

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 6th March 2017 in the Village Hall**

Present:

Charles Mathew	(CM)	Chairman
Matthew Judson	(MJ)	Councillor- Vice Chairman
Jose Eaton	(JE)	Councillor
Graham Dixon-Brown	(GDB)	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
17/032	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Steve Good (SG) WODC District Councillor Hilary Fenton (HF) WODC District Councillor	
17/033	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM owns property near the Leys, the Green and the School • MJ lives near Butts Piece and The Village Green • GDB lives on the B4449 	
17/034	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 6th FEBRUARY 2017	
	CW again disputed the accuracy of the minutes from the meeting held on 6th February. All other Councillors who were present at the meeting agreed they were an accurate record. The minutes were approved for publication.	
	Matters Arising: 17/017: Ownership of the Church Yard Car Park – TG to research the implications of claiming the land with the Land Registry.	
17/035	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 13th FEBRUARY 2017	
	The minutes were approved for publication. CW abstained from approving the minutes as he was not present for the entire meeting.	
17/036	REPORTS FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS	
	DISTRICT: No District Councillors present at the meeting.	
	COUNTY: CM confirmed that OCC continue to be focused on Unitary. There is now an official document which will be presented to DCLG, in principle, a reply to which will be received after 4 th May, which will be followed by a further 8 weeks consultation.	

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17/037	PLANNING	
	<p>Current Applications:</p> <p>Erection of Porch (retrospective) – Farmside, Sutton Lane. The Parish Council has no objections.</p>	
	<p>Professional Advice regarding the Safety of Housing on the Airfield: CM expressed a view that it is imperative to confirm whether it is safe to build 50 houses on the site neighbouring the landfill. Although there are reports in the planning application we do not have the experience or knowledge to decipher the data. CM proposes that the PC goes ahead with Phase 1 of the ERM proposal. CM asked Councillors for their views:</p> <p>GDB – of the opinion that we simply have to go ahead in light of complaints of odours, etc from the site. When WODC gave permission they gave no consideration to landfill gases. We have to protect current and future residents and our reputation.</p> <p>CW – this action won't stop the smell, it won't persuade the inspector to change his mind. CM - Because the site is in the local plan we therefore have a window to prove the unsoundness of the site. CM pointed out that the duty of the Inspector is to decide whether the plan is sound or unsound. And that the Inspector does have the ability to ask WODC to revisit the plan. The site was put in the plan without and consultation with the PC. CM suggested that we put to the Inspector that the site is not sound and put forward the more suitable alternative site at Sutton. CM confirmed that the WODC Agenda only addresses the movement of gases underground when granting the outline planning permission.</p> <p>JE – We have a responsibility to the current and potential residents.</p> <p>MJ – confirmed his view from the meeting on 13th had not changed, RSK identified potential issues on the site, but then carried out further tests and found nothing.</p> <p>JD – Against housing in the vicinity of the landfill site. Also against the paperwork exercise proposed by ERM. The concern is long term, in that the issue is with the landfill site. Spending money would not be beneficial.</p> <p>GDB – Also raised the point that there is a better alternative for housing.</p> <p>The PC voted on progressing with the Environmental report: 3 votes against 3 votes for</p> <p>CM, as chairman, held the casting vote. It was resolved on balance to progress with the Phase 1 Report.</p>	

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17/038	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. 	
17/039	SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE	
	<p>An update was provided regarding the Speedwatch group: Monitoring has taken place 2-3 times a week for the past 15 weeks at the Sutton end of the Village and at the Steadys Lane end. Speeding in excess of 35 mph has been consistently recorded. All results have been report to Ron Hollis. The offenders have been written to, with repeat offenders risking a visit from the Police.</p> <p>In light of the results, the Police have also carried out their own monitoring. The surveillance will continue. GDB to submit an article for Village Voice thanking the volunteers and appealing for more to enable the monitoring to continue.</p> <p>CM confirmed that he had received notification that the PC has been handed a petition regarding lowering the speed limit in the village. CM and TG confirmed that no such petition had yet been received.</p> <p>During the discussion it was also pointed out that the exit from Steadys Lane onto Main Road is rather dangerous with limited views – it was suggested that a mirror might be installed to improve visibility. CM to check legality</p>	
17/040	ANNUAL LITTERPICK	
	<p>Dates of the Litterpick were discussed. Due to Councillors' varied availability, it was decided to hold 2 litterpicks, on 18th and 25th March, meeting at the Village Hall at 10am.</p> <p>TG to arrange borrowing equipment from WODC.</p> <p>JD to promote in Village Voice.</p>	
17/041	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 15th MAY	
	<p>CW confirmed that initial approaches had been made to the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The School/Eynsham Partnership Academy • Festival Committee, Mike Parker • Eynsham Link • Chinese Brush Painters <p>CW to work with TG to issue formal invitation once a final list was prepared.</p> <p>Others to invite were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thames Valley Police (TG to progress) 	CW/TG

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Hall Committee (CW to progress) • Eynsham Local Plan (CM to progress) 	
17/042	VILLAGE MAINTENANCE	
	<p>MJ circulated a draft maintenance schedule of works for discussion/review. It was confirmed that all hedges and the growth in the buffer zone on the Jubilee Field must be cut back immediately.</p> <p>Concern was raised that the schedule included weedkiller near the playground equipment – it was confirmed that the areas should be hand weeded only.</p> <p>TG to write to Mick Hill to confirm that he is happy to continue to cut the grass at the Village Hall, maintain the Cemetery and Graveyard. TG to find out where and in what state the mower is in.</p> <p>TG suggested that the PC map the daffodils to aid planting in the autumn.</p>	<p>TG/CM/MJ</p> <p>TG</p>
17/043	REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS	
CM	Nothing to Report.	
CW	<p>CW provided an update regarding the Village Hall Car Park Resurfacing:</p> <p>Quotations.</p> <p>My policy was to approach local firms (George Ayres and Gordon Hill have submitted quotations and Paul Sparrowhawk (Fergal Contracting) is preparing one. Jonathan Stacey gave an indicative cost but later decided not to tender. Steve Long does not do tarmac.</p> <p>Village Hall Committee</p> <p>On 27 February Cllr Judson and I met with four representatives of the Committee¹, the aim being to consider what action might be taken to fund renewal of the Car Park surface. Though in principle there are funds in the Hall and the Parish Council accounts that might be used, there was concern that these are in effect contingency reserves and could be needed for unexpected maintenance or operating costs. It was agreed that advice would be sought from ORCC (now renamed Community First) about potential sources of funding.</p> <p>Next Steps</p> <p>Members of the 'working party' are keeping in touch.</p>	CW
MJ	<p>MJ requested that more notice be given on the agenda, with any papers relating to the items on the agenda being circulated in good time prior to the meeting. It was decided to circulate the agenda to councillors on the Monday before the meeting with any papers being made available to the clerk by Wednesday of that week for circulation to all.</p>	
JE	Nothing to report	

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JD	Nothing to report	
17/044	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
	Cheques were circulated for signature.	
17/045	CORRESPONDENCE	
	No Correspondence to report.	
17/046	OTHER BUSINESS (for information only)	
	Nothing to report.	TG
	NEXT MEETING	
	The next Ordinary Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 3 rd April 2017.	

Signed

Date

ITEMS/ACTIONS CARRIED OVER TO NEXT MEETING:

	COMMUNICATION WITH THE PARISH
	PARISH COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS

APPENDIX TO MINUTES: PUBLIC SESSION NOTES

There was support by a member of the public for CW's statement regarding the accuracy of the minutes of the 6th February meeting (Min Ref 17/017, also referred to in Min Ref 17/028 in the minutes of 13th February)

CM stated that the meeting of the 13th February 2017 was an Extra-ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

It was reported that, at the WODC Planning Committee meeting on Monday 9th January 2017, the Chairman (Mrs M J Crossland) had voiced her concern to the Committee that it might perhaps have been rash to include the former Airfield site in the Local Plan. However, having done so, it would be difficult to decline the application at this Outline stage.

The opinion was expressed that if Parish funds were to be spent, they might be targeted more effectively when an application for full planning permission was received.

It was pointed out that the current concerns re proposed housing in the vicinity of the Dix pit landfill site could also apply to the Butts Piece planning application