

These are the draft minutes which will be approved on 11th May 2016

Overton Parish Council Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at the Community Centre

Present: Cllr Ian Tilbury (Chairman), Mr Peter Baker, Mr Gary Beecham, Mr Graham Gould, Mrs Margaret Oram, Cllr Colin Phillimore, Mrs Lucy Sloane Williams, Dr Valda Stevens, Dr Adam Trickett, Mrs Laura Harley (Clerk), Mr Brian Elkins, Mr Stuart Chessell, Mr Brian Langer (Public Transport Representative), Mr Steve Williams – chairman ORC, PCSO Emma Page, PCSO Piers Ambler, 1 member of the public

1.1 Absent councillors

Mr Fowles had sent his apologies.

1.2 Declarations of interest

Cllr Phillimore declared an interest in items 2 and 6.3. Mr Beecham and Mr Baker declared an interest in item 2.

1.3 Public Time

1.3.1 Mr Surtell spoke about the proposals for parking in Winchester Street and was concerned that they could make matters worse. The imposition of double yellow lines on the east side of the road between St Luke's Hall and Sprent's Lane would cause problems for the users of St Luke's Hall and the Greyhound. He suggested that chevron parking should be reintroduced which would provide more spaces and make for easier access. Spaces in Winchester Street should also be marked. Workers in the village should be encouraged to park in the Overton Hill car park. A query was raised regarding the way that the traffic warden service would be used given the two hour parking time.

Clerk to raise issue of traffic wardens with Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC).

1.3.2 Amie ? spoke on behalf of the Overton Business Association (OBA). Over the past few years, the OBA has produced a directory but it was felt that this was not very successful and so it was hoped to produce a leaflet along the lines of Bishops Waltham (an example was shown). She asked if the parish council could provide some support for this project and hoped to provide further information for the May 2016 meeting.

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1.3.3 PCSO Emma Page (16173) the new beat office for Overton, attended the meeting to introduce herself to councillors. PCSO Pier Ambler, who had been overseeing Overton, also attended the meeting and would now be based in Whitchurch; the chairman thanked him for his assistance over the past year. PCSO Page stated that she had joined the force in November 2015 and had been at Tadley since January 2016. She gave a brief summary of the crime statistics for March 2016 which included a problem with several garage doors being broken at Poulton's Close although no thefts had been reported.

1.4 Public Transport

Mr Langer reported that South West Trains would be running a direct train service from Overton to Weymouth on Saturdays during the summer. Otherwise the railway timetable would not alter during the summer months.

The 86 bus service (to Winchester) is still under review as Stagecoach is not happy with the usage rate and therefore it may not continue to run from Overton although it was likely that it would still run from Whitchurch. Mr Langer has asked for plenty of warning if the service was to cease. The Peter Symonds bus would continue for sixth form students.

2. Steve Williams to talk about the Overton Recreation Centre application for Local Infrastructure Funding (LIF)

Mr Williams stated that the ORC would like to undertake two projects which he hoped would be funded by the Local Infrastructure Fund (LIF). Both projects were on land where the freehold was owned by BDBC. The deadline for this tranche of funding was 29th April and the ORC was keen to make the application by this date.

The first project was to refurbish the Town Meadow hut which was used by 150 children from the Scouting and Guiding movements, 200 golfers and other casual users. The hut was 40 years old and required some serious refurbishment to make it more comfortable for users. In addition the current car parking would be amended to provide safer drop off/pick up for children and would also increase the number of parking spaces by 15. The cost of this work would be £50,000.00 for the building £20,000.00 for the car parking arrangements. Mr Williams was asked if this would provide more resident's parking but this was still to be decided by the ORC committee.

The second project would be to provide athletic facilities at Berrydown including a 40m run up for long jump and triple jump, a throwing circle and high jump. There would also be a running area. All facilities including the football pitches would be lit. This would benefit the Overton Harriers which had 60 junior members, 40 of which were girls. There were also 100 junior and 30 senior footballers. The cost for this project would be £40,000.00 – £50,000.00. It was hoped that both project would increase participation by 25%. Mr Williams was asking for both parish council and borough councillor support. It was noted that the ORC would have to provide 10% of the cost to access the LIF funding and the parish council might be able to assist with this. Dr Stevens proposed that the parish council supported the proposals and this was seconded by Mrs Sloane Williams and agreed by all present.

Future agenda item.

3. Co-option of parish councillor

Two people stood for the vacant parish councillor position: Stuart Chessell and Brian Elkins. Both had previously circulated a brief resume to all councillors and both took the opportunity to introduce themselves at the meeting. The vote was taken with a show of hands, Mr Chessell received five votes, Mr Elkins received four votes and there was one abstention. Mr Chessell then joined the parish council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

4. Chairman's announcements

4.1 There were no announcements.

4.2 Future meetings – planning meeting 26th April 2016, Annual Parish Council meeting 11th May 2016.

4.3 Annual Parish Meeting – this was to take place at 7.30pm on 20th April 2016 in St Mary's Hall. Students from Testbourne School would be speaking about their experiences in Mitiyana and there would be updates on Speedwatch and local planning issues.

5. Sign and approve:

5.1 The minutes of full parish council meeting on 7th March 2016 – were agreed and signed subject to minor amendments. Cllr Phillimore asked that landowners be asked to remark footpaths over ploughed land. Mr Gould asked that the Equality Policy be added to the May agenda.

Action Clerk.

5.2 The minutes of the planning meeting on 22nd March 2016 were agreed and signed.

5.3 Action List

Mr Baker confirmed that Lisa Bracken had been hit by the 74 bus. It was noted that the yellow lines would not now be painted on Station Approach. Mr Baker asked if there was to be lighting at the Overton Hill car park. It was noted that a proposal had been made and the Clerk was waiting to hear if a planning application would need to be submitted.

Action Clerk.

6. Planning matters

6.1 Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan

The Inspectors Report for the Local Plan had agreed that the Liverpool method rather than the Sedgefield method would be used to calculate the five year land supply. However with the inclusion of a buffer of 5%, the BDBC limit was still very close to five years. It was noted that the North Field had not been included as an omission site by the Inspector and the impact of the report was not yet known on the ongoing application for the North Field. The Local Plan would be finally agreed by the full borough council in May 2016.

6.2 Overton Neighbourhood Plan

BDBC had proposed that the Neighbourhood Plan referendum should take place on the same day as the European Referendum; this was 23rd June 2016. There was some discussion as to whether it was sensible to hold the two on the same day. Mrs Sloane Williams proposed that the referendum should take place on 23rd June 2016 and this was seconded by Mr Baker and agreed by all present.

It was agreed that an information document about the Neighbourhood Plan should be circulated to every household with the June edition of News & Views and it was agreed that this was likely to be four pages in length showing the policies and sites; Dr Stevens agreed to draft the document. There would also be paper copies of the full document in the library and on the website.

Action VS.

Mrs Sloane Williams stated that she was intending to attend a meeting with Kit Malthouse regarding planning issues; this would take place in Westminster on 25th April. She asked councillors to put forward any thoughts and opinions before that date.

Action all.

6.3 Turley Associates

Turley Associates had once again asked to meet with the parish council to discuss the development of sites to the south of the village. It was agreed that this should not take place until after the referendum on 23rd June 2016.

Action Clerk.

7) Finance and Policy

7.1 Approve payments

The payments were signed by Mrs Sloane Williams and Mr Baker and approved by all present.

HMRC	Tax/NI Dec-Mar 16	£202.47
V Stevens	Training expenses	£26.90
Elpatech	Computer issues	£50.00
Overton Tennis Club	Grant 2015/16	£225.00
K Birch	Clean bus shelters Mar 16	£15.00
HALC	Training/subs	£892.00
OCA	Room hire	£162.00
Phill's Print	Printing and stationery	£1,941.09
St Mary's Hall	Office hire	£400.00
CPRE	Subscription	£36.00
ORC	Walkers are Welcome	£100.00
Inker Tree Surgery	Work to hedges	£420.00
Litter Picker	Salary	£468.00
Clerk	Salary	£951.79
N&V Editor	News & Views	£180.00

Balances

Current a/c	31.03.16	£3,884.76
Treasury a/c	31.03.16	£31,097.57

7.2 Grounds Maintenance Contract

Quotes had been received from three contractors and Cllr Phillimore proposed that Inker Tree Surgery should be given the work. This would be reviewed at the end of one year. This was seconded by Mrs Oram and agreed by all.

Clerk to progress.

7.3 Lordsfield SC

The Lordsfield Swimming Club had submitted a grant application for £2000.00. This sum was included with the parish council budget for 2016/17 and was agreed by all present.

Clerk to arrange payment in May 2016.

7.4 Overton Parish Council accounts to– 31.03.16

The accounts were circulated to councillors and with the exception of one error were deemed to be correct.

7.5 SMH – 31.03.16

The accounts for St Mary's Hall – which was owned by the parish council but run by a separate committee – were circulated and noted.

7.6 Telephone box

The OBA had informed the parish council that it was intending to rent out the telephone box for a fee of £25.00 per month but was still wishing for a contribution towards the cost of refurbishment. The parish council agreed that the OBA should complete a grant application for funding for both telephone box and the proposed leaflet (discussed in public time). Any money received in rent should be a contribution for current and future maintenance.

Clerk to contact OBA.

7.7 OPC advert

It was agreed that the parish council would advertise in the Sheepfair programme at a cost of £85.00.

Action Clerk.

7.8 Purchase of equipment to record parish council meetings

Cllr Tilbury proposed that the parish council should purchase equipment to record parish council meetings and this was seconded by Mrs Jones and agreed by all present. The Clerk informed the council that the cost would be in the region of £160.00.

Action Clerk.

8) Other matters

8.1 Update of Riverside Walk

Councillors were concerned that a draft report had been produced for the Feasibility Study but that this had not been circulated to parish councillors. Cllr Phillimore stated his opposition to the project and was concerned that the work was being undertaken by someone who was not a member of the parish council. He was also concerned that any meeting with De La Rue should include a member of the parish council.

8.2 Snowdrops consultation

It was agreed to respond to the consultation – closing date – 3rd May 2016. Councillors wished to express disappointment that office in Overton would be closed.

8.3 HWRC consultation

It was agreed to respond to the consultation – closing date 25th May 2016. Councillors were concerned about the reduction in opening hours which could result in an increase in fly tipping.

8.4 Overton Post Office

This matter was not discussed.

May agenda item.

9) Highways and byways

9.1 Highways

Mrs Sloane Williams stated that Mr Langer had written a comprehensive letter to Mr Goodall of HCC detailing a number of problems around the parish.

There was concerns about traffic trying to access the Red Lion car park and it was agreed ask the PCSO to speak to the Landlord about this.

There were still problems with the new junction layout in the High Street. The drains in the High Street were still blocked.

Action Clerk.

9.1.1 S106 re Overton Hill

There was nothing further to report at this time.

9.2 Rights of Way

There was still concern regarding the flooding at Polhampton and the local Ramblers Association representative had met with a HCC officer to see if the problem could be resolved. The suggestion was to use a permissive path during the winter, but this was deemed to be difficult given the widespread flooding.

9.2.1 Footpath booklet

Good progress was being made with the footpath booklet and the next meeting would take place on 19th April in the Red Lion.

9.3 Parking in the village

The consultation would end on 15th April 2016 when BDBC would report back to the parish council

10. Representation on outside bodies

Dr Stevens had attended Planning Training at HALC and also a conference about the North Wessex Downs AONB. She hoped that someone would attend an Overton Society meeting to talk about the AONB.

It was suggested that a warning should be included in News & Views to make people aware of rogue tradesmen.

Action Clerk.

11. Correspondence

1) Sheepfair Committee – request for use of Sapley Lane Playing Field for the Sheepfair weekend – this was agreed on the basis that any damage to the field was repaired.

Action Clerk.

The meeting finished at 10.00pm