

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21st February 2018 in the Village Hall

Present:

Charles Mathew	(CM)	Chairman
Matthew Judson	(MJ)	Councillor - Vice Chairman
Jose Eaton	(JE)	Councillor
Joe Deane	(JD)	Councillor
Colin Wells	(CW)	Councillor
Trudi Gasser	(TG)	Parish Clerk

In Attendance: 25 members of public

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18/026	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	Graham Dixon-Brown (GDB) Councillor
18/027	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 5th FEBRUARY 2018
	<p>CW questioned the omission from the Agenda of 'Minutes of the Last Meeting', saying that this infringed Local Government Legislation.</p> <p>TG responded, reporting that OALC had advised her that this was not necessary.</p> <p>CW disputed this, citing schedule 12 to LGA 1972, paragraph 41(1).</p> <p>CM proposed that the minutes should be discussed.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the Draft Minutes subject to the amendments previously suggested by MJ and CW and to expand MJ's resolution concerning the long-term 'National Trust' solution to the car park.</p> <p>CM proposed that a transcription of an audio recording of the meeting (that had been circulated beforehand) should be appended to the Minutes. Permission was given by its author Steve Tuck, a member of the public.</p>
18/028	EXAMINATION OF QUOTES CONCERNING NECESSARY WORK FOR THE STANTON HARCOURT VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK AND AGREE A WAY FORWARD
	<p>CM confirmed that the purpose of the meeting was to examine the quotations received to carry out the immediately necessary work to the Village Hall Car Park.</p> <p>Discussions then immediately converged on a long term solution as follows:</p> <p>The basis of the Butts Piece separate funding was discussed; it had been confirmed that day by email from David Bury's Agent, Steve Sensecall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you read the Committee Report and the Committee Minutes for the Lowlands Area Planning Sub-committee Meeting at which the Sub-committee resolved to approve the Butts Piece application you will see that the contribution towards the cost of resurfacing the Village Hall Car Park is going to be made, not by way of the main S106 Agreement, but by way of a separate agreement between the applicant (Mr Bury) and the Parish Council.

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	<p>2. Mr Bury has instructed his solicitors to draw up that Agreement and the intention is that it will be completed at the same time as the S106. .</p> <p>3. The contribution will be the sum of £20,000.</p> <p>4. The trigger for payment will be the completion of the sale of the residential site with the benefit of outline planning permission.</p> <p>5. The Agreement will stipulate that the contribution shall be used only for the resurfacing of the car park, or if those works have already been carried out, to reimburse the Parish Council for monies already expended, and for no other purpose.</p> <p>The discussion was then opened by the Chairman to the members of public present. Further points raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach Hansons/Smiths for a donation of gravel • Approach Cleavers (Hanson's Tenants) for a donation ('Gesture of Goodwill' in light of their breaching the routeing agreement for the past few years) towards to long-term fix • Borrow the money against the knowledge of the Butts Piece Funding (in itself agreed not to be confirmed as yet). • TG explained that following contact with WODC and OALC, the implications of reclaiming the money through the precept had raised concerns with OALC: <p><i>You should also realise that even if you are able to increase the precept at this stage your council tax payers may be unhappy as they will not have been consulted on the proposal which will affect them all personally.</i></p> <p><i>The Council need to recognise that they do not have the funds immediately available to enter into this commitment.</i></p> <p>TG gave an example that should the PC raise the precept by £25k, this would overall increase the council tax by £103.84. MJ confirmed that it was never the intention to raise the precept in one year for the full amount.</p>
	<p>The following actions were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM to contact Hansons to ask for a donation of Flint Gravel and spread • If unsuccessful, seek agreement to Smith's donation of 45t of Oxford gravel • Simultaneously, CM to obtain a quotation from Smiths for Flint Gravel • TG to research funding options (public works) and legality of Precept increase • JD to sketch out a plan of services under the car park to assist with obtaining quotes. <p>It was resolved that the Council's target was to have a long-term solution in place before the next winter.</p>
	<p>CM closed the meeting at 21:42.</p>

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	NEXT MEETING The next Ordinary Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 5 th March 2018.

Signed

Date