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Minutes of the Parish Council on Tuesday 1st December 2015 at Bishop Carpenter School at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Jennings, P Espinasse, M Davison and G Doidge
Clerk E Boswell

Apologies: S Holford

Guests: None

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

1. These were agreed and signed.

2. **Declaration of Interest**

1. There was a declaration of interest made by Cllr Espinasse in respect of planning application 15/01882/F on the agenda

3. **Matters Arising**

1. Start Parish Precept Calculations – The PC resolved that there would be no increase to the Precept for 2016.
2. Re-instatement of wall at allotment gardens – The PC reviewed the ‘Enforcement Order’ on file from CDC and after some discussion resolved to take no further action at the present time.
3. Access to paddock to Hi-Wynd – The PC considered the apparently recent access to the paddock at Hi-Wynd and after a discussion resolved to take no further action at the present time.

4. **Planning Permission**

- 15/01688/F – Erection of 3 bedroom House to rear of Wheelwright Cottage – APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
- 15/01892/F – Erection of new stone double garage, Willowbank, School Lane – As Cllr Espinasse had made a declaration of interest in this matter he took no part in the discussion or consideration of this application. The PC examined the plans and had the following observations: - Whilst the PC has no objections to the proposed building of a stone double garage on this property the PC would ask CDC to consider the following: - That the garage should not be situated in front of the existing build line of the neighbouring garage.
- 15/01957/F – Change of use of part of grass paddock to 40m x 20m Ménage, Meadow Lodge, Tythe Farm, Shutford Road - The PC examined the plans and had no objections or further observations to make.
- 15/01721/F – Erection of extension to the roof including raising of ridge and insertion of dormer windows, Roselyn School Lane – NOTICE OF DECISION GRANTED
- 15/00347/TCA – Tx1 Silver Birch, T2 Copper Maple, T3, Lilac – Crown reductions, Yew Tree House, Park Lane – NOTICE OF DECISION – NO FURTHER COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS

5. **Finance**

1. Review of Income and Expenditure - The monthly accounts were reviewed by the Financial Officer at this meeting. They were found to be a correct and accurate account. Proposed PE seconded DJ.

2. **Bill Payments**

- 300055 £645.19 Clerks salary & expenses (EB)
- 300056 £120.00 J Pursey-Trinity Oak, pruning of village Oak tree
- 300057 £496.60 S Davis final salary
- 100699 £2311.15 Transfer from Barclays to UNITY Bank

6. **Children’s Playground**

1. There were no problems to report and DJ to continue with the diary. DJ will also check salt bin levels at the same time.

7. **Clerks Business**

1. Bank signatories – Additional proof of ID has been forwarded to UNITY.
2. Salary payment for S Davis – Additional information now received from SD and salary paid (see bill payments)
3. Pruning of village oak – The village Oak tree has now been pruned and invoice received. (See bill payments)
4. Oxfordshire County Council budget meeting – The consultation focused on the £50m cuts OCC are having to make in the next four years and the services that may be affected. As a result OCC are proposing Town & Parish Councils take responsibility for local services such as grass cutting and Highway sign maintenance by promoting the ‘Oxfordshire Together Partnership’, which is, ‘piggy backing’ with other Parish’s to obtain shared services or by using volunteer groups. It was suggested that Parish Councils should also look at raising the Precept to cover any increase in costs. As a result of this meeting Wroxton & Balscote PC invited a representative from CDC to visit the parish to talk through how the ‘Oxfordshire Together Partnership’ would work, neighbouring parish’s were also invited to attend, North Newington was represented by the clerk. There was a long and lively debate surrounding the issues involved, the main concerns being that of lack of clarity in what exactly is expected of Parish Councils and liability and insurance cover for taking responsibility for these services. CDC are to provide more information before the PC can consider the proposal.
5. Parish Liaison meeting – Oxfordshire Playing Field Association were present at the ‘drop in surgeries’ NNPC Membership has lapsed. The clerk asked if the Councillors wished to renew it. After reviewing the details of the membership scheme the PC resolved not to renew the membership at this time. Proposed PE seconded DJ all agreed.
6. The Pound footpath ‘No vehicular access’ signs – Signs have been erected and photographs taken of them in situ. The photographs were signed and dated at the meeting and shall be kept on file.
7. Local Heritage Assets Register - Park Farm parkland has been nominated to be placed on the register. CDC is currently carrying out the assessments and will notify us when it has been completed.
8. **Any other matters for discussion –**
 - There were no other matters for discussion

The next meeting will be held on January 5th 2016

The meeting closed at 8.48pm

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