

Longworth Parish Council

MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Held at Longworth Village Hall at 7 pm on 18th January 2017

PRESENT: Mrs Carlisle (Clerk), Mr Hodgkins, Mrs Kinch, Mr Pearce (Chairman), Ms Sabathy (by phone link), Mr Shaw and Mrs Woodford plus 6 members of the public

1/17 APOLOGIES Action

Apologies were received from Mr Longstaff

2/17 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

No new declarations of interest

3/17 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the 7th December meeting were put before the Councillors and accepted as being correct and duly signed.

4/17 MELINDA TILLEY

OCC "ONE OXFORDSHIRE" unitary bid going live 19th January, comments needed by beginning of March. The proposal is a new entity and all councils will be abolished if it goes through.

Request for donation to Junior Citizens Trust, Melinda to send through details for discussion at next PC meeting.

Melinda advised that she will be standing down, replacement candidate is Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor who has previously been a councillor for 16 years

Melinda will report A420 potholes on Northbound carriageway between Pusey turning and Longworth

5/17 ANTHONY HAYWARD

The Local plan part 1 has been adopted this is now a legal document. Part 2 document now being worked on. Part 2 requires another 4.5k houses, partially to meet Oxfor's unmet housing need, plus 400 which was taken out of part 1. Sites being asked for and will be communicated shortly.

600 houses on the edge of Kingston Bagpuize being vigorously promoted, including a shop and a new roundabout, this is in addition to the 280 allocated existing development (880 in total in that area)

Community grant might be available towards the comet bus Clerk to contact Vale Grants team to find out about this and when the application period is.

6/17 OPEN SESSION

There were no matters raised

7/17 MATTERS ARISING

The new dog waste bin is going to be sited on Church Lane between the Rectory and the Church on the public footpath sign, this is imminent.

Clerk to investigate what other councils do about emptying their Playground bins and the cost of this.

8/17 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017

Receipts	
Playground grant balance	3000
Investment Income	16
VAT Refund	3336
Refund of account held for Barrister costs re cancelled Sec of State enquiry	1420
Comet bus contribution	10
Graveyard receipts	200

Total Receipts	7,981
Payments	
Clerks Salary Jan	408
Postage	2
Poppy Appeal	67
Kingsmoor Community Club donation	100
Cable ties for Playground (from Grant)	208
Legal costs to Barrister	900
SLCC Subscription	93
Total Expenditure	1,778

Pledges from villagers less the legal costs incurred for Potting Shed appeal returned to donors, unless directed to keep as a contingency (£460 retained in earmarked fund).

9/17 BUDGET 2017/18

Forecast 2016/17 and Budget 2017/18 papers were issued to councillors with the meeting paperwork for digestion before the meeting. Councillors Voted unanimously to agree the budget as presented and it was resolved to request Precept of £27,600 from Vale of White Horse District Council

10/17 PLANNING MATTERS/APPLICATIONS

New Applications

P16/V3053/FUL Northfield Orchard Farm, Witney Road, Longworth

Change of use from agricultural to commercial B2 car servicing, repair and MOT testing
(response due 20th January)

Votes: All in favour

P16/V3101/FUL Greenacres, 1 Green Lane, Longworth

Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new property with attached double garage

Votes: – all in favour, response to mention that the Asbestos in current building to be dealt with in accordance with relevant legislation

11/17 PLAYGROUND

- December inspection was carried out by Mrs Kinch, in January
- Project completed, remainder of grant received
- January inspection to be done by Mr Shaw

12/17 CHURCHYARD AND BURIAL GROUND – ROBERT LONGSTAFF/MICHAEL PEARCE

Mr Pearce met with Ben from BGG following the last meeting.

Meeting between Clerk, Mr Longstaff and Mr Pearce to discuss requirements for 2017, Mr Longstaff drafted Terms of reference.

Mr Pearce & Clerk met with BGG on 6th Jan to discuss requirements for 2017, this was a very positive meeting.

Meeting scheduled for the end of the month between PCC, PC and Rector to discuss how the graveyard should be kept, PCC need to advise how to move forward. Choices are as now or Meadow option.

Decision from meeting will come to next PC meeting for ratification.

Running in parallel to the above is the faculty which we need to apply for to deal with the repair work which needs to be done. Including the Oak Tree in South corner this is progressing.

There is an Issue with the gates at the entrance to the churchyard which don't shut.

13/17 ALLOTMENT UPDATE – WENDY WOODFORD

Two people have given up plots, and one new plot taken up

Tony Craddock, advised February to deal with trees/saplings

14/17 TRANSPORT UPDATE – LESLEY KINCH

Donations can now be accepted for the comet bus, donations can be dropped at Hinton post office, Appleton shop or Rosedene. A Bus users group may need to be set up (advice from OALC) The comet bus project team are meeting next week.

15/17 SPEEDWATCH INITIATIVE

The next session scheduled for 2 weeks time. Volunteers requested

16/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

No correspondence was received

17/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Hodgkins reported that motorbikes are causing a nuisance on the bridleway at common lane, up the sides of the farm fields and over Harrowdown Hill. It is thought that the bikes came through Sudbury farm. Mr Hodgkins to speak to his contacts in the police about this issue.

Footpath between Longworth and Southmoor very muddy Clerk to report via "Fix my street"

A member of the public complained about mud on Tucks Lane – Clerk to report via "Fix my street"

Mrs Kinch requested that the Trees in nursery site which are growing across road be reported again via "Fix my street".

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

22nd February in the Village Hall at 6.00 pm

The meeting ended at 7.55 pm

Signed.....

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