

MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall Youth Centre on Thursday 8 May 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Present: R.Soper (in the chair), B Norton, S Cusick, G. Matthews, H StJohn, D. Gough, I Hogg and C. Frost

In attendance: Lynda Scott, Clerk to the Council and Mike Alexander.

1 Apologies for absence: R. Langley

2 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

BN proposed that Richard Soper be elected Chairman; seconded by HStJ and unanimously agreed by all members present.

SC proposed that Richard Langley be elected Vice Chairman; seconded by CF and unanimously agreed, subject to Mr Langley's acceptance of the office.

3 Declarations of interest:

As Trustees of the Memorial Hall, H St John and C. Frost declared a none prejudicial interest in item 14.

4 Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 April 2014 be approved as a true and correct record.

5 Matters Arising

(i) North Leigh Windmill and land adjoining

No further information. Members discussed the possibility and feasibility of taking steps to register the land around the Windmill as a community asset. It was agreed to carry the matter forward.

(ii) Broadband Upgrading

BN reported that WODC has agreed to work in partnership with Cotswold Broadband and to put £1.6m of funding into extending super-fast broadband to meet demand across almost 100% of West Oxfordshire.

(iii) NL Website – no further update

(iv) Refurbishment of WI bench in the cemetery

Deferred to the next meeting

(v) Litter Pick

CF reported that this had been a very successful venture with over 50 local people taking part and WODC providing excellent support. RS expressed the thanks of the Parish Council for the tremendous effort of those who had taken part.

(vi) Land at the end of Evenlode Close

BN asked that the Clerk write to OCC to confirm its ownership of the land and to seek permission for the NL Beaver Scouts to place a bench there.

6 Thames Valley Police Report

Circulated; no issues for North Leigh.

7 Planning Decisions: the following decisions have been received:

51 Windmill Road: erection of first floor extension: Granted

33 Park Road: erection of first floor extension: Granted

The Chalet, New Yatt Road: erection of new dwelling: SoS appeal allowed

8 Planning Applications & Correspondence:

Afallon, New Yatt Lane: outside the parish boundary.

Land to the north of 71-81 Park Road; development of 20 dwellings with vehicular access and open space. PC will resist building on this particular site. Clerk to advise WODC.

8.1 Working Group report

Church farm House: alterations and rear extension. Detached garage and barn conversion: Concerns submitted to WODC.

Arden, 5 New Yatt Road: Erection of dormer window and enlargement of porch: no comments/objections

9 Finance

9.1 Accounts for payment

Approved: see attached.

9.2 Council Insurance Renewal

Agreed in line with contract.

9.3 Spend against budget report

Approved.

9.4 Internal audit report

The Clerk confirmed that the internal audit was complete and that there were no issues/concerns raised.

9.5 Annual Return/Governance Statement/Internal Audit Review

Members reviewed their internal audit arrangements and the Chairman signed the Annual Return, Governance Statement and the Statement of Accounts.

10 Open Spaces

10.1 Reports:

Reports received from IH and CF.

Members considered a letter from Candy Kerpache requesting that a sign be erected on Cuckamus Green discouraging the use of footballs following a recent incident where a car was damaged. It was agreed that the matter be left open on the agenda and the Clerk contact the PCSO regarding the matter and ask Mrs Kerpache to advise of the feedback received from reporting the matter in the Nor 'Lye News.

11 Cemetery/ Churchyard Report

H StJ: Report to follow..

12 Traffic & Roads Reports and other Highways Matters

12.1 Speeding in East End – Community speed watch

RS reported that the SID is now available for use following training of those to be involved. RS to circulate possible dates for training for agreement.

13 Consultation None received

14 Correspondence

Mike Alexander presented a letter requesting PC support of The Memorial Hall Trustee's endeavours to persuade the Primary School Governors to grant access to the school car parking facilities for use

by users of the Memorial Hall. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that RS would speak with the Chairman of Governors at the school in an attempt to better understand the school's position, particularly with respect to security and insurance requirements.

15 Any Other Business

RS confirmed that he had signed the agreement with OCC committing the Council to financial support of the Library for the next three years.

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 12 June 2014 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chairman Date