillor was asked to investigate with OALC how the rules governing the attendance of Councillors to their meetings can be updated to utilize modern-day technology. The update provided was not satisfactory and the Councillor was asked to investigate further and to provide contact details of the supervisors and management of that body so the LPC could follow up directly with this request.
- 102/17 OPEN SESSION** **GC**  
A member of the public asked about the footpath by the school, clerk advised that an email had been sent to the fence owner, Clerk to send letter by signed for mail and if no response to the letter to be reported to OCC (Footpath warden to provide contact details)
- 103/17 MATTERS ARISING**  
churchyard bench is on hold until other graveyard work is completed. Tap in new burial ground, not to be provided. Grant received to purchase LPC Computer, software and scanner to enable the P.C. to comply with the new Transparency code. Graveyard working party members, list still needed

**GC**

Green recycling bins removed from church. The Waste Team have monitored Tucks Lane and advised that they don't feel a dog waste bin necessary

**104/17 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS JULY - AUGUST 2017**

<b>Receipts</b>	
Investment Income (11.92, 12.32)	24.24
Comet bus receipts	73.50
Grave	200.00
Gravestone	300.00
Transparency Grant	519.97
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>1,117.71</b>
<b>Payments</b>	
Clerks Salary (July, August)	875.24
Transparency Grant expenditure Computer, software and scanner	517.88
Stationery	187.55
Annual Parish Insurance	871.51
Tree maintenance Burial Ground	600.00
Abingdon Stone and Marble deposit on Tomb repair	290.00
Grass cutting	405.00
Footpath clearing	550.00
Comet Bus payments	267.50
VAT	311.33
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>4,876.01</b>

**105/17 NAG UPDATE**

Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> August attended by Mrs Woodford. The police updated that 2 prosecutions were made following thefts from cars in beauty spots, one sentenced to 8 months in prison and one banned from National Trust land. It is now Hare coursing season, ring TVP if seen. Asked if spate of break-ins, there was no further information about the attempted break-ins in Longworth on 21<sup>st</sup> August. The Police & youth fun day has been put on hold. There is a new Gypsy and Traveller officer, who can attend P.C meetings, for Parishes wanting to know more.

**106/17 CHURCHYARD/BURIAL GROUND**

Following monument testing carried out by Stonemasons, ET Sheppard on 16<sup>th</sup> May (to test and make safe the graveyard and subsequent laying flat of dangerous memorials), the Parish Council now need to apply to the diocese for a faculty to re-erect these monuments. An interim faculty was received on 6<sup>th</sup> September. There are 38 stones affected, 31 in the churchyard, and 7 in the burial ground. 9 of 31 are known, Families have to be consulted where known, notice to be displayed in church and on noticeboard. The diocese are being strict with their rules, but have granted an interim faculty to enable us to move forward with this. Maintenance, Mr Longstaff has been doing clearing work, BGG was also there clearing. We have issues with damage to gravestones. Mr Longstaff to put a brief together for alternative provision.

Consecration of new burial ground is progressing, letter received from the diocese on 6<sup>th</sup> September Mr Pearce to write to the landowners at the Manor re the water pipes to answer this letter, and Clerk to pull together other requested items.

Graveyard rules, Mr Longstaff and Mrs Kinch met to create new graveyard rules. Clerk to work through their suggestions to create a document for discussion.

**MP**

**GC**

## **107/17 PLANNING MATTERS/APPLICATIONS**

**P17/V1699/HH** Rose Ridge, Tucks Lane - erection of log store and tool store between the house and northern boundary fence at the rear of property **PLANNING GRANTED**

**P17/V1893/HH** Rose Ridge, Tucks Lane - erection of single conservatory – No objections

**P17/V1993/HH** Grandmother Willow, Harris's Lane – single storey side extension, front bay window, and pitched roof – No objection

**P17/V2030/FUL** Drove and Heath Barns, Frilford Farms, Hinton Road – to build 2 new car garages, to include alteration of the curtilage for Heath Barn – No objection

**P17/V2036/PAR** Barn 2 Woodland Farm, Change of use to dwelling house – permitted development

**P17/V2145/FUL** 1 Harris's Lane – New Dwelling within the curtilage of 1HL – over-development, does not comply with NP, garden location, no road frontage, not suitable style & shape, in curtilage. Unanimous objection

**P17/V2291/HH** 9 Bow Bank – Double storey rear extension to replace conservatory – No objections.

Mrs Woodford attended the Parish Partners meeting, Clerk to attend next one on 28<sup>th</sup> September as it was thought this would be more useful

## **108/17 PLAYGROUND**

The playground inspection was carried out by a Rospa inspector on 3<sup>rd</sup> August and forwarded to councillors when received. The report was excellent, clerk has discussed the 4 items needing attention with the inspector. items needing attention:

- Nettles near & wooden structure around cable rider, agreed with inspector to remove the wooden structure and bark and fit the rubber matting and grass seed, this will enable the area under zip wire to be cut along with the rest of the grass and will keep the nettles down.
- Monkey bars, build up are underneath and fit additional rubber matting and turf
- Exposed concrete near goal build up surface with earth and re-seed, to be fenced off whilst seed establishing.
- Telescope missing from multi-play, agreed no need to replace this

## **109/17 ALLOTMENT UPDATE – WENDY WOODFORD**

2017 Allotment rents received net £389.50 (Rents 344.5, net deposits £45).

Email has been sent to plot holders reminding of rules.

There is now only 1 large plot left which could be split.

SEB, are coming to take down and treat tree stumps at the edge of the allotment on Friday.

Mrs Woodford to provide reading of water meter. Northern Allotment running well.

## **110/17 TRANSPORT UPDATE – LESLEY KINCH**

Comet bus is running well. A grant has been requested for the Richard Wellesley memorial bus to go on November agenda for funding

## **111/17 SPEEDWATCH INITIATIVE**

No speed watch now until after Christmas

## **112/17 DRONES**

Clerk contacted TYP, response sent to village email. Drone misuse to be reported to Police not LPC

## **113/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Contact details for 1 gravestone. Response from TVP re drones

Request for funding from victims of abuse, request for funding for Richard Wellesley memorial minibus. Objection to planning of 1 Harris Lane

Governance – Longworth Boundaries this is progressing

Local plan briefing session

Defib – Mr Longstaff has done some investigative work, and will hand over to Anita Evans  
Consultation on Revised Section 106 Planning Obligations

**114/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Matthew Barber email funding, to be forwarded to Village Hall Management Committee

Antisocial behaviour – There were 3 Attempted break-ins in the village on 21<sup>st</sup> August, Police to be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to feedback on the incidents. WW to speak to

Nag contact (name to be advised)

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm

The meeting ended at 9.02pm

Signed.....

Date.....