

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday, 5th October 2016

Public Participation session: 15 minutes maximum

- Positive comment regarding the effect traffic behaving on entering the village - slowing down when seeing the new "gates".
- Gate posts tops need painting
- The end of the spinney footpath where it meets the road has recently been concreted over and also a gate been erected on the spinney side of the bridge – thanks to Cllr. Miller for doing this.
- Hole in verge near this point still needs mending and is dangerous.
- New white lines at exit of Church Close onto Church Lane – planned to be installed in November.
- Two events noted for 29th October – Art Exhibition in Village Hall and Bonfire Night on playing field.
- Clerk clarified the situation regarding work to remove poplar trees in the spinney. This was not the responsibility of the Parish Council but of the Duchy of Cornwall who own the Spinney and the timber in it.
- Mr Wilcox was present and able to respond to a query regarding the leak in mill race – it would be attended to when time permitted.
- Mr Wilcox explained the proposal to erect a poultry rearing unit on land at end of Pinchgate Lane.

Council Business:

Cllrs. present:

Cllrs. Norris, Hessian, Bohm, Roper, Miller

16.305.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance
Apologies received from Cllrs. Davis and Donne

16.305.2 To receive any declarations of interest
None declared

16.305.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th September 2016
Minutes approved as read.

16.305.4 Past Subject Matters – for the purpose of report only
Overhanging trees from Dower House garden. Owner reported that trees have TPO on them. Arboricultural Officer has indicated that as work is not major then a simple letter informing CDC that work is going to happen, is all that is required and this information has been passed on to the owners.
Goal posts in playing field need attention. Issue also raised in RoSPA Playing Field inspection.
Signage outside Manor Farm: The proliferation of signs has been reported.
Additional microphones for recording device: will be trialled at next meeting.
Oak Tree at end of North Lane: this is not protected by any TPO although some protection is afforded by it being in the Conservation Area.

16.305.5 To approve following items of expenditure:

1. Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA Inspection - play area)	£ 92.40
2. Nora Gibson - Internal audit	£ 85.00

Both of these retrospective payments were approved

- 16.305.6 To receive information on Planning Applications and note decisions and discuss.**
A summary of current applications and recent decisions was circulated – see attached.
Southfield Farm: Mr Tredwell had been approached regarding footpath access from the site. He responded that this was out of his hands and was the responsibility of the developer. The safety of pedestrians on the current proposed footpath is a major concern..
- 16.305.7 To discuss proposals for storage units for playing field**
Cllr. Miller showed a proposed design for units.
Agreed that detailed design and costings required for approval at a later meeting, along with breakdown in cost for how much is spent each year on cutting of the grass, and insurance to have such unit owned by the parish council along with equipment.
- 16.305.8 To approve expenditure for cutting hedges and general smartening up of village.**
Highways providing a map which will show areas of grass considered as Highways / Parish responsibility. No equivalent for hedges but OCC willing to provide ownership details for areas where ownership is unclear.
- 16.305.9 To discuss Oxfordshire Together program**
Clerk explained the principal of the program but at the moment the idea had stagnated whilst reorganisation within OCC took place. Further information required before any firm commitment to the program could take place
- 16.305.10 Update on Neighbourhood Plan.**
A report on the current status was given by Cllr. Bohm and noted.
- 16.305.11 To receive report on Playing Field, Play Area and Village Pond.**
RoSPA had acknowledged that a report on the playing field had been requested but that message had not been passed on to the inspector. However, the inspector had commented on the goal posts – rusty and needed painting, and loose in their fixings. Cllr. Roper would talk to P. Beecroft regarding fixing of the goal-posts.
Grass cutting of the main field had been done by Cllr. Miller, but he was unable to continue doing so because of work commitments.
Village Pond: top soil had been added to the bank but now needed seeding with grass.
- 16.305.12 Date of next meeting: 2nd November 2016**
Other meeting dates: 7th December 2016.

Planning Applications – Received and Decisions Sept - Oct 2016

16/00574/REM – Southfield Farm – Phase 1

- Not yet determined.

Parish Council submitted detailed objections to the proposals, a copy of which has already been circulated.

Meeting has taken place with CDC who have concerns.

Meeting with developers has taken place

A revised application is due to be submitted in the next week, after which the details will be duly circulated and the statutory time period for comments will occur.

16/01435/F – Manor Farm shower & toilet block for camp and caravan site

Application received: 4th August 2016

Objections from Parish Council – available on line

Summary:

“The Parish Council believes that a proper forward plan is needed for this site. The above list of applications demonstrates a history of ad hoc applications being put in .

What is required is a reappraisal of the whole site future plan before approving the present shower block.”

Application approved: 21st September 2016

16/01659/F – 3 Blacksmith’s Close – retrospective application to cover change to garage to form residential area with dormers and rear single story extension.

Planning group will formulate response based on comments received from Cllrs and residents.

16/01706/F – Land south of college Farm – Poultry unit

Strong opposition from a number of residents and councillors. Although it is not in the parish of Weston on the Green it would affect us and hence that is why we have been invited to comment. Bletchingdon are strongly against it and will probably hold a public meeting about it. Won’t be considered by Planning Committee until Nov/Dec 2016.

ABS/DIV/404/03.15 Diversion of footpath No. 22, North Lane

Comments need to be returned by 24th October 2016.