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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 at Bishop Carpenter School at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Jennings, M Davison and S Holford, G Doidge
Clerk E Boswell

Apologies: P Espinasse

Guests: None

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

1. These were agreed and signed.

2. **Declaration of Interest** - There was a declaration of interest made by Cllr Holford in respect of planning application 16/00027/TCA on the agenda.

3. **Matters Arising**

1. Check phone numbers for emergency planning – The current Emergency Plan details and phone numbers have been revised and the Clerk will update the list accordingly.
2. Open meeting – A date of 10th May was proposed by DJ, seconded by MD, all agreed.
3. Spring clean – A date of 22nd May was proposed by DJ, seconded by SH, all agreed.

4. **Planning Permission**

- 16/00027/TCA – T1 x Beech – Crown reduce by up to one third – Cherry Cottage, Main Street, North Newington – following the previous declaration of interest Cllr Holford took not part in the discussion of this application. The PC has no further comments or observations regarding this application and will reply to CDC accordingly.

5. **Finance**

1. Review of Income and Expenditure – The RFO was not present at this meeting and therefore the accounts will be signed off at the next meeting.

Bill Payments

- Chq: 300058 OALC Course fee - £42.00

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 when necessary.

7. **Clerks Business**

1. Park Lane & The Jitty drainage – The problem was reported to OCC who have confirmed that the issue has now been resolved. DJ will check if the drains are clear on his next rounds.
2. Replacement post for Park Lane – The Clerk has contacted CDC to obtain a price for them to supply and install a new post. This has not yet been received; the Clerk will continue to chase them for a reply.
3. Salt containers – The Clerk has contacted CDC to obtain a price for a new salt bin and awaits their response. In the meantime the PC resolved to purchase a new salt bin independently. DJ will discuss with Park Farm if they would be happy for us to keep the salt stores there if we provided them with a suitable salt bin.
4. VAT – A VAT refund form has been completed for year-end 2015 and returned to HMRC.
5. Letter from Banbury resident re: Giants Cave car park closure – The letter has been forwarded to the relevant department at CDC, who responded to say they would reply directly to the resident.

8. **Any other matters for discussion**

1. CDC are holding a Planning Policy consultation meeting, on Tuesday 23rd February, this is a partial review of the Cherwell Local Plan to look at Oxfordshire's unmet housing needs. The Clerk will attend the meeting and report back to Council.
2. The broken 'Slow Down' sign at the Shutford end of the village has been reported to OCC. They have responded to say that if economically viable they will repair it, if not then the PC will need to order a new one.
3. Tapestry of Village – it was noted that the tapestry, made by the pupils, no longer hangs in the school hall, it is, however, currently stored there. The PC feels this is of historical value to the school and village and whilst there is currently no other available location to display it, it should be preserved, the PC will write to the school requesting that they do not destroy or dispose of it without prior consultation with the PC and that it is stored with a note to that effect attached to it.
4. Cllr Doidge reported that the drain on Main Street near the entrance to The Pound appears to be blocked. The Clerk will report to OCC.
5. In line with the official celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday the VIG are to arrange a village 'Tea Party' on the 12th June at 3pm and will publish details in the 'Gossip'

The next meeting will be held on 1st March 2016

The meeting closed at 8.17pm

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