

# Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016

## Public Participation session: 15 minutes maximum

Mrs L Talbot raised the following points:

- Concern over the numbers of additional houses needed as mentioned in CDC Local Plan Consultation. Would the Weston Neighbourhood Plan overrule these proposals?  
*Additional houses (over and above those required in the Adopted CDC Local Plan) are those needed to meet Oxford's unmet housing need – the current Partial Review of Part 1 of the Local Plan and currently under consultation looks at possible sites for providing up to 4,400 extra homes. It remains to be seen as to whether the village will be asked to accommodate more housing to that already identified under the current Local Plan.*
- Concern over the HGVs currently using the road through Chesterton and Kirtlington.  
*This is in fact an A-road so they are entitled to use it as such. The road through Weston is a B-road.*
- Neighbour intending to tarmac drive and front garden. Are there any issues regarding drainage?

*Clerk to check with Planning as to any issues relating to this.*

**ACTION**

## Council Business:

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

Cllrs. present: D. Bohm, S.Davies, H. Donne, K. Hessian, J. Miller, T. Norris.

Apologies received: J. Roper

### 16.307.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr. Miller expressed an interest in 16.307.9 – Neighbourhood Plan

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

Delete reference to "Village Pond" in 16.307.12.

Minutes otherwise approved as read.

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

16.306.5 – Cllr. Gearing has been asked whether monies received (Big Society Fund) could be used for a different community purpose now that there was no need for a bus shelter as the bus service had been withdrawn.

No response from Cllr. Gearing – Clerk to contact grant organisers and ask for advice as to use of monies.

**ACTION**

16.306.10 - no further information received from Cllr. Roper as to whether the goalposts have been painted and provided with a firm fixing.

16.306.6 – no further information received from CDC Planning as to when the entrance pillars of Weston Manor would be rectified.

Clerk to follow up.

**ACTION**

16.306.6 – Blacksmith's Close. Letter had been sent to Cherwell raising the various issues concerning the retrospective application for planning for 3 Blacksmiths Close. No response as yet. Planning Approval had been granted but planning officer had raised a query concerning the build quality of the

alterations and extension.

Clerk to follow up. Also to raise such issues with District Councillors and Cherwell management (eg. Sue Smith).

**ACTION:**

Chairman to also write separately on the issue of lack of feedback/response from CDC officers.

**ACTION**

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

1. KJ Cleaning (K. Evans) – grass cutting £200.00 – Approved

**16.307.6 To approve the erection and siting of wooden planters at each of the village gates.**

The Chair introduced this additional proposal.  
Approved.

**Note:** The addition of this proposal alters the numbering of the items to what was on the original agenda

**16.307.7 To approve the purchase of timber for village gate planters at a cost of £306.00**

Approved

Cllrs. Miller and Norris, and the Clerk will investigate the material to be used in front of the planters to suppress weeds and keep area looking neat and tidy.

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

Fir Tree Farm: (16/02013/F) – erection of agricultural building : Approved

Weston Manor: (16/02021/F) – erection of portacabin: Not decided

3 Blacksmiths Close: (16/01659/F) – Retrospective: Approved

Greens Cottage, North Lane (14/01797/F / 16/02314/F)

– amended drawings submitted: Not decided

Cllr. Donne to explain to councillors how to automatically receive information from Cherwell on new applications submitted (for WOTG)

**ACTION**

**16.307.9 To consider and approve proposal that the Parish Council register a strong objection to the planning appeal for the Southfield Farm, Phase 2 development**

Deadline for response is 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016. Cllrs. agreed that a strong representation from the Parish Council is required, along with representations from villagers. Information to be sent from PC to interested parties with guidance as to the points they could/should raise. Draft response to be circulated a.s.a.p.

Cllr. Donne / Clerk to prepare response

**ACTION**

**16.307.10 Traffic calming – to consider and approve the proposal that two councillors be tasked to research over a maximum period of 6 months, methods of lowering speed limits and their financing after which an overall traffic plan be proposed for the village.**

Cllrs agreed to identify funds to allow for an application to apply for a change in speed limits throughout the whole village – 20mph on all side roads and lanes, and 30mph on the B430.

**ACTION (KH & SD)**

It was agreed the above would be followed up by a plan for other speed control measures along with a budget so that a target figure can be used towards which funds would need to be raised.

**ACTION: (KH, SD, Clerk)**

**16.307.11 To consider and approve proposal from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, that the Neighbourhood Plan (as attached to this Agenda) be accepted as the formal proposed plan for the Parish, acknowledging that minor modification may be requested by statutory consultees and the Examiner of the Plan after acceptance.**

Cllrs. approved the proposal – unanimous decision with one abstention.

**16.307.12 Subject to acceptance of the above (16.307.11) to consider the proposal that this project continue to be led by Cllr. D. Bohm as the representative of the Parish Council. Cllr. S. Davis, also involved in the project, should also be part of the project team.**

Cllrs. approved the proposal.

Cllr. Bohm briefed councillors on the current status of the Neighbourhood Plan.

**16.307.13 To discuss the consultation document from CDC – Partial Review of the Cherwell Local Plan (Part 1) and agree proposals for a response. Planning Committee to propose response to consultation. ACTION**

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

Clerk: goal posts need painting – recommendation from the inspection. Need to check whether posts have been refitted and are secure.

Moles are rampant on the playing field.

Cllr Miller to provide costings for trench and fence around edge of field. **ACTION**

Pond in North Lane, despite recent rains, the water level is still low.

Cllr. Donne will discuss situation with Jon Kirk. **ACTION**

**Additional item for discussion:**

Parish Council had been notified that BT were considering the removal of the telephone kiosk by the stocks due to lack of use. Cllrs. had already indicated that they saw no need for its retention. The Village Hall Committee had proposed the purchase of a refurbished K6 style red 'phone box for £3,500 and were looking for financial support from the Parish Council and other interested parties. Concern expressed over any contribution that could be supplied by the Parish Council knowing that funding is also required for community projects such as the playing field buildings.

Clerk to contact O.C.C. (See Action point in 16.307.4) as to use of grant money before PC can commit to releasing money for the "library" project.

**ACTION**

Clerk explained the new Parish Council website: [www.westononthegreen-pc.gov.uk](http://www.westononthegreen-pc.gov.uk) .

Investigate setting up of Facebook page

**ACTION**

**Date of next meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Scheduled meetings for 2017: 11<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup> December.