

# MINUTES OF Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## Public Participation session: 15 minutes maximum

N. M. – reported that building company responsible for Southfield Farm development is now in receivership.

N.M - will obtain revised price for completion of lopping of willow tree in North Lane

## Council Business:

### 17.319.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance:

Apologies received from Cllr. Miller, Cllr. Norris and the Clerk

### 17.319.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None received

### 17.319.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

The Minutes were approved as read.

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

Actions arising from previous meeting –

Following a question raised by a member of the public – the Clerk had contacted gas board and Cherwell who provided a map of the current distribution of gas mains – this has been forwarded to Cllr. Donne

The Clerk had not been able to speak to the owners of Walnut Tree Cottage regarding the state of the footpath.

The matter regarding subsidies being provided towards grass-cutting was still pending.

A note of thanks had been received from Village Hall Committee for financial help towards funding the kiosk library.

**17.318.11** - Cllr. Roper had indicated at the last meeting that the Clerk had not circulated the final report produced by the Peer Review team. The Chief Executive of CDC has confirmed to the Clerk that the final report has yet to be published.

**17.318.13** Rest of planters will be put in place when Clerk is fit enough to do so. He will request help if it is needed.

### 17.319.5 To receive update on Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr. Bohm)

Thanks to those who have helped during Diane's convalescence.

Reference to the School Field should be identified as a grassland habitat and management should follow their guidelines. Allotments are still an objective in the NP but not on Site B.

More emphasis has been put on the wildlife corridor with the existing SSSIs.

A management plan would need to be in place according to management guidelines of grasslands and this process would be overseen by the PC.

Weston Front2 group is looking to safeguard the Schoolfield – they will have a public meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan to discuss their aims.

A document from them highlights:

Restricted grazing; dog waste management; no structures, no planting, limited grass-cutting.

The area which has been backfilled with rubble could be improved to reinstate the ridge and furrow definition.

Revised documents will go back to Maria Dopazo for the SEA closure which is the last document required for submission. The full document should then be put on the website for public scrutiny – have a letter-drop, advertise in the Village News and put on the website to maximize exposure before the next steps.

Hard to predict a referendum date – as it will be dependent on choice and schedule for an examiner post 6-week consultation.

HD suggested a short punchy piece in the Village News to remind people why the NP is important and what it will achieve.

Any potential points of divergence with the WF2 group have been cleared up and we are all aligned now.

**17.319.6 To receive information on Planning Applications and note decisions**

Cllr. Donne will collate responses and circulate.

**17.319.7 To receive update on finances, and approve precept for 2018-19**

Cllr. Hessian summarized the spreadsheet figures that had been provided by the Clerk. Council needs to consider categories of expenditure and amounts for the next precept.

KH noted that a comparator of Tackley had x7 more precept than WOTG, so our previous village precept is possibly under-ambitious for the village. If there is commitment from the precept for aspirational work, it must be part of a managed plan.

Need responses back and approval of the precept before the end of January.

JM to compile an estimate for village maintenance; DB and SD to look at requirements for the first 5 year NP implementation.

KH to organize an additional meeting in late January (after 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan) to specifically discuss and agree the precept.

**17.319.8 To approve the following items of expenditure:**

Village Hall – hire of hall, October – December 2017	£60.00	<b>Approved</b>
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**17.319.9 To receive report from Traffic Calming Advisory Body**

N.Mullane (Chair of group) reported to Councillors:

There had been 4 meetings of the group plus an open meeting "Church Lane/Road" meeting to discuss the issues that affect local people. Surveys to all residents on the issue would be circulated and collected via the shop.

There was a need to unblock the circular argument about which comes first funding or plan. A meeting with CDC is being arranged to find out the cost of some of the solutions. Application to reduce the speed limit 30 → 20 will be made after a meeting with CDC to check viability before completing the forms. From survey data, prioritise tasks. Look into some signs for '20 is plenty' for bins, etc to encourage drivers to respect the environment. Majority of proposals are expensive, so routes for access will be investigated. Viridor will be contacted and routes of their vehicles checked. Farm and HGV owners will also be contacted and asked to be more considerate.

Regular articles in the Village News. Want feedback/ideas from the PC and as many options as possible to be passed to the village.

All interested parties asked to log on to 'Fix my Route'.

**17.319.10 To receive update from Transport Advisory Group**

A meeting in Chesterton has been arranged between local parishes to discuss a joint approach to issues such as transport and traffic. Cllrs. Hessian, Davies and the Clerk will attend.

**17.319.11 To receive report on Playing Field and Play-area – including Spinney**

Land is waterlogged so no action is possible.

Duchy has offered £500 towards reinstating the fence along the spinney on the proviso that there is a single pedestrian gate at the southern end and maintain the double vehicle gate at the northern end.

**17.319.12 To receive report on other outstanding issues – hedge-cutting, planters, etc**

Barn next to Shepherd's Close/Erlinstoun is in danger of collapsing. Clerk has been informed and has passed the information on to CDC and informed the owner.

Parish Council Elections:

Nomination packs are available – some will be put in the Village Hall.

Nominations are due by 6<sup>th</sup> April. We should be looking to have an election.

Some information on the candidates should be put in the Village News.

Posters for the elections to encourage interest. ?leaflet drop as well; open evening to explain the workings of the PC and the aspirations of the PC.

**17.319.13 Date of next meeting: February 7<sup>th</sup>,**

Dates for 2018: March 7<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup> (AGM), June 6<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>, August – no meeting, September 5<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup>.