

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

HELD ON Wednesday 20th JULY 2016, 7.30pm

Written by J.Davies from the Newsletter and edited by Cllr G.Harvey

Councillors present: Martin Dare, John Dewar, Barry Hughes, Keith Hartley (Chairman), Jill Harvey, Richard Sale and James Warne.

Also present – OCC Councillor – Hilary Hibbert-Biles and three members of the public.

1. Apologies – The Parish Clerk, Nicole Marina.

2. Minutes - The minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising -

3.1 Trees on the Green – the first phase of the work has been carried out.

3.2 Potholes near the Green – Highways has advised the PC that this job has been completed.

3.3 Stone Walls by the British Legion – These are the responsibility of the licensee of the fields. It was not thought that any action would be taken by them.

3.4 Drains near British Legion – These have been cleared.

3.5 Trigmoor Corner Cut Back – OCC have put this on their list on 9th June and it should have been done. The OCC Councillor, Hilary Hibbert Biles, pointed out that because of the wet weather the grass cutting of verges has been delayed this year, but is now in progress.

3.6 Bollards and Railings around the Village - This job has been completed though there are a couple of railings in the Village Car Park that are in a bad state of repair.

3.7 Adcraft Field Mowing – This has still not been done. Although a letter had been written to the Football Club Chairman advising him that the PC could do the cut for cost it had replied that it is currently waiting for one of their members who is currently unwell to cut it. The PC decided to ask Councillor Dare to liaise with the Football Club to ascertain whether or not the club still wished to continue using the field and if so request that it be put in good order as soon as possible.

4. Councillors Forum -

4.1 New Councillors – Two of the councillors who had been on the previous council, Barry Hughes and Martin Dare, have been co-opted, being that no other members of the public had come forward. The Chairman welcomed them back.

4.2 Clearing Brambles in the Millennium Wood – Councillor Warne said that the contractor he had approached had not shown any interest. The Events Committee had offered to put together a working party, but the Council felt it was too big a job and that they would prefer to pay someone who was insured to do it. Councillor Warne would approach another contractor if he still had received no response from the first one he had approached.

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4.3 Forest School workshops – Councillors Hartley and Sale met with representatives of this group and agreed that the wood could be used by children and their parents for nature study activities.

4.4 Footpath Cut Back – The PC has accepted a quote from the contractor, who presently mows the churchyard, to cut the verges from the Mill House Hotel to Trigmoor corner for £85 a cut and will do this as needed throughout the year.

4.5 Bus leaflets to advertise local bus services – The PC has agreed to contribute £30 towards the cost of this.

4.6 High Speed Broadband – Councillor Warne reported that he had been approached by a school governor concerning the school's need for High Speed Fibre Broadband. Because that end of the Village is not expected to get this for some time a petition has been set up in the hope that if enough residents sign up this will speed up the connection process. If anyone wishes to sign this petition please contact Jill Harvey at Wiggalls Corner, 01608 658596

4.7 Public Forum and Activities for teenagers – Richard Sale reported that the Kingham Future's Questionnaire revealed that many people did not know that there was a public forum now held at PC meeting where they could voice their concerns. Also that there were not enough activities for young people in the Village. The Chairman said that attempts to build tennis courts or have club meetings in the Legion had failed due to lack of interest and cost. When teenagers expressed a wish for a skateboard ramp the PC had told them it was prepared to treble any money they could raise themselves to help them achieve this, but no money had been forthcoming. It was very difficult to find anyone willing to run any activity. Regarding having a sand pit for children they had had to fill one up because of dog faeces being deposited in it. Councillor Harvey commented that it would be great if some other group wished to use and contribute towards the running costs of the Football Pavilion.

4.8 Keep Clear Markings by Football Pavilion – Though this had been requested no markings had been done. Councillor Hibbert Biles said that she would look into this.

5. Planning -

5.1 Fox Cottage – construction of replacement shed – no objections

5.2 Station Garage, Station Road (16/02113/FUL) plans had been revised increasing the parking places to two per household plus two spaces for visitors. The Council had no objections to the revised plans.

5.3 Affordable Housing Development, New Road – A letter had been received from Ffyona MacEwan, the Housing Enabling Manager, stating their legal team were still working on transferring the Cottesway Land to the WODC. When that had been done the new title would be transferred to Sovereign Housing Association. It was envisaged that work would start on the site this autumn and that the construction period is likely to be 12 months. A councillor had been approached about buying one of the proposed houses as a shared equity property. The chairman commented that previously people had only been interested in rentals. However, as three years had passed since interested people had applied, it was not known how many of these were still interested and that if anyone else was, it was important that they put their names down on the list by contacting Ffyona.MacEwan@westoxon.gov.uk.

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6. Public Forum -

6.1 Councillor Hibbert-Biles reported that the area steward, Paul Wilson, had been appointed. At present the Unitary debate had been paused. The Clinical Commissioning Group was looking at all the hospital facilities in Oxfordshire. Proposals so far are that, because it was now government policy to encourage mothers to have babies at home, the maternity beds at Horton hospital should be closed and that mothers needing hospital service could arrange this when they attend ante natal classes and go to hospitals in Oxford for the birth.. Additionally there are plans to only have 4 community hospitals for the whole of Oxfordshire with the Horton in Banbury being one of them, and that GP surgeries should be clustered. However, little concern seems to be shown concerning how all these changes will affect individual areas and it was important the PCs respond to proposed plans. The cutting of grass verges will only be done once a year. A Judicial review is being carried out regarding Children's Centres. Tim Sickle is now the officer for Environment and Ecology. The major roadworks on the A40 in Oxford are due to finish 6 weeks early in October.

7. Health and Safety -

7.1 Playground inspections – The Rospa inspection is due to take place in July.

7.2 Monthly playground inspections - ongoing

8. Finance -

8.1 Vat Return – This has been completed and £3114.44 has been received.

8.2 Cheques were signed (below)

04.07.16	100489	July	A.Barnard	replacement bollards/railings. The Green, Car Park, Church St	450.00
04.07.16	100490	July	Nicole Marina	expenses	13.84
12.07.16	100491	July	WODC Grass Cutting	May invoice	444.43
12.07.16	100492	July	Nicole Marina	wages	522.61
20.07.16	100493	July	Chris and Jill Harvey	100 Club - 1st prize	50.00
20.07.16	100494	July	Paul Smith	100 Club - 2nd prize	20.00
20.07.16	100495	July	Mike Heather	100 Club - 3rd prize	10.00
20.07.16	100496	July	Keith Harding	car park hedge cutting	150.00
20.07.16	100497	July	Michael Davies	reimburse for maps - kingham fuure group	12.00

Parish Council Bank Balance as at 15th August 2016 = £30,464.97

9. Correspondence – Nil

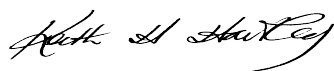
10. AOB - none

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

There will be no Parish Council Meeting in August. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st. September.

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