

MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Youth centre at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 14 April 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Present: R.Soper (Chairman), H. St John, D. Gough, C. Frost, S.Cusick, G. Matthews, B.Norton, R.Langley and I Hogg

In attendance: Lynda Scott, Clerk to the Council and Mr Wilkenson

1 Apologies: None

2 Declarations of interest: None

3 Minutes

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 March be approved as a true and correct record.

4 Matters Arising

(i) Play area lease (outstanding matter from APM)

Ian Hogg and David Gough will meet with CC Louise Chapman and Karen Lister, OCC Head of Estates, on 20 April at 3pm to discuss a solution to the issue of the lease of the Children's Play area by the school.

(ii) Need not Greed campaign

Members discussed the correspondence from the Need not Greed coalition that has set up a campaign for a different future than that put forward by the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP). The coalition opposes the scale of the proposed development of the county, the lack of balance against social and environmental considerations and the absence of proper consultation.

It was noted that OxLEP is to consult on the Oxfordshire Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) Refresh from 21 April to 20 May 2016 and members agreed to submit their view to the Clerk for submission. It was further agreed that members' views be forwarded to the Need not Greed campaign and to the Strategic Director at WODC, Christine Gore.

5 Thames Valley Police Report

None received.

6 Planning Decisions:

41 Perrott Close: Removal of existing garage and conservatory. Erection of rear and side extensions. Approved

7 Planning Applications & Correspondence:

Fairacre, 18 Park Road: Erection of five dwellings including three self-build, associated parking and landscaping. Demolition of existing buildings.

Mr Wilkenson asked the Council about its decision re this development proposal following its site visit. RS explained that the Council had submitted no objection to WODC following the site visit and were comfortable with the proposed use of the site. BN has requested that the planning application be dealt with by committee rather than through the scheme of delegation to officers.

GM suggested that the MH committee might wish to negotiate some parking for the MH at the site. CF will take to the committee.

The Bungalow, Wilcote – demolition of 2 bungalows and construction of a new replacement dwelling no objection in principle but need to see site plans to verify the height/visibility of the proposed new dwelling.

Heath Farm, Heath Farm Lane – retrospective formation of new access and track: comments submitted

Nonsuch, Heath Farm Lane- removal of existing dwelling and erection of three dwellings with associated parking; alterations to access. Objection and comments submitted

17 Common Road – replacement garage and workshop; condition requested

Land north of Fairview, East End – erection of a four bedroomed house and double garage. Existing access to be utilised and garden landscaped. Lack of dimensions on the plan; comments submitted

8 Finance

8.1 Accounts for payment: approved: see attached.

8.2 Spend against budget report; approved: see attached

8.3 Annual Governance Statement

Members discussed/reviewed current financial management and internal audit arrangements without change. The Chairman signed off the Annual Governance Statement.

9 Open Spaces Reports:

Received from IH and CF. IH reported a missing fence panel at the children's play park and will arrange for its replacement.

10 Cemetery/ Churchyard

10.1 No report received.

11 Traffic & Roads Reports and other Highways Matters

11.1 Community speed watch

RS to canvass dates

CF reported a blocked drain at the end of Perrott Close. Clerk to report to Highways.

12 Consultation None

13 Correspondence

Letter received from Rev Dixon concerning the churchyard and fees payable to the Parish Council. Clerk to forward to RS for a response

14 Parish Council election

Members noted that following the recent election of parish councillors it would be necessary to seek to co-opt four councillors. The Clerk will advertise and members will make approaches within the village to seek expressions of interest which should be made to the Clerk in the first instance.

Any Other Business:

GM reported New Yatt residents' concerns regarding a particularly loud 'bird scarer' west of Spyall, Heath Farm Close. The Clerk will report to Environmental Health at WODC.

CF confirmed the Litter Pick for 22 May – 10.30 to 1pm and asked for the support of members.

RS expressed his thanks for the support he has received during his time as a parish councillor and particularly during his chairmanship. He expressed special appreciation to BN for his long years of service, he will be greatly missed.

BN gave his thanks for the support of the parish councillors over many years and wished members well for the future.

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 12 May 2016 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chairman Date