

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th April 2018

Public Participation session: 15 minutes maximum

B. Gravett: concern regarding the situation at The Stonehouse, Northampton Rd., regarding noise and destruction of the vegetation and garden of this property. Photographs were provided which supported his complaints. Trees had been removed without approval. This is an ongoing issue with Clerk and also residents in contact with Cherwell. The Parish council have no powers to intervene but can put pressure on the authorities to act.

R.S-A: Report of minor traffic collision outside shop – enquiring about possible CCTV coverage as “culprit” vehicle registration number not known. Incident took place on day of Spring Show.
Pot-holes in the village have been marked for repair. Noted that all potholes in Mill Lane have been marked out whereas top end of road is private and not public highway. Clerk to bring that to attention of Highways team.

L.T: Litter bin by old bus-stop (Ben Jonson) is being used for dog excrement. Is it OK to put notice indicating that dog muck should be placed in appropriate bin (with arrow pointing to nearest dog-bin?).

Council Business:

- 18.323.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance.**
All councillors in attendance: Cllrs. Bohm, Davis, Donne, Hessian, Miller, Norris, Roper.
- 18.323.2 To receive any declarations of interest**
Received from: Cllr. Bohm - Stonehouse
- 18.323.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th March 2018**
The Minutes were approved as read.
- 18.323.4 Past Subject Matters – for the purpose of report only**
Report from Clerk of actions arising from previous meeting:
At the previous meeting it was agreed that we would request monies via an OCC grant/Cllr.Griffiths, for monies towards:
1. Replacement fence on playing field
2. Two picnic tables
3. Repair of footpath by Village Hall.
Cllr. Griffiths requested a break-down of costs for these items and these were provided – see 18.323.14 below.
- 18.323.5 To receive update on Neighbourhood Plan**
See report from Cllr. Bohm attached.
Still waiting for Cherwell to comment on the Strategic Environmental Assessment Report which is holding up the signing off of this document.
Local elections are delaying matters with Cherwell staff being involved.
- 18.323.6 To receive information on Planning Applications and note decisions.**
Planning report had been circulated previously.
School Field – Laggan Homes had asked to meet up with Parish Council to discuss planning matters in general. Similar reply as previously would be sent to them.
Manor Farm – letter of objection would be sent stating that the permanent siting of a mobile home was unnecessary bearing in mind the seasonal

nature of the caravan park. There were other suitable buildings already on site.

Wesfield Farm Barn – trees had been felled before approval given, but Cherwell not concerned as the trees were due for removal as part of the Landscaping Plan – yet to be approved! Stone shed had been removed because “weight of snow had made it unsafe” according to developer. Planning Officer had seemed reluctant to allow the application to be called in and dealt with by Planning Committee. Cllr. Holland had been instructed to make sure it was called in.

18.323.7 To discuss and formulate a response to a further request from Lagan Homes PR consultants to meet with Parish Council to discuss the future requirements of housing in the village.

Dealt with under Planning Applications (18.323.6) – the wording of the response would be as follows:

“The Parish Council note your enquiry and would comment that the Parish Council has submitted a draft Neighbourhood Plan to Cherwell District Council which sets out the village’s position on development matters”.

18.323.8 To approve following payments:

Hire of Village Hall (Jan – March 2018)	£60.00
OALC – Annual Subscription	£135.06
Community First Oxfordshire – Annual Subscription	£55.00
Clerk’s salary – May 2017 – March 2018 (11 months)	£2559.48

The above payments were approved.

Requested that a Staffing Committee meeting occur asap.

18.323.9 To discuss forthcoming Parish Council elections and proposals to promote interest in the choice of candidates and encourage electors to vote.

OALC and Cherwell election team had advised against the Parish Council getting involved in election publicity for all candidates whether it be a leaflet that had a few sentences about each candidate or organising a “Meet the Candidates” event in the Village Hall. It was decided a leaflet which gave some information on the candidates would be helpful but this needed to be organised outside the remit of the Parish Council.

18.323.10 To receive report from Traffic Calming Advisory Group.

Report read out by Cllr. Bohm.

A meeting had taken place with the Principal Officer of Traffic Safety (OCC), Cllr Carmen Griffiths and members of the Advisory Group who walked the various parts of Church Rd & Church Lane pointing out areas where traffic was an issue. An application for reducing the speed limit in Church Rd/Church Lane would be submitted, surveys of the residents of all side streets off the B430 would also be carried out. Reducing the B430 speed limit to 30mph is likely to meet resistance from Thames Valley Police.

18.323.11 To receive update from Transport Advisory Group

A meeting had taken place in Oxford between bus company representatives, OCC and village representatives looking at how the withdrawal of bus services could be remedied in some way. Villages were advised to produce up to date surveys of transport needs in the villages and Community First Oxfordshire will help with the wording of the survey and its production. This will include questions as to whether they would prefer a community bus or a regular, albeit 1 – 4 day, or 1 per week,

service. But we need to find out how many people would use that type of service and what are their real needs. The survey would be done so as not to conflict with the surveys being conducted by the Traffic Calming group.

- 18.323.12 To discuss a proposal to site one or more salt bins in the village and request a report be generated on the costs and the siting of the bins.**
Suggested that bins could be sited:
1. Near shop
 2. Near Village Green
 3. Church Close
- Purchase of three salt bins to put as an Agenda item for future meeting.
- 17.323.13 To discuss a proposal to provide for one or more dog bins and litter bins throughout the village.**
Cllr. Donne and Clerk will conduct a “bin-walk” reviewing possible siting of new or replacement bins and re-siting of existing ones and report back to councillors. Cllr. Miller has spare bins that might be of use.
- 17.323.14 To discuss and propose projects for which funding could be requested via OCC grants.**
Subject already covered in 18.323.4
- 17.323.15 To receive report on Playing Field and Play-area – including Spinney**
Too wet to conduct any work either on field and also in spinney. Playground equipment has been inspected.
- 17.323.16 Date of next meeting: May 9th 2018 Annual Meeting of Parish Council**
Further dates for 2018: June 6th , July 4th , August – no meeting, September 5th , October 3rd , November 7th , December 5th .