

**MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Youth centre at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 10 December 2015 at 7.30 pm.**

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

**In attendance:** Lynda Scott, Clerk to the Council and seven residents

**1 Apologies:**

**2 Public Session to discuss the Gladman appeal to the Secretary of State and the Cerda planning consultation**

In response to the concerns of residents regarding the Cerda planning consultation, BN encouraged residents to attend the consultation meeting and make their views known. He confirmed that there had been no in-depth discussions between Cerda and WODC.

In respect of the Gladman appeal, BN outlined the process that would be followed and confirmed that, as yet, no date or venue has been determined for the hearing. He anticipates that it will either be held at the Council offices in Witney or locally at a location in the village.

BN urged residents to write in to the Inspector now and to ask to attend and to speak at the hearing. All representations already made will be forwarded to the Inspector.

Members and residents discussed the key issues that should be raised in respect of the Gladman proposal.

**3 Declarations of interest:**

GM declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application relating to Pebble Cottage on New Yatt Road

**4 Minutes**

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

**5 Matters Arising**

**(i) Evenlode Close grounds maintenance**

The Clerk confirmed that the work had now been completed and RS thanked DG for his help in supporting the Community Payback team on the day.

**(ii) Play area lease (outstanding matter from APM)**

CC Louise Chapman has invited RS to meet with her and the Leader of OCC together with relevant officers to discuss a solution to the issue of the lease of the Children's Play area by the school. RS reported that he is awaiting a response from Louise.

**6 Thames Valley Police Report**

None received.

H St J has met with the PCSO to discuss what can be done about the parking problems outside the school on Park Road. The PCSO will come back with suggestions.

BN confirmed that. Contrary to local rumours, there are no plans currently to close Witney Police Station.

**7 Planning Decisions:**

The Cottage at Wilcote House: alterations to reinstate opening to allow use as one dwelling: granted

Wilcote House: Installation of 3.9kwPV to outbuilding and workshop flat roof: granted

Gladman proposed development of up to 76 dwellings on land south of New Yatt Road: appeal submitted to the Secretary of State

## **8 Planning Applications & Correspondence:**

Harcourt Cottage, Church Road: addition of two roof windows: no comments/objection

Pebble Cottage, New Yatt Road: conversion of garage block into living accommodation together with new semi-detached two bedroom dwelling: awaiting response from Working group

## **9 Finance**

**9.1 Accounts for payment:** approved: see attached.

**9.2 Spend against budget report; approved:** see attached

**9.3 NLYP grant funding:** Members agreed to increase the grant to the NLYP from £1500 to £2000

### **9.4 Budget for 2016/17**

Members discussed spend against cost centres in 2015, projected expenditure and receipts to March 2016 and commitments for the forthcoming financial year and confirmed the budget for 2016/17 as £37,435.15.

The breakdown by cost centre is:

	£
Open spaces	4786.42
Play areas	425.00
Cemetery and Churchyard	6219.57
General administration	8996.00
S 137 payments	200.00
PWLB	10,137.16
Youth Centre	2000.00
West Oxon, CAB	110.00
Library	4561.00

### **9.5 Precept for 2016/17**

Members discussed the precept requirement for 2016/17. It was resolved to reduce the precept by £1000 to £34000, the budget shortfall to be met from balances and increased income from cemetery fees. It was also noted that £11,000 in reserves was held for the resurfacing of the Children's play area, subject to confirmation of a new lease from OCC.

## **10 Open Spaces Reports:**

Received from CF and IH

## **11 Cemetery/ Churchyard**

11.1 No report received from HStJ

11.2 **Felling of pine trees in the churchyard:** HStJ to speak with the PCC re progressing this matter.

11.3 **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. The PCC does not wish the tree to be planted in the churchyard; RS to speak with Geoff Barrell of the British Legion.

**12 Traffic & Roads Reports and other Highways Matters**

**12.1 Community speed watch**

RS will circulate dates for further speed watch on Church Road, New Yatt Road and at East End. Members agreed to carrying out a traffic count on New Yatt Road in light of the Gladman appeal

**13 Consultation**

**14 Correspondence**

Letter of thanks received from the CAB.

Letter re the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations: passed to CF for action

**15 Any Other Business**

RL confirmed that the salt bins have been refilled at East End

**Date and time of next meeting:** Thursday 14 January 2016 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Chairman ..... Date .....