

# Longworth Parish Council

## MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Held at Longworth Village Hall at 7pm on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018

**PRESENT:** Mrs Carlisle (Clerk), Mr. Hodgkins, Mrs Kinch , Ms Sabathy, Mr. Shaw and Mrs Woodford plus 19 members of the public

**30/18 APOLOGIES Action**

Mr Longstaff due to a long-standing commitment

**31/18 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

It was **Resolved** to Co-opt Mr. Parnell at the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February (minute ref 16/18). Sadly he was unable to make the meeting this is deferred to the next meeting.

**32/18 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**33/18 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 meeting were put before the Councillors and accepted as being correct and duly signed.

**34/18 COUNCILLOR FITZGERALD-O'CONNOR – COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Fitzgerald-O'Connor advised that there had been £15k allotted in the budget for small projects available to bid for from April, the County Council budget has been significantly increased to cover children and adult services and the new county library open in the Westgate Centre in Oxford.

Plastic pollution [www.recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk) - seeking views on increasing recycling – Clerk to put on village website once forthcoming report from OCC is received

Rodney Rose Deputy leader of County Council has died. GC

Secondary school places have now been allocated 98% got first choice.

Consultation major road networks including A420 – M40 A34 to be shared once forthcoming report from OCC is received

Live well Oxfordshire – new website [Oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell](http://Oxfordshire.gov.uk/livewell) – financial advice re nursing homes, care - Clerk to put on village website GC

**35/18 ANTHONY HAYWARD – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Mr Hayward did not attend the meeting

**36/18 OPEN SESSION**

Reports of increased dog mess down Tucks Lane this is now really bad, Clerk has repeatedly put a notice in seven voices and emailed the village email list to ask people to pick up after their dogs and also requested a waste bin for the bottom of Tucks Lane which was refused. A member of the public offered to put up signs on Tucks Lane. Clerk to provide Laminated signs GC

**37/18 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

**38/18 PC ATTENDANCE RULES**

Chairman was advised to contact local MP and had emailed Ed Vaizey, he has responded to say he will check with the Cabinet Office. SS

**39/18 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AND SMALLER AUTHORITY AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FEBRURY & MARCH 2018**

<b>Receipts</b>	
Investment Income	31.25
Graveyard receipts	400.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>431.25</b>

<b>Payments</b>	
Clerks Salary Feb & March (to be paid)	875.24
Pension	12.26
Help 4 Villages donation	50.00
OALC subscription (to be paid)	112.55
OALC Training (to be paid)	80.00
River Thames alliance Subscription (to be paid)	50.00
VAT (to be paid)	38.51
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1218.56</b>

### SMALLER AUTHORITY AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS

Clerk advised that Moore Stephens had been appointed as new auditors for Oxfordshire, and that there will be some changes to the Annual Governance and Accountability return form (AGAR). In this the first year, all councils who submit section 3, will also be required to submit their internal audit report, in subsequent years only one part of the form will need to be returned to the auditors. More info to follow by the end of March.

#### 40/18 ALLOTMENT UPDATE

3 allotments available, clerk to put advert in Mays seven voices as the deadline for April was 19<sup>th</sup> March .

New No Dogs sign needed for the top path at the allotment. **Resolved** to buy new sign

GC

#### 41/18 LAWSUIT LETTER FROM COUNCILLOR HARVEY

An email was sent to all Parish Councils from Councillor Harvey (Ledbury Town Council) advising that District Monitoring Officers have adopted guidance drafted by Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils concerning Dispute Resolution for Parish & Town Councils.. This guidance endorses a view that Councillor conduct can be judged and sanctioned locally by their own parish councillor colleagues, thereby circumventing the requirement of the Localism Act 2011 that all complaints made against councillors should be determined according to the Standards and Code of Conduct process of the senior authority. This communication also asked for funding from Parish Councils to help with the £75,000 cost of fighting the judicial review. OALC very quickly responded advising that Parish Councils do not have the authority to spend money on this and gave a link for the case. [http://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/Judicial\\_Review.aspx](http://www.ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk/Judicial_Review.aspx)

#### 42/18 RIVER THAMES ALLIANCE FUDING

Subscription due for renewal, **Resolved** to pay subscription of £50

#### 43/18 CHURCHYARD/BURIAL GROUND

##### Faculty update

The Faculty for repairing the laid flat monuments was approved and received back during March, there is a 6 month period to complete the work, which is scheduled to start week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> May - Sign to be erected & email, and letter written to Next of kin.

GC

There is a collapsed tomb in the old churchyard, this is currently taped off and the hole covered by a pallet, the Parish Council will need to apply for a faculty for repair.

GC

The Rector has requested a notice for gate to warn people to take care over uneven ground and graves and warning of possible subsidence around older graves and tombstones -Clerk to speak to Church Warden re the sign and draft something.

GC

Rector has requested that the tape be removed for the 2 weddings booked. **Resolved** The tape has to stay in place permanently until the hole is fixed for health and safety reasons, Clerk to respond to Rector and Church warden. Clerk to contact diocese to ask for help.

GC

##### Graveyard rules document update –

Burial Ground rules and regulations. It was advised that the burial ground must comply with diocesan regulations. Clerk has prepared a draft of new burial regulations for councillors to comment on

**Resolved:** Council to review draft and feedback by email.

All work at Graveyard now complete, Entrance gate repaired and a wheel fitted, Burial ground gate and fence repaired and Un-consecrated section is now fenced off.

**44/18 PLANNING MATTERS/APPLICATIONS**

Submission of Local plan 2031 part 2 to secretary of state. Clerk & Chairman previously attended LPP2 meeting, A letter was sent to object to the proposal to build 600 houses in Fyfield Parish, and also to object to the proposed by pass as it was not technically a bypass.

**P18/V0318/FUL:** Junction of A420/A415 Broadcayst Oxford OX13 5HZ The installation of a 12m monopole

No comments

**P18/V0505/FUL** West View Cottage Church Lane Longworth ABINGDON OX13 5DX Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of Planning Permission P16/V2801/FUL

**Resolved** to support

**Planning decisions**

**Planning refused**

P17/V2145/FUL New Dwelling within the curtilage of 1 Harris's lane –

**Planning granted**

P18/V0006/LB Demolition of existing outbuilding Millers Cottage High Street

P17/V2813/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of proposed new 4-bed dwelling with associated landscaping Millers Cottage High Street

**45/18 PLAYGROUND**

Mr Shaw carried out the February inspection, the playground was in reasonable condition, dirty in places no new issues raised, the concrete at the football goal still needs dealing with.

March inspection Mrs Kinch, April inspection Clerk.

**46/18 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN ND POSSIBLE GRANT FUNDING**

Jonah Maddocks – emergency planning officer contacted the PC in February and also visited Longworth. He has offered to do a presentation either 15 mins at a PC meeting or approx 30 mins at a standalone village meeting. He has provided a template, what do the PC think about this, and would they like to invite Jonah to do a presentation?

Find out dates when we could do between now and 9<sup>th</sup> May

**47/18 OXFORD FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2018/19**

OCC Fire & Rescue service looking for views on their 2018/19 plan, there is an online questionnaire. Email to village email list and put on village website

**GC**

**48/18 OXFORDSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN:**

Chairman has written an email re the Minerals and waste local plan. No shortlist of sites has been determined currently, they will be consulting again in the summer on the issues and options for the plan. This will allow interested parties to make representations on the site options and the way they are assessed.

**49/18 OXFORD – CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY**

**SS**

Helen Marshall Director of CPRE Oxfordshire (campaign to protect rural England) emailed to advise there has been no full public consultation on the plans for this road and questioned whether an Expressway is needed given the intention to accelerate delivery of the East West railway linking Oxford and Cambridge. It is thought that there are currently two route options and the routes proposed are:

To upgrade the existing A34/M40/A421 roads to expressway standard.

To build a completely new Expressway leaving the A34 and heading East, somewhere between Didcot and Kennington, before turning towards Thame and Aylesbury. This would be a totally new road through open countryside that is largely Green Belt.

CPRE have requested as many PC's as possible to write to their MP's to request a public enquiry. **Resolved** Chairman to write to Ed Vaizey.

**50/18 DEFIBRILLATOR**

**GC**

Clerk has spoken to Village Hall Committee, who have confirmed that they would be happy to take his on as a joint project from end of April, and also to share the cost of the project, a member of the Village Hall Committee has committed to picking this up after April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Clerk to speak to Mr Longstaff to get the work he had done on this

**51/18 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- Complaint received about dog mess, and the churning up of footpaths by Horses and Bikes – in particular over Harrowdown Hill. A member of the public volunteered to send information on land ownership to Clerk.
- Vale cabinet approves safeguards in growth deal, reduction to 3 year housing supply
- Housing development letter for 3 houses in Paddock to West of Haugh House and one house to East of Haugh House received by email from Church lane resident
- Concerns re flooding issues with foul sewerage if planning in Church Lane to go ahead

**SS**

**52/18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in the Village Hall at 6:30pm

The meeting ended at 8:30

Signed.....

Date.....