

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 13 March 2017

Venue: Norman Fraser Suite, Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Councillors – C. Thornton, N. Lewis, D. Peat, H. Jenkins, R. Shepherd- Cross, P. Johnson; Richard Curtis & County Councillor C. Fulljames.

Also Present: Michael Stokes.

Parishioners' issues: None

Declaration of Interests: None

Apologies: District Councillor, Ian Corkin.

Minutes of the meeting held on 09 January 2017 were accepted & signed.

Matters Arising:

- B430 Air Quality results Clerk to discuss with Councillor Corkin
- Footpath meetings – decision due 21st March 2017. Recheck Viridor funding availability.
- Broadband upgrade – Work on siting & connecting new cabinet started this week.
- Remedial work to barrier opposite Water Lane – Clerk to contact Gordon Hunt
- Emergency Plans to be developed in conjunction with Church & Village Hall are ongoing
- Planning training for Councillors. Clerk to arrange with Bob Duxbury
- Quote for 2 new notice Boards & appropriate locations for 2017/18 – ongoing.

County Councillor: Catherine Fulljames

Councillor Fulljames explained that the Better Oxfordshire campaign for a Unitary Authority in Oxfordshire was being opposed by some current District Councils including Cherwell & South Northants which have developed a mutually beneficial working relationship together. However the Unitary plans were expected to be submitted to the environmental Secretary for consideration. Viridor incinerator lighting is still an issue & Councillor Fulljames expressed disappointment that continuing changes to operational personnel meant that there was a lack of continuity on projects. At the meeting comments had also been raised about the delay in the reinstatement of Bridleway 27 which is now 2 years behind schedule. Viridor advised that restoration work was needed on site before footpath could be reinstated. Councillor Fulljames asked for copies of objection paperwork. The lease runs out at the Recycling Centre at end of March but is likely to be extended in the short-term, although a third party might take over the operation from Viridor.

A complaint had been received about Agrevert & the Environment Agency had been involved. Upper Heyford Children's Centre still having funding problems but efforts being made to support it.

Rural Affordable Housing

Councillor Peat advised the meeting that she had been in contact with Fiona Brown, who has now taken on the liaison role for Affordable Housing at Cherwell District Council. The local survey had revealed that 14 houses were needed, of various configurations, being a mixture of shared ownership & rental. Fiona Brown will draft a reply to parishioners who had responded to the survey and there will be talks with developers interested in rural, affordable housing projects, including Green Square. The site being considered is owned by Mr & Mrs Loggins on B430 but other sites may be available.

Grass Cutting; Woods Report & Lease and Tree Survey

Grass cutting. Maps A & B showing areas to be cut were shown & discussed. The Chairman was hopeful that CDC would provide a schedule showing dates when their grass cutting commitment

would take place. The Parish Council contractor would cut areas in the village, as directed. The Chairman agreed to get quotes from at least 3 different contractors to undertake grass cutting.

Lease of Ardley Woods was signed by Councillors Thornton & Shepherd-Cross and witnessed by the Clerk, Stewart Deakin. No cost was involved in this process. Now that the lease has been agreed an invoice is expected to be raised by Oxfordshire County Council for the back dated rent.

Mike Stokes advised that the fallen tree in the woods had been cleared. A distinction was raised between the Ancient & New Woodlands with a recommendation that they should be left for one year to see how they developed naturally. Mike Stokes advised that he would be relinquishing his role as Wood Warden on 31st March. The Chairman thanked Mr Stokes for his contributions & dedication to the ongoing development of the Woodlands, fields & borders. Councillor Johnson will now head up a revised Woods Group to provide direction to the committee, including the Gardening Club.

Tree Survey work satisfactorily completed with some wood stacked to create natural habitats for wildlife as directed by Lyne Roberts. The final Invoice for £8,300 has been paid.

Neighbourhood Plans.

Councillor Jenkins was to attend the next MCNP [Management Committee of Neighbourhood Plans] meeting. While there was general acceptance of the overall plan there was still some concern about how complete the Ardley with Fewcott section might be. The Green spaces data had been included on a map but information on historical sites was still being collected. A draft resolution to support the MCNP draft policies as developed had not yet been signed since it was agreed that policy PD04 relating to Affordable Housing did not meet Ardley with Fewcott Parish Council's needs. Councillor Jenkins agreed to advise MCNP of the desired wording change.

Planning Applications.

A schedule of planning applications was tabled & discussed. All items agreed. Proposed by Councillor Thornton & seconded by Councillor Shepherd-Cross.

Finance

Payments made in February & expected to be made in March 2017 were presented. All items agreed. Proposed by Councillor Thornton & seconded by Councillor Lewis

Any Other Business

Fete & Beer Festival to be held in September. More volunteers were required to help complete the organisation, with Councillors Jenkins & Johnson keen to be involved.

Councillor Lewis asked for support for Allotment Trust Fund & Councillor Peat volunteered.

Councillor Lewis reminded Councillors that the Parish Facebook page is activated. Be a friend!

Councillor Lewis reported on traffic parking & calming options on Ardley Road. The aim was to capture one full weeks' traffic volume data & present practical options at a future meeting.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **8th May 2017** in the Village Hall.

Starting **at 7.00pm** with the **AGM**, followed at 7.45 by the first council meeting of 2017-18 season.

Signed.....

Date.....

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FINANCE TOPICS

PAYMENTS MADE:-

8th February 2017: Jake Nicholas Williams – Tree Surgery, as per quote. £8,300.00

14th February 2017: MidCherwell Neighbourhood Plan Forum. Membership £350.00

PAYMENTS TO BE MADE:-

13th March 2017: Mrs LM Roberts – Expenses for Bug Hotel construction - £8.48

13th March 2017: S, Deakin – Expenses for stationery & memory stick - £18.33

13th March 2017: S. Deakin – Clerk's Quarterly salary - £500.00

13th March 2017: Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – subscription - £137.78

**** Proposed by:-** C. Thornton. **Seconded by:-** N. Lewis

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15th December 2016: 16/02446/F – Heyford Park, Camp Road – Heyford Investments LLP – Erection of 297 [Class C3] residential dwellings – mix of open market & affordable housing. Demolish existing buildings; clear site and provide access for vehicles & pedestrians, plus open space, landscaping, utilities & infrastructure. – **Not yet replied.**

23rd December 2016: 08/02472/CM [MW.0044/08] – Reinstatement of Bridleway 27 to be delayed by 2 years to 31st December 2018. Council **objected** most vigorously asking for the immediate reinstatement of the bridleway.

10th January 2017: 16/02269/HYBRID – Southern Bomb Stores, Chilgrove Drive - Upper Heyford LP – Demolition of store & redevelop site – OUTLINE objection issued.

13th February 2017 – 17/00240/F – 3 Fewcott Green, - Mr & Mrs Key – Re submission - Single storey rear extension – Council had No objections

13th February 2017 – 17/00268/F – Anthony Lincoln, Church Road, Ardley - Porch to front entrance of caravan at Orchard Cottage – Council had no objections.

NOTICE OF DECISIONS:-

7th February 2017 – 16/02294/LB – Damien Kelly – Repairs to thatched roof at Hunters Cottage, Somerton Road, - Agreed.

9th March 2017 – Mr & Mrs Douglas – Erection of two storey dwelling & garage on land on North of Water Lane. – Permission Refused. Unjustified additional residential development – contrary to Policy ESD1; Cherwell Local Plans// Form, scale & siting fails to comply with policies ESD13 & 15 and Policies C28 & C30// Proposal lies within Flood zones 2 & 3 and contrary to policy ESD6.

**** Proposed by:** C. Thornton **Seconded by:** R. Shepherd-Cross