

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 11 September 2017.

Venue: Main Hall, Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Councillors – H. Jenkins, N. Lewis, R. Corkin, R Curtis, P. Johnson,

Also Present: County & District Councillor, I. Corkin.

Parishioners' issues:

In the absence of Madeleine Gilpin because of an accident & Lynne Roberts, the following item were raised on their behalf.

AFFECT group came to an end in its current format. Originally established to utilise Community funds donated by Viridor. However, those funds are now exhausted but the committee is keen to remain in place as a fund-raising organisation, generating ideas for the community & reporting back to the Parish Council for support.

Declaration of Interests: None

Apologies: D. Peat & J. O'Neil

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2017 were accepted & signed.

Matters Arising:

- Clearing culvert & fitting new safety rail – Awaiting contact update
- Emergency Plans to be developed in conjunction with Church & Village Hall are ongoing
- Planning training for Councillors. To be arranged with Bob Duxbury
- Quote for 2 new notice Boards & appropriate locations for 2017/18 – ongoing.
- Chairman to consider how best to dispose of, or utilise, the repaired village mower.
- Affordable Housing to be discussed at next meeting.
- Provision of holistic advice on Ardley Woods from Woodlands Trust is ongoing

District Councillor – Ian Corkin advised that there are plans for the Horton hospital is to be downgraded. The situation has been referred to the Health Secretary for consideration. There has been significant support for the Horton with a 3-day public hearing expected before the year end. Bicester is becoming a “healthy” town with blue lines; cycle tracks & “walk” signs & is establishing a Bicester Liaison Group to understand & co-ordinate all the development that is taking place. Current Local Plan will hopefully reach a realistic agreement on Oxford's housing short fall. EU Funding will be guaranteed until 2020 & hopefully Cherwell will benefit from this. CDC has a new web site being developed.

County Councillor: - OCC recognised the need for infrastructure to support the expected growth. Waste recycling charges have increased making the cost of tipping rubble expensive & fuelling the increase in fly tipping, which rebounds on OCC operational costs. Carillion contract failed & needs to be replaced. Major opportunities for electric vehicles to be developed & produced in Oxford. Elderly residents now need to be assessed to go to day Care Centres. Age Concern now involved. Dorchester Masterplan in Heyford to be brought forward but full Planning Application required. Village bus services need to be reliable & regular.

Grass Cutting & Woods Report -

Councillor Johnson reported that investigation of the storm damage at Castlefields indicated that the trees were actually overgrown. The advice from District Councillor I. Corkin was that it was the Parish Council's responsibility to cut back the trees since the Council owned the Woods. A buffer zone should be established & kept clear. After much discussion it was decided that the extent of the responsibility needed to be expertly assessed. Councillor R. Corkin offered to get 3 quotes from a specialist, qualified to undertake this assessment, for the council's consideration. The Paddock will be cut in October & no further action on the ragwort is needed until next Spring.

Councillor Johnson advised that Lynne Roberts was keen to get involved with the Woods Group & was looking to organise volunteers to help clear up the broken branches. They were attempting to create a small group to take over the Wood Warden role so that actions not limited to one person. Councillor R. Corkin will front up this group as the Parish Council point of contact.

Neighbourhood Plans – Online comments are required by 2nd October for parishioners to indicate what village priorities are required. Ardley junction is a major source of concern, particularly with major increases in traffic movements on B430, with some estimates suggesting volumes have increased by 2,000 movements per day since the development of Upper Heyford. Traffic calming consultations are therefore most important. Traffic measurements have been fed into the local Neighbourhood Plan, raising rural highways issues. Parish Council needs to be raising awareness by distributing leaflets & putting key items on the Village Facebook page.

Planning Applications. - A schedule of planning applications was tabled & discussed. All items agreed. Proposed by Councillor Jenkins & seconded by Councillor Johnson

Finance –Audit action points were noted & the minutes will be renumbered from 1st April 2017. A schedule of payments to be made in September 2017 was presented, together with the accounts for 5 months. All items agreed. Proposed by Councillor Lewis & seconded by Councillor Jenkins

Any Other Business -

As previously discussed the PC reserves include some restricted funds that may need to be refunded to OCC if the proposed footpath project does not progress. Councillor Lewis is in the process of providing suitable alternative options for the use of these funds for the support of Councillor I. Corkin. Traffic calming measures, particularly white line schemes, are a priority.

Chairman advised the Council that he had attended a local Police Liaison meeting where he was able to raise the issues relating to recent speed watch operations; traffic & crowd control at Ardley football matches & signs to prevent dangerous parking on the grass verges. Councillor Lewis volunteered to attend future liaison meetings, since it coincided with her traffic calming role, while Councillor Jenkins agreed to pick up the Viridor Liaison role from Councillor Lewis to facilitate this. Councillor Johnson offered to assist Councillor Lewis on maintaining the Parish Facebook page

Gates at the village field are in disrepair & Chairman agreed to get 3 quotes for replacements. Local Nursing Home has offered to sponsor decorative planters to enhance the village entrance. Councillor R. Corkin would prefer a PDF version of the minutes rather than the Word format Chairman thanked Stewart Deakin for his work as Parish Clerk & Councillor R. Corkin agreed to use her expertise to put together an advertisement/ job description for the clerk's role to be placed in 3 Parishes magazine. District Councillor I Corkin suggested that he might have suitable contacts to fill the role too.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be in the Village Hall on **13th November 2017 at 7.30pm**

Signed.....

Date.....

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FINANCE TOPICS

Audit action points noted & minutes to be renumbered from 1st April 2017

PAYMENTS MADE:-

See Accounts as presented

PAYMENTS TO BE MADE:-

1st September 2017: S. Deakin – Parish Clerk remuneration Q2/ end of September £565.85

11th September 2017: BDO – Audit Fees - £120.00

**** Proposed by:-** Councillor Lewis

Seconded by:- Councillor Jenkins

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13th July 2017: 17/01425/F – Moto Hospitality- detached Drive Thru Coffee Shop. No Objections.

28th July 2017 – 17/00251/TCA – Notice of Intent – Derwent Cottage – 2 Trees – No Objections

1 August 2017 -17/01576/F – Manor Farm – extension/ancillary accommodation – No Objections

3 August 2017 -17/01400/F – Meadowside – Detached dwelling & rear extension – No Objections

15 August 2017- 17/00267/TCA – Notice of Intent – St Mary's Barn – 1 Tree – No Objections

23 August 2017 – 17/01721/F -Fewcott Lodge -2 storey rear extension -

25 August 2017 -17/01713/F – Meadow Barn – Extension to enlarge sitting room -

NOTICE OF DECISION

22nd June 2017: 16/02245/F – Erection of single storey dwelling to replace existing mobile home approved.

**** Proposed by:** Councillor Jenkins

Seconded by: Councillor Johnson