

MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall Youth Centre on Thursday 9 April 2015 at 7.30 pm.

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

In attendance: Lynda Scott, Clerk to the Council

1 Apologies: R. Soper and S. Cusick

2 Declarations of interest: B. Norton expressed an interest in item 13.1 Local Plan consultation

3 Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

4 Matters Arising

(i) B Timms' letter re footpath from the school to the top of Windmill Road and from Wilcote View to the newly repaired path near the garden centre.

RS will review and report back. BN has referred the matter to CC Louise Chapman.

(ii) Broadband Upgrading

Contractor processes now complete; work expected to begin in June.

(iii) NL Website

No new content received.

(iv) PCC request for signage on Church Road

The Clerk has written to the PCC advising of the costs provided by OCC highways.

(v) Problems with parking outside the school

BN reported further problems with traffic flow caused by rows of parked cars outside the school and suggested that the PCSO be asked to place cones there to discourage people from parking there. RS agreed to speak to his contact in the local Neighbourhood Police Team. Outstanding.

(vi) Letter from Mr and Mrs Kerpache re overhanging foliage at the Old Post Office

The Clerk has written to the occupants and the matter is now resolved.

(vii) Damaged Lamp post at the top of Windmill Road

Clerk to chase OCC re repair.

5 Thames Valley Police Report

None received. NAG report circulated

6 Affordable Housing

Members discussed the subject of available affordable housing within the village. BN advised that based on the allocation of housing association properties, allocated on a priority basis using the points system, the village was well provided for in this respect. If there is a need for affordable housing in the village it is 'hidden'. The Clerk was asked to contact OALC to enquire if it provides a housing needs survey service.

7 Planning Decisions:

None received.

8 Planning Applications & Correspondence:

8.1 Working Group report

17 Common Road: erection of single rear extension. Demolition of existing and rebuilding of new garage with store. No comment

9 Finance

9.1 Accounts for payment: approved: see attached.

9.2 Spend against budget report; approved: see attached

9.3 End of year accounts – submitted for internal audit

10 Open Spaces Reports:

Received from CF

10.1 Removal of sign on Adventure Playground

In response from an email from Pat Brown it was agreed that the sign should be removed. Clerk to ask Bob Allsworth to do the work and deliver the sign to RL.

11 Cemetery/ Churchyard Report

11.1 no report received from HStJ

11.2 Planting of a commemorative tree in the Cemetery – members discussed the possibility of planting the tree in the Churchyard rather than in the cemetery; at a site between the church and the road. Clerk to write to the PCC.

11.3 HStJ has received a quotation of £250 for felling the overgrown pine trees in the churchyard. HStJ said that the trees are several yards from the church and therefore their removal should have no implications for the church foundations. RL expressed concern that there might be implications for the wall near to the trees. The Clerk was asked to contact RS for his view.

11.4 The Clerk reported that she has asked the grave digger to remove the shuttering left under the hedges in the cemetery. Mr R Allsworth will undertake the repair to the latch on the cemetery gate and will clear the drain there.

12 Traffic & Roads Reports and other Highways Matters

12.1 Community speed watch

Members have agreed dates for update training and identified a number of sites in the village where speed checks are needed. Arrangements are now in place..

13 Consultation:

Local Plan:

Members discussed representations to WODC and it was agreed that the Council should re state its concerns re the impact of traffic resulting from the proposals for North Witney. The Clerk was asked to speak to RS with a view to submitting comments before the end of the consultation period on 8 May.

Church Mead: creation of a public footpath

Members reviewed the proposals and had no objections/comments to make.

14 Correspondence:

Letter from New Yatt RDA inviting councillors to attend an open day; no one available to attend. Clerk to respond.

15 Any Other Business

RL raised the issue of the demolition of the property at 34 Park Road. It was noted that planning approval was not required for the demolition but that, should future planning proposals be forthcoming for the site, a planning application would need to be submitted and would then be considered by the Parish Council as a consultee.

CF updated members on progress with the Village clean-up day. No volunteers to date.

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 14 May 2015 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman Date