

MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall Youth Centre on Thursday 12 February 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Present: R. Soper(chair), D. Gough, C. Frost, S. Cusick and I Hogg

In attendance: Lynda Scott, Clerk to the Council

1 Apologies: R. Langley, B. Norton, G. Matthews and H. St John

2 Declarations of interest: None

3 Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

4 Matters Arising

(i) North Leigh Windmill and land adjoining

No further information

(ii) Broadband Upgrading

It is understood that work will begin in the summer of 2015. No further update

(iii) NL Website

No report

(iv) Letter from Jim Wiggle

Awaiting response from HStJ

(v) Litter collections

Correspondence from WODC noted

(vi) Defibrillator

RS will put something in the Nor 'Lye news advising residents of the process in using the defibrillator.

5 Thames Valley Police Report

None received.

6 Planning Decisions:

Change of use of farm buildings at Wilcote Manor Farm: refused

Erection of detached dwelling at Home Close, Green Lane: granted

Lower Riding Farm, East End; change of use of 2 barns and redevelopment of farmhouse and attached barn to create 3 residential properties: refused

7 Planning Applications & Correspondence:

7.1 Working Group report

Holly Tree Cottage – resubmission: Part demolition of side extension to erect a single and two storey side extension and first floor extension. Comments submitted

8 Finance

8.1 Accounts for payment: approved: see attached.

8.2 Spend against budget report; approved: see attached

9 Open Spaces Reports:

None received.

Letter from Mr and Mrs Kerpache concerning overhanging foliage in two sites in the village which is causing obstructions to the view of vehicles. HStJ to report back. Outstanding

10 Cemetery/ Churchyard Report

10.1 H StJ: received.

10.2 Planting of a commemorative tree in the Cemetery – RS, RL and HStJ to meet with Geoff Barrell to discuss details and position.

10.3 HStJ reported overgrown pine trees in the churchyard now growing very close to the church and in need of pruning. The PCC have requested that the Parish Council arrange to have the trees felled/cut back. RS to obtain a professional report and costs.

11 Traffic & Roads Reports and other Highways Matters

11.1 Community speed watch

Members discussed dates for update training and identified a number of sites in the village where speed checks are needed.

11.2 Members discussed a letter from B. Timms regarding the poor state of repair of the footpath from the school to the top of Windmill Road and from Wilcote View to the newly repaired path near the garden centre. RS to walk the route in question and advise the Clerk of appropriate action.

12 Consultation:

Local Transport Plan: correspondence and consultation links circulated to members.

13 Correspondence:

Correspondence re Saddlers Arms: noted

Members considered a letter from Mrs J Legg on behalf of the PCC requesting signage on Church Road. The Clerk to write to the PCC advising that they approach OCC Highways re the matter and offering the Parish Council's support.

Members discussed a suggestion from Mr Geoff Feasey concerning the recruitment of volunteers to assist with hedge cutting for the less able in the village. Members expressed some concern about the insurance arrangements for volunteers working independently and considered the possibility of arranging a PC organised 'Village Clean Up Day' – working with other local organisations. CF to put a plan together for further consideration.

14 The Annual Parish Meeting was confirmed for 21 May at 7pm

15 Any Other Business

SC reported an obstruction to footpath No 24. SC to forward details/photographs to the Clerk who will report the matter to the footpaths officer.

CF reported drainage problems with the Allotments car park. Noted

RS reported that OCC would be responding to the complaint in the Nor'Lye News regarding the recent temporary Library closure which was due to staff sickness and other staffing problems. OCC will place an apology in the Nor 'Lye News

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 12 March 2015 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman Date