

AMENDED

Brief Notes of Informal meeting of MPC Councillors: 19 December 2016

Present: Cllrs Alderman (KA), Woolford (AF), Sexton (DS), Aylmer (BA) & the Clerk (RD)

The Chairman was understood to be unwell.

Matters Discussed:

- (a) The Parish Clerk Vacancy:** RD reported that 2 applications had been received (neither of whom have local government experience). A CV had been also been received from Ms Susan Turner, who is Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to Newnham and Mapledurham & Nately Parish Councils. In view of the now more imminent departure of the current Clerk, the consensus was that MPC should seek to employ Ms Turner.

Action: Clerk to speak to The Chairman and invite Ms Turner to attend the January MPC meeting.

- (b) Glebe Wood Legal Documents:** KA sought confirmation that the signed copies of the Glebe Wood documents had been returned to the Woodland Trust not “the solicitors” as indicated in the draft November minutes. RD confirmed that was correct and undertook to amend the minutes (Now done).

- (c) Map Board Staining etc:** copies of quotations for this work were circulated and it was agreed that RD should raise a purchase order on Simon Wells for his quote for 3 coats of preservative/stain to the legs and frames of the 5 signs which require it.

- (d) Refurbishment/relocation of the Telephone Box:** it was agreed that:

(i) AK would advise the residents /working party that there is no electricity and confirm their proposals for its removal to a resident’s property for refurbishment and subsequent relocation to its ultimate resting place at Hound Green. (There was some discussion as to the method of removal – whether by a local farmer etc or by more “formal” mean).

(ii) BA would prepare risk assessments etc based on the above

(iii) RD would check with insurers regarding public liability for this work, in particular its removal.

- (e) Lengthsman Scheme:**

It was agreed:

(i) that MPC should join the Newnham cluster of the Lengthsman scheme and that the Lead and Associate Parish Agreement be signed by the Clerk & Cllr Alderman

(ii) The Clerk would return the form asap. It will be delivered by hand this pm.

- (f) Mole Infestation:**

BA reported that Rotherwick have employed a very good mole catcher and it was suggested that MPC use him. RD undertook to ascertain whether JH had asked the one who initially cleared Hound Green to come back again – to avoid duplication.