

**MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Youth centre at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 12 November 2015 at 7.30 pm.**

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

**In attendance:** Lynda Scott, Clerk to the Council.

**1 Apologies:** G. Matthews and I Hogg

**2 Declarations of interest:** none.

**3 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 October 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

**4 Matters Arising**

**(i) Evenlode Close grounds maintenance**

The Clerk confirmed that the Probation Community Payback team has agreed to weed and clean up the area at the entrance to Evenlode Close; it will also clear the path between Park Road and Windmill Road. WODC will deal with the collection of waste. The work will begin on 16 November.

**(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 will contact Louise to arrange a meeting over the next few weeks. Outstanding.

**(iii) NLYP**

The Clerk confirmed that there will be no increase for the rent of the meeting room.

**5 Thames Valley Police Report**

None received.

H St J reported from the minutes of the NAG meeting highlighting that heating oil has been stolen from a property in North Leigh.

**6 Planning Decisions:**

Tally Ho, The Green, East End: Erection of single and two storey extensions: Granted

Home Close, Green Lane: erection of a replacement dwelling with detached garage/store to allow raising of ridge height: Granted

35 Perrott Close: Conversion of garage into living accommodation: Granted

15 Windmill Close: Single storey rear extension: Granted

Lower Riding Farm: Conversion of barn and redevelopment of Farm House to create two dwellings: Refused

41 Perrott Close: Removal of garage and erection of rear and side extensions: Granted

1A Parkside: creation of detached dwelling: Granted

Land at NL Windmill: development of 5 cottages to form holiday lets: Refused

**7 Planning Applications & Correspondence:**

Holbrook Farm: proposed temporary staff accommodation: Retrospective: comments submitted

Fish Hill Farm: erection of agricultural storage building: comments submitted

**8 Finance**

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

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

**8.3 NLYP request for increased grant funding:** deferred to December meeting

**9 Open Spaces Reports:**

Received from CF

**10 Cemetery/ Churchyard**

10.1 Reports received from HStJ

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

10.3 **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.

10.4 **Review of Cemetery Charges:** Members agreed that the Cemetery fees will be increased by 33% each year for the next three years.

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

**11.1 Community speed watch**

RS will circulate dates for further speed watch on Church Road, New Yatt Road and at East End.

**12 Consultation**

HStJ reported back on the proposed County Council budget reductions and the impact of these on front line services throughout the county. members will advise the Clerk of the comments they wish to make before the 30 November deadline.

**13 Correspondence**

None received

**15 Any Other Business**

RS reported that he had received a letter from Peter Tanner about the ongoing parking problems on Park road outside the school. HStJ is meeting with PCSO Sandra Syphas on 20 November to discuss possible solutions to the problem

**Date and time of next meeting:** Thursday 10 December 2015 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chairman .....

Date .....