

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### Public Participation session: 15 minutes maximum

Three members of the public were in attendance.

- Footpath in North Lane between Meadow View and Pear Tree Cottage and as it runs around the edge of the field. Difficult to access due to overgrowth of vegetation and the state of the path surface. Mr G Barnett and Cllr. Donne to investigate further.
- Mole catching appears to be taking effect
- Comment on the need to control animals when on farmland and near animals. Article on subject in Village News following a complaint that a dog owner had allowed dog to molest ducks on the farm property. Clarification as to the actual law is needed as some inaccuracies stated at meeting and in Village News.
- Lack of water reaching moat. Also water appears to be leaking along edge of mill-race. Clerk reported water leaking badly around the side of the sluice (not the weir) – repairs needed.

### Council Business:

#### 16.300.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Apologies received from Cllr. Norris. All other other Cllrs. were present.

#### 16.300.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None declared.

#### 16.300.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

Corrections and amendments made and agreed. Minutes signed by Chairman.

#### 16.300.4 Past Subject Matters – for the purpose of report only

15.295.10	Village Gates	Have been delivered – awaiting volunteers for sanding and painting.
15.297.14	Moles	Now grass has been cut, easier to see where problem areas are. Manual trapping is continuing.
15.298.8	Pond maintenance	Volunteer team will soon be repairing bank edge. Awaiting permission from Highways to erect the fence between pond and road.
		Traffic survey – to support and provide statistics on traffic speed and volume on the B430 and Church Rd, Church Lane. OCC Highways will provide volume and speed data. Their data will be for a week

		in term time and a week in school holiday period. Volunteers from village will do a manual count on the junction of Church Road and B430 which will provide details on vehicle direction, type of vehicle.
		Bletchingdon Road – excess water had washed away part of the bank where Gallosbrook runs parallel to the road. In one place the verge had collapsed – exacerbated by recent excavations by Gigaclear to install fibre-optic cable. Matter had been reported to Gigaclear and Highways.
		Bus Service: Clerk reported that it looks as though the 25A service will get a reprieve as Section 106 monies from Heyford Park will subsidise the service. However, no monies are available to support the 25 (Weston/Wendlebury) service.

**16.300.5 To approve following items of expenditure:**

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| 1. Cherwell DC Dog bin emptying (Winter)        | £192.19 - Approved |
| 2. Village Hall – hire of hall (Jan – Mar 2016) | £ 45.00 - Approved |
| 3. Community First (ORCC) Annual Subscription   | £ 55.00 - Approved |
| 4. Clerk’s salary (Dec 2015 – March 2016)       | £947.25 – Approved |

**16.300.6 To receive information on Planning Applications and note decisions and discuss.**

To include:

\* 15/01953/OUT - Decision - Southfield Farm (Phase 2) Outline Planning application – Phase 2 Southfield Farm.

This application was refused by CDC Planning Committee. Cllr Davis and Mr R Evans had represented the Parish Council and the village at the meeting. A Freedom of Information request to see all copies of correspondence relating to the application had returned a response that all correspondence was already on the CDC Planning Portal.

\*16/00022/SCOP | SCOPING OPINION - Erection of a poultry unit and associated infrastructure | Land North Of OS 0006 And South East Of College Farm Pinchgate Lane Bletchingdon.

Concern expressed but nothing to act on until formal application has been submitted.

### **16.300.7 Update on Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Bohm circulated a copy of her report on the current state of progress with the plan – copy attached to minutes. Cllr Bohm explained the timetable for the next few months. An application for a DCLG grant will be submitted in due course.

### **16.300.8 Proposal purchase and erect convex mirror at junction of Church Close/Church Lane**

Clerk circulated a document that summarised a three suggestions/proposals related to traffic safety issue in Church Lane – copy attached to minutes.

- Erection of safety mirror opposite church gate to enable pedestrians to see approaching traffic from the right. Suggestion proposed by members of the public.
- Local residents have suggested the erection of safety mirror opposite the entrance to Church Close, e.g. on the telegraph pole outside Ropeld to enable motorists a better view of traffic approaching from the right in Church Lane. Although Highways had indicated they had no objection there is a formal procedure to follow with costs involved. Erection of a post in a private garden for the mirror did not require approval from Highways although there might be planning implications. Purchase of a mirror had been offered by two local residents.
- A suggestion from Highways that the “Give Way” line be painted further into Church Lane so as to make it more obvious to drivers in Church Lane that there is a junction and to allow drivers from Church Close to position their vehicle to provide a better view. Highways have offered to provide this line at no cost subject to Parish Council approval.

It was agreed that Cllrs would meet with the Highways representative on site to discuss the placement of a mirror and the positioning of a new “Give Way” line as a dual option, i.e. not one without the other. Clerk to arrange meeting.

### **16.300.9 To receive report on Playing Field, Play Area and Village Pond**

First cut of the year has taken place which has made tracking the mole problem easier. Play Area has been cut. Soft play surface is coming away from edge on a number of pieces of equipment – trip hazard. I’ve asked PlayDale to quote either for repairs or resurfacing.

Village pond – awaiting repairs and reply from OCC regarding re-erection of fence.

Working Party will be clearing debris from storm damage in spinney and clearing area near the road to make it more attractive and open.

Request had been made by Parish Church to hold a Real Ale Festival on the Playing Field. Clerk to check with Duchy that they are OK that such an event could take place.

**16.300.10 To discuss Oak Tree pond and its clearance**

Owner of Oak View had suggested desilting of the pond and making the area more attractive. Highways thought to claim ownership of the pond although this has always been an unclear point. Highways to be asked to desilt the pond along the argument that it will be in a better condition to cope with excess water and prevent flooding of nearby property.

**Additional issue raised by Chairman:**

Spoil heaped up behind Stoneyfield has caused localised flooding issues to neighbouring properties.

**16.300.11 Date of next meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Other meeting dates:, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016