

North Newington Parish Council – MN03/17

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 7th March 2017 at Bishop Carpenter School at 7.30pm.

Present: M Davison Vice Chair Cllrs S Holford, P Espinasse, G Doidge
Clerk E Boswell

Apologies: D Jennings, Chairman

Guests: None

1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

These were agreed and signed

2. Declaration of Interest – There were no declarations of interest

3. Matters Arising

1. Monitoring of members interests, gifts and hospitality – There were no member interests, gifts or hospitality to record.
2. Check on Bank signatures – All bank signatories were found to be correct and up to date.
3. Start to organise village clean up – The equipment has been ordered and the date has now been set as Sunday 21st May.
4. Heavy Goods Vehicles travelling through the village – The PC has received a letter from a resident highlighting their concerns about the apparent increase in HGV vehicles travelling through the village. After some discussion the PC resolved to contact Highways to seek advice regarding acceptable height and weight limits for our roads. Proposed SH seconded GD all agreed.

4. Planning Permission

- 17/00001/TCA – T1x Goat Willow – Pollard T2 x Norwegian Fir – Fell due to low amenity value T3 x Fruit – Crown thin & lift - The Roebuck Banbury Rd North Newington - NO FURTHER COMMENTS OR OBJECTIONS
- 17/00244/F – Single storey rear extension to provide ground floor level access bathing facilities and new entrance lobby – Old Farm Cottage, Main Street, North Newington OX15 6AF – The PC examined the plans and whilst it has no objection to this application it would prefer to see the extension constructed of either stone or brick to be in keeping with Old Farm Cottage itself and the neighbouring listed buildings.
- 7/00189/F – Bloor Homes – full application for the erection of 319 dwellings, including affordable housing, areas of open space, new vehicular junction on to Bretch Hill and Edinburgh Way and associated infrastructure – Land South of Banbury Rise Adjacent to Edinburgh Way Banbury – The PC examined the plans and would like to reiterate its comments regarding the detrimental visual effect the development poses on the surrounding landscape, skyline, and its historic features including Withycombe Farmhouse, a listed building, Drayton Arch and Wroxton Abbey Parkland and Salt Way. The Council note that there is proposed landscaping in the full application to help minimize the effect the development would have on these areas and would recommend that this be a condition in granting the application and that CDC should ensure the condition be adhered to.

5. Finance

1. Review of Income and Expenditure - The monthly accounts were reviewed by the Responsible Finance Officer at this meeting who noted that the VIG are due £50.00 from the PC in respect of the Grant for the Queens 90th Birthday. The Council resolved to add a further £500.00 to the designated funds for the playground, proposed PE seconded MD all agreed.

• Bill payments

- Chq: 300083 £133.07 – OALC Annual subscription
- Chq: 300084 £343.84 – Clerks salary
- Chq: 300085 £ 78.00 – OALC April course fee

6. Children's Playground – A working party has cut the hedge in the playground and removed all debris.

7. Clerks Business

- Potholes – Highways have been out and marked up potholes to be filled in
- Salt storage – Highways Winter Service are due to collect the salt from Park Farm this week, they asked if the PC wanted the salt re-distributed into 25kg bags now or later in the year. After a discussion the PC resolved to take the salt later in the year prior to next winter, proposed SH seconded PE all agreed.
- Phone numbers for emergency planning – The list has been updated and emailed to all Councillors.
- Community Defibrillator – Nothing to update, SH to speak with the School to see if the Defibrillator unit can be situated on their premises.
- Banbury Rural Policing Priorities – BRP have asked the PC for feedback on whether the Council is happy with their current priorities being: 1) Parking, particularly outside & around schools, 2) Speeding 3) Anti-social behaviour – after some discussion the PC resolved that it is happy with these priorities, however, it sees burglary & oil theft as more of a concern in the parish than perhaps anti-social behaviour at this time and will feed this back to them. Proposed SH seconded PE all agreed.
- Local Council Finance course – It was agreed that the Clerk would attend this course in April.
- Unitary Oxford – The PC note that information regarding this proposal has not been received in a timely manner, information that has been received has lacked clarity regarding the risk and implications the proposal would have on our district and parish. After a lengthy discussion the PC resolved it would not support a single county unitary authority in Oxfordshire at this time. Proposed PE seconded MD all agreed.

8. Village Improvement Group - The next VIG meeting will be on 13th March

9. Any other matters for discussion

- There were no other matters for discussion
- The next meeting will be on 4th April

The meeting closed at 9.05pm