

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2017 in the Village Hall

Present:

Charles Mathew	(CM)	Chairman
Graham Dixon-Brown	(GDB)	Councillor
Jose Eaton	(JE)	Councillor
Joe Deane	(JD)	Councillor
Colin Wells	(CW)	Councillor
Trudi Gasser	(TG)	Parish Clerk

In Attendance: 6 Members of the public

MIN REF	ITEM	ACTION AGREED
17/083	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Matthew Judson (MJ) Councillor - Vice Chairman Steve Good (SG) WODC District Councillor Hilary Fenton (HF) WODC District Councillor	
17/084	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM owns property near the Leys, the Green and the School 	
17/085	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 5th JUNE 2017	
	The Minutes were approved for publication.	
	No Matters Arising	
17/086	REPORTS FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS	
	DISTRICT: No Councillors present at the meeting.	
	COUNTY: CM confirmed the current issues with road closures with no notification. A separate Unitary Paper is being compiled by Cherwell, West Oxon and Oxford CC.	
17/087	PLANNING	
	Current Applications: 17/01656 – No Objections. Access to the site must be via haul road, rather than via Main Road. No contractor vehicles to be parked on Blackditch. 16/03627/OUT – PC comments were circulated for approval. CM proposed the comments were submitted to WODC, GDB seconded. JD abstained from the PC's comments. TG to submit comments. CM confirmed that there would be no opportunity to discuss Butts Piece at the Local Plan Hearing.	

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	<p>30 MPH EXTENSION ON BLACKDITCH: No issues with the proposal, JE Proposed it be accepted, GDB seconded.</p> <p>WODC LOCAL PLAN: 2nd session to commence on 11th July.</p> <p>ATENDANCE OF ERM AT LOCAL PLAN HEARING: GDB proposed that the cost of ERM to attend the hearing be accepted, JE seconded. It was resolved that ERM should attend the hearing on behalf of the PC to support the report and answer any technical questions arising.</p> <p>106 PAYMENT PROJECTS: The PC discussed proposed projects for 106 funding. The following projects were proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurfacing of the Village Hall Car Park • Sutton by-pass • School Parking • Stocks refurb • Restoration of Pope Memorial • Cycle path to Eynsham • Traffic calming measures • Pelican crossing on Main Road <p>TG to circulate list to all for comment and publish on website when agreed.</p>	
17/088	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was resolved to close the meeting to take questions (see appendix). 2. It was resolved to reconvene the meeting. 	
17/089	VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK	
	<p>Members of the committee attended the Meeting to discuss and progress the resurfacing of the car park. Confirming that they wanted to find a way forward and expressed a willingness to contribute funds. It was suggested that the biggest factor in the wear and tear of the car park is the users of the shop and that the rent paid for the shop doesn't cover the cost associated with running the shop.</p> <p>It was made clear that the PC does not own the Village Hall but holds it in Trust for the VH Trustees.</p> <p>CM did not confirm that the Car Park belongs to the PC: he accepted that there was documentary evidence of ownership.</p> <p>CW submitted a proposal:</p> <p>"The Parish Council recognise that as registered landowners of the Community Asset comprising the Village Hall, the adjoining playground</p>	

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	<p>and garden, and the Car Park, it is ultimately responsible for the upkeep (and when necessary the improvement) of this Asset to meet the needs of the Community.</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, this does not affect the Village Hall Committee's responsibility for managing the Hall and using income as originally set out by the Charity Commissioners in a Deed of Grant dated 27 November 1926 and sealed on 23 October 1953."</p> <p>JD proposed, CW seconded. The PC voted 2 in favour, 3 against the proposal.</p> <p>GDB expressed a view that the Village Hall committee should have some input into the maintenance of the car park.</p> <p>CM stated that extreme propositions aren't the way forward. The preference is for 106 funds to be used to fund a long term fix. We are 4-5 weeks off a decision re Butts Piece, at which point the PC would consider borrowing funds to complete the work until 106 is paid.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the cost of a long term repair would be a maximum of £20k. CW to obtain a third quotation for the part-Tarmac/part shingle scheme.</p> <p>CM pointed out that this is not a precedent, and that each request should be considered separately.</p>	
17/090	REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS	
MJ	Not present.	
JD	Nothing to report.	
GDB	Nothing to report.	
CW	Nothing to report.	
JE	Expressed praise to Mick Hill for his outstanding work on the Cemetery	
CM	CM confirmed that the PC is indebted to Martin Roberts for his diligent weeding of the hedge on the village green – stunning job.	
17/091	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
	Cheques were circulated for signature.	
17/092	CORRESPONDENCE	
	An OCC Grass Cutting Agreement had been received – TG to circulate to all for review – CM & GDB to sign once agreed.	

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17/093	OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)	
	The budget review process will begin at the next meeting.	
	NEXT MEETING	
	The next Ordinary Meeting 4 th September 2-17.	

Signed

Date

APPENDIX TO MINUTES: PUBLIC SESSION NOTES

PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITH SHOPS

It was questioned whether the first application to be granted with a shop result in the other applications being amended?

CM responded that this was unknown – as we are currently unaware what each shop is intended for.

It was reported that the current postmaster is in support of the Greensleeves proposed shop.

Support was expressed by a member of the public for a shop at Greensleeves only.

An opinion was voiced that we should let all the shops go ahead, it was a commercial matter.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

It was questioned what the National criteria is for a pedestrian crossing.

CM confirmed that OCC will look at the scenario and express an opinion.

BUTTS PIECE PLANNING APPLICATION

Concern was expressed regarding the gas from the landfill on the Butts Piece site.

GREENSLEEVES PLANNING APPLICATION

What was the PC's decision on the application?

CM confirmed that the PC did not agree – on balance the PC were in favour with some concerns.

THE LEYS FOOTPATH

It was reported that low hanging branches are causing an obstruction on the footpath.