

MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall Youth Centre on Thursday 13 February 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Present: R.Soper (in the chair), R. Langley, D. Gough, I Hogg, C. Frost and G. Matthews

In attendance: Lynda Scott, Clerk to the Council.

1 Apologies for absence: B.Norton, S. Cusick and H. St John

2 Declarations of interest:
None

3 Minutes
Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 January 2014 be approved as a true and correct record.

4 Matters Arising

(i) North Leigh Windmill and land adjoining
No further information.

(ii) Broadband Upgrading
GM reported that the upgrading of BT cabinets in North Leigh is currently underway.

(iii) NL Website
GM reported that the hosting fee of £150 is due for payment.

(iv) Memorial Hall Deed
RS reported that the deed for the transfer of land to the MH Trustees is awaited for signature from Pellmans solicitors.

5 Thames Valley Police Report
None received.

6 Planning Decisions: the following decisions have been received:

Erection of a single storey extension at Oakhome, New Yatt Road: Granted

Alterations/new windows and doors at Thatch Cottage, East End. Granted

Construction of a new dwelling at 75 Park Road. Refused

The Chalet, New Yatt Rd. replacement dwelling: Secretary of State appeal submitted

7 Planning Applications & Correspondence:

It was noted that the owners of The Saddlers Arms public house at New Yatt has resubmitted a planning application for change of use to a private dwelling. The Parish Council agreed to lodge its objection on the basis of loss of a public amenity

7.1 Working Group report

Erection of double garage with store above at Lyndon, East End: comments submitted

Alterations and single storey extension to reinstate single dwelling at 1 Chapel Cottages, Chapel Lane: objection submitted

8 Finance

8.1 The following accounts were approved for payment:

Cheque no	Description	Supplier	Net	Vat	IPT	Admin Fee	Total
102254	AP Cleaning January	WODC	99.92	19.98			119.90
102255	Youth work grant	NL PCC Youth	1100.00				1100.00
102252	PAYE February	HMRC	88.10				88.10
SO	Clerk's salary February	Lynda Scott	352.40				352.40
102253	Playground sign	Archer Signs	25.93	5.19			31.12
102256	Materials/tools to repair playarea	I.Hogg	40.17	8.01			48.18
102257	Rent – play area	OCC	25.00				25.00
102258	Room Hire Dec,Jan,Feb	NL PCC Youth	60.00				60.00

8.2 Precept for 2014/15

The Clerk confirmed that a precept request for £35,000 has been submitted to WODC.

9 Open Spaces

9.1 Reports:

IH reported no problems with the play areas.

CF reported no issues with Cuckamus Green other than the broken wall. CF to ask Mr Kerpache for a quotation to repair the wall.

10 Cemetery/ Churchyard Report

Report submitted; no issues requiring attention.

11 Traffic & Roads Reports and other Highways Matters

11.1 Speeding in East End – Community speed watch

RS has spoken with Sgt. Payne who will make the equipment available and provide the training for volunteers

12 Date of Annual Parish meeting

15 May at 7pm agreed

13 Consultation

None received

14 Correspondence:

A letter from Bill Taylor seeking Council support to replacing four stiles with kissing gates on

footpaths west of the village at a cost of £130 each.

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with the footpaths officer and Ian Anderson who had confirmed that a grant application had been submitted to The Wychwood project to fund the work. A response is awaited.

CF expressed an interest in the following item.

A letter from the secretary of the Memorial Hall seeking financial support towards replacing the front doors to the hall with automatic sliding doors to improve access for wheelchair users or those with limited mobility.

Following discussion it was agreed that, in light of other significant financial commitments, the Council was not in a position to provide financial support to this project.

15 Any Other Business

CF asked if any response had been received concerning the OCC Bus Services review. The Clerk confirmed that no information has been received to date.

Village Litter Pick: the Clerk gave CF contact details at WODC where equipment can be sourced.

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 13 March 2014 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman Date