

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 6th September 2017

Public Participation session: 15 minutes maximum

RS-A: Any progress on Mill Race leak? Wilcox & Co have not prioritized repair of the seepage but are monitoring it. Scale of seepage is not large. Clerk to contact Farm Manager and discuss again.

Hedge taken out at entrance to Stonehouse, Northampton Rd. Entrance is being widened with gravel. Bonfires being lit at night and left unsupervised. Risk to neighbouring thatched properties. Some parts of hedge are thicker than the 150mm diameter that would normally require a TCA approval.

When will spinney trees be felled? Week commencing 11th September .

Can the wood be used for the village bonfire? Some wood has been left from previous clearance.

Council Business:

17.315.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Apologies received from Cllr. Donne who will be late to arrive.
Clerk is on vacation.

17.315.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None received

17.315.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 5th July 2017

Minutes were approved as read.

17.315.4 Past Subject Matters – for the purpose of report only

Actions arising from previous meeting:

Public Participation: Stargate – Manor not aware of the safety issue.

Clerk has requested return of Ben Jonson sign

17.314.4: Rubbish from hedgerows has been collected

17.313.11: Another request has been more forcibly declined by Clerk

17.313.7: BDO have asked for clarification on some parts of the Annual Return and Clerk has responded.

17.314.5: Transfer of funds not yet completed as DCLG deliberating as to whether monies need to be returned. Flowers for Alex Reid had been delivered.

17.314.7: Cherwell have been asked to follow up the reinstatement of stone piers at Manor Entrance

17.315.5 To receive feedback on Transport and Traffic Calming sub-committees

18th Aug circulation of transport plan from OCC- no funding to progress

Clerk discussed strategies with Islip re 20 mph speed limit – it took them 3 yrs to achieve and cost £4500 including traffic sensors. No speed humps or lights were required on some roads. There are many precedents for 20mph with minimal traffic controls. Disappointing results from reduced speed zone – want a camera jointly purchased between a number of neighbouring parishes including Weston.

Public transport to Weston, OCC cannot pledge funds to reinstate. Islip has a Charlton bus service to Oxford twice a day in rush hour only. No sharing possible at Wendlebury. Community share Oxfordshire (ex ORCC) may help – but might help set up a community based scheme.

Transport group volunteers received but not actioned yet.

Consider asking an existing route to stop at Weston, rather than expect a dedicated Weston route.

Chair has relinquished lead of the traffic group. DB will take the lead on this. Traffic subcommittee from NP will take it up again. Louise Talbot, Paul Beecroft, John Roper, Susan and Diane. Waiting for Neil Mullane to respond. Carolyn Bushby might also get involved. Report back from subcommittee at next meeting and draft action plan – initiative agreed.

Request report from Clerk on S106 monies from Southfield Farm development for traffic services.

Why is the 25A bus running through Weston and not stopping to pick up passengers in the village (they use it but it is not a bona fide route)?.

17.315.6 To receive update on Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr. Bohm)

Consultation document circulated to PC – all comments have been considered and a summary of responses compiled. DB summarized the key amendments to the current Plan.

Proposal to accept the amendment as is – approved.

17.315.7 To receive information on Planning Applications and note decisions

See report prepared by Cllr. Donne and circulated to Cllrs.

The Clerk was requested to seek a tree preservation order on the Oak tree.

17.315.8 To receive report on School Field planning proposals (Cllr Bohm)

School Field planning group called Weston Front 2 has been set up. They are commissioning a traffic report to look at the extended demand for access on Westlands Avenue – fundraising will be required for doing this, and also for using legal council as required. More information is required on the history of the site as well as a Biodiversity survey and Archeology survey. They will set up a 'just giving' site and a paper donation request circulated. Section 52 to be considered to protect this – further information on this is being gathered. The possibility of the development of the orchard is also being looked at.

17.315.8 To approve the following items of expenditure:

Eric Payne – grass-cutting: April – June 2017	£300.00
Continental Landscapes: June 2017	£280.00
Duchy of Cornwall: Playing Field rent 2017/2018	£669.24
Kieran Evans - grass-cutting: March – July 2017	£300.00
Continental Landscapes: July 2017	£ 93.60
Playsafety – playground inspection	£ 92.40

Eric Payne and Kieran Evans invoices paid in advance of PC meeting.

All payments were approved.

It was suggested that the “unauthorized payment” upper limit needed reviewing.

17.315.9 To discuss and agree response to Cherwell Consultation – Local plan – meeting Oxford’s unmet housing need – due by 10th October 2017. Documents previously circulated.

Cherwell Consultation Local Plan – shows disregard for the Green Belt, so can this be used as a precedent for us – even though this is not something to support in general terms? Concerns are lack of infrastructure and which target population is this housing meeting?

17.315.10 To discuss and agree response to Community Governance Review – increasing number of councillors to eight (8). Response due by 8th September 2017. Documents previously circulated

We are able to appoint 8 councillors. Agreed to ratify that decision.

17.315.11 To agree remedial work on large willow in front of Oak View, North Lane.

Agreed that work needed to be done. Quotes would be sought from three sources and presented at next meeting.

17.315.12 To receive report on Playing Field and Play-area

RoSPA report on the playing field has identified the goal posts needed to be derusted and painted and also made more secure as they were loose.

Spinney – contractors are due to start work next Monday (11th September). They have a key for access. The fence adjacent to the spinney will be removed as work is undertaken as trees will be felled into the edge of the field. The area will be cordoned off for safety reasons. Fence adjacent to spinney will be removed as part of tree felling work. Asked if new work could be alerted via facebook or website before PC is asked to approve the work.

- Formal vote of thanks given for the work undertaken at the south entrance to the village. Proposed thanks especially to Cllr. Miller for providing many pieces of equipment and also to The Chequers for supporting the work group.

17.315.13 Date of next meeting: 4th October 2017

Other meeting dates for 2017: 1st November 2017, 6th December 2017