

Minutes of For Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd November 2016

Public Participation session: 15 minutes maximum

No members of the public were present.

Council Business:

16.306.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

All Cllrs were present. Apologies were received from the Clerk.

16.306.2 To receive any declarations of interest

John Miller - planning

16.306.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th October 2016.

The minutes were approved as read.

16.306.4 Past Subject Matters – for the purpose of report only

- gate post tops had been painted
- hole in verge between Gallosbrook Way and Bletchingdon Rd had been filled. Clerk thanked for sorting this issue out.
- new white lines had been painted at the junction of Church Close and Church Lane. Clerk thanked for his persistence with Highways at getting this matter completed.
- Removal of poplar trees in the spinney – unlikely to happen until new year as contractors don't want to bring heavy equipment on to the soft surface of the playing field.
- The overhanging trees in the Dower House garden had not yet been cut back.

16.306.5 To approve following items of expenditure:

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| 1. Village Hall hire | £60.00 - Approved |
| 2. Cherwell D.C. Dog bin emptying | £348.38 – Approved |
| 3. Eric Payne – grass cutting | £150.00 - Approved |

The £5,000 that was being held in custody for Brian Wilson had been transferred into the Community account so that the monies could be transferred to the Village Hall Committee in accordance to the wishes of Mr Wilson.

Clerk to check whether it is still OK to hold the OCC Big Community Grant (£5,000) as it had not been spent on the original project of providing a bus shelter.

Cllr Donne queried the salary level of the Clerk with concern that it might mean a pension would need to be put in place.

16.306.6 To receive information on Planning Applications, note decisions and discuss.

- * Fir Tree Farm: Cllr. Miller explained what the barn would be used for and its construction.
- * Weston Manor: no issues regarding porta cabin but need to stress that it should not be there any longer than the quoted 3 yrs. Clerk to chase up situation regarding entrance pillars.
- * Southfield Farm: a new set of plans had been received which were an improvement on the previous set submitted as to the layout of the buildings. But the housing mix proposed was not what was needed (5 bed & 2 bed properties).
- * 3 Blacksmiths Close: retrospective. Letter of complaint to be sent to Cherwell complaining of the way the planning application was handled and the seeming lack of interest in Building Regulation control.
- * Old Forge: concern that the new building that has been built to the rear has been built to allow dormer or Velux windows to be added at a later date under permitted development.
- * Chicken Farm: no issue regarding the development but stipulation that lorries from this development are not allowed to come through the village via the Bletchingdon Road. Letter to be sent to Faccenda concerning the number of their lorries that currently use the B430 to access the processing plant at Brackley.

16.306.7 To discuss proposals for storage units for playing field

Cllr. Hessian had not been able to provide comparative costings. Cllr. Miller had provided an estimate of costs for him to provide the unit and an artist impression as to what the unit might look like. Cllrs. to send thoughts and concerns/issues to Cllr. Hessian prior to next meeting.

16.306.8 To approve expenditure for cutting hedges and general smartening up of village.

A sum of up to £400 was approved for hedge-cutting throughout the village.

16.306.9 Update on Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr. Bohm explained that a draft of the Neighbourhood Plan had been circulated to Cllrs. Comments, queries, etc., needed to be notified to the Steering Group prior to a meeting of Parish Councillors and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group to be held on 23rd November.

16.306.10 To receive report on Playing Field, Play Area and Village Pond

Cllr. Roper confirmed that Mr P Beecroft would be making the goal posts firm and upright and hoped that this work would be done before the next meeting.

Clerk had recently cut the grass using Cllr. Miller's mower.

Clerk to write to Kieran Evans thanking him for his voluntary work in looking after the playing field and spinney. Also a special thanks to Cllr. Miller and the Clerk for their work on the playing field.

A letter to be sent to Mr West thanking him for materials supplied for work in the spinney.

Meeting closed.

16.306.11 Date of next meeting: 7th December 2016.