

GREAT COXWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Great Coxwell Parish Council held
In the Parish Reading Room on Monday 14th Dec 2015 at 7:30pm**

1 Attending: Annabelle Zinovieff (Chair), Amanda Burns, Lauren Gale, Richard May, Jo King (Parish Clerk), Ian Mason (RFO), Judith Heathcoat (C/Cllr)

Number of Parishioners: 3

Apologies William Selby-Lowndes, Elaine Ware (D/Cllr), Simon Howell (D/Cllr)

2. Declaration of Interest,

None

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 09th Nov 2015

Amendment to precept, please see financial minutes for details.

4. Planning Applications

a. The Steeds– P13/V1102/O

ANZ and RM attended planning meeting at Wantage. The Steeds gained outline planning permission.

Discussed that the 200 houses would achieve the objective of fulfilling the District Plan on this site. Parish Council agreed to remind the Vale that they should be consulted with the detailed designs on buildings, hard and soft landscaping to achieve the objectives within the Neighbourhood Plan. Resolved: - PC to write to Planning Officer requesting all parties are included in design discussions including Andrew Marston of Faringdon Town Council, copy in District Councillors. LG to draft letter for PC to review.

b. Fernham Road

Objection letter lodged with Vale planning department

c. Badbury Hill

Application withdrawn by the National Trust

d. Fernham Fields

Section 106 appeal on going, Affordable houses 40%-0%. Meeting 19th January.

5. County Councillor's Report

The Steeds and the A420, traffic roundabout with intelligent traffic lights on the A420 and a small island for Great Coxwell.

Humpty Hill, it was voted to approve the village green status.

Subsidies on buses – Route 66 safe

Meeting 7th December, all Parishes within division, problems highways discussed, Grass cutting – C/Cllr Heathcoat will send responsibility area.

Report on Noticeboard

6. District Councillor's Report

Sent Parish Council short update of matters from the Vale

On noticeboard

7. Public Question time

Neighbourhood plan should be used to influence design of the outline developments recently given outline planning permission.

Representation from District Councillors.

8. Finances

a. Precept

Discussion by Parish Councillors on the level to set the precept for next financial year. It was agreed last year to, as a general rule, raise the precept by a small amount each year.

MB proposed and RM seconded the proposal to raise the precept by 3%, take precept from £4,500 to £4,800. Parish Councillors voted yes 5-0, this figure was a mistake 3% is actually an increase of £135 so the new precept will be £4,635

b. Financial Report

Sent and approved,

Note: - amounts raised from events that require sharing, make sure that it's cross referenced to show 1/3 share and final amount.

- Thank you letter from Royal British Legion for £25 donation
- VAT reclaimed for items paid 'indirectly' via Councillors, kettles still need reclaiming Action ANZ to find receipts

PCExp11/15 07/12/15 Gt C Parochial Church Council £121.66 Share of Christmas Art Fair

c. Gas, Electricity and water

Action: - IM to look into Gas and Electricity providers and to look into installing water meter.

d. Internal Auditor

Resolved – AB voted and ANZ seconded action to employ Mr Hood £150.

e. Standing Order

Rewording of standing order 11, Parish Councillors/trustees and the Parish Room. IM to send to ANZ for approval.

9. Great Coxwell Community Plan

On hold – RM to write piece for newsletter

10. Matters arising from minutes

a. Puddleduck water quality

Water is supplied to Puddleduck via Coleshill, flushing the pipes is carried out regularly and for a long period, residents and Parish Councillors are concerned that this isn't a sustainable solution.

Action: - ANZ to write to Thames water

b. Siberia Path

Grant needs to be returned by 11th Jan, this isn't enough time for the PC to gather all information and discuss with parishioners. Action: - LG to respond

c. Code of Conduct Course

RM attended

11. Park

a) ROSPA report repairs

Soft pore gaps are low risk, in spring try to repair by cutting back edges and using turf.

Baseball rotten posts are high risk

b) Park maintenance schedule/tender

Tender sent out to four companies, awaiting responses – AB

c) Noticeboard to be removed

d) Lease details – nearly half way through 25 year lease, need to discuss future of Park before ordering/repairing equipment.

e) Parish Council to hold separate meeting to discuss Park in the New Year.

12. Neighbourhood Watch (NAG)

No update

13. Other Business

a) Parish Council has received the Footpath Wardens report,

16. Date of next meetings – Monday 11th January 2016.

Distribution: All Parish Councillors, C/Cllr, D/Cllr, PCSO, Notice Board

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