

MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Youth centre at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 9 June 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Present: S.Cusick, G. Matthews, I Hogg, C.Frost, R.Riley, P.Lawrence, D. Fettes and J.Nicholson

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

1 Apologies: H.StJ

2 Declarations of interest: None

3 Co-option of Parish Councillors

CF proposed and IH seconded the co-option of the following new Parish Councillors which was unanimously agreed.

Ramona Riley
David Fettes
Paul Lawrence
Jim Nicholson

The new councillors signed their 'Acceptance of Office.'

4 Minutes

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

5 Matters Arising

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

The Clerk reported OCC have agreed to the Parish Council having a 20 year lease on the land where the Children's Play area is located, subject to a 5 year break on either side. Members discussed OCC's offer and asked the Clerk to confirm the annual cost of the new lease.

6 Thames Valley Police Report

None received.

7 Planning Decisions:

10 Windmill Heights – Erection of single storey extension: approved

Fruitlands, 34 Park Road – erection of detached dwelling, garage and garden shed: withdrawn

46-46A Common Road – installation of a fence between 46 and 46A and a gate to the front garden: approved

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

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. Approved

8 Planning Applications & Correspondence:

8.1 Working Group report

Lightpipe Cottage, East End: Removal of condition 5 to allow Lightpipe Cottage and annex to become one dwelling. Comments submitted

Langdale, New Yatt Road: Alterations and extension to rear. Raise front gabled roof to create an additional bedroom. No comment

Church Farm Cottage, Church Road; Internal alterations to create additional bedroom and dormer window in rear elevation. No comment

Pebble Cottage, New Yatt Road: Erection of two storey extension and conversion to dwelling.
Objection/Comments submitted.

Land to the west of Fish Hill Farm, Wilcote Road: Erection of 4 pheasant rearing sheds:
Comments submitted and request for further information.

8.2 WODC Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment 2016

Members discussed proposed sites and considered the land adjoining the A4095 on the map to be the only viable site. Clerk to advise WODC

9 Finance

9.1 Accounts for payment: approved: see attached.

9.2 Spend against budget report; approved: see attached

10 Open Spaces Reports:

Received from IH and CF. IH will arrange with Bob Allsworth for replacement bark in the base of the zip wire prior to the ROSPA inspection in July. The missing fence panel at the Children's play area has been replaced.

11 Cemetery/ Churchyard

11.1 No report received.

12 Traffic & Roads Reports and other Highways Matters

12.1 Community speed watch

GM outlined the community project to new members and PL agreed to contact PCSO Syphas to organise dates for training and canvass dates.

13 Election of representatives for the NL Youth project and the planning working group

RR expressed an interest in representing the Council on the NL Youth Project and the Clerk was asked to enquire re the frequency of its meetings.

JN and DF agreed to join the Planning working group.

Play area inspections: PL agreed to work with IH in carrying out the fortnightly inspections

14 Recruitment of Clerk/RFO

Following the resignation of LS, GH advised that he had advertised the vacancy locally and had received one application to date.

LS agreed to extend her resignation to 31 August and to enquire from OALC re including the advertisement in its newsletter.

CF and SC expressed an interest in being involved in interviewing candidates.

14 Consultation None

15 Correspondence None received

Any Other Business:

SC reported that the flowerbeds at Windmill Heights needed weeding

JN asked about the availability of local village maps. Clerk to investigate

GM asked the new councillors for a photograph and short biography for the PC website
CF reported that the village litter pick went well

New councillors asked about OALC training; the Clerk will make enquiries

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

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman Date