

## North Newington Parish Council – MN04/17

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Bishop Carpenter School at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies: S Holford

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. Preparation for open meeting – The date for the ‘Annual Open Meeting’ was set for 9<sup>th</sup> May. DJ & PE to update and prepare presentation. The Council has asked ‘Community Heartbeat’ to attend the meeting and give a presentation about the community defibrillator and is currently awaiting their response. The Clerk to type up flyer to advertise meeting, which will also include details of this years ‘Spring Clean’, and to arrange the printing and delivering of flyer to all residents. The flyer will also be posted on the website, notice board and facebook page. The Clerk will ask a member of the VIG to give an overview of their role. The Clerk to purchase refreshments for the meeting.
2. Renewal of grass cutting contracts – after some discussion the Council agreed it was happy to continue using Mr Prickett for the grass and hedge cutting requirements this year. Proposed DJ seconded MD all agreed.
3. S137 payments – The Department for Communities and Local Government has confirmed that for 2017-2018 the amount for S137 payments is £7.57.
4. Payment of Broughton Church Ground cost – The Council to consider once the annual request from Broughton PC has been received.
5. Audit preparations – The Council has received the audit pack from its external auditors BDO. The Council resolved to re-appoint Jan Gallon as internal auditor for this year. Proposed PE seconded DJ all agreed.

### 4. Planning Permission

- 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 – NOTICE OF DECISION - GRANTED

### 5. Finance

1. Review of Income and Expenditure - The monthly accounts were reviewed by the Responsible Finance Officer at this meeting, they were found to be a correct and accurate account. Proposed PE seconded DJ.
- **Bill payments**
    - Chq: 300086 £50.00 – VIG – re: underpayment for Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations
    - Chq: 300087 £48.05 – Cherwell District Council – Emptying dog bin April-Sept 2017

### 6. Children’s Playground – No problems to report; however DJ noted that the equipment & bench would be due for a clean and possibly a touch up of paint next spring.

**7. Clerks Business**

- Unitary 'One Authority, One Oxfordshire' – CDC held an extraordinary meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March. The purpose of the meeting was for CDC to canvass support against the proposal to abolish Cherwell District Council and replace it with a single unitary authority for the whole of the county. CDC are concerned that district and parish councils would lose their voice and decisions affecting the district would be made by people who would not prioritise the needs of Cherwell. CDC provided all Parishes' with a flyer containing details of how to petition should residents wish to back its campaign. The Clerk has published it on the website, notice board and facebook.
- Community First membership – after some discussion the Council resolved not to take up the membership this year. Proposed PE seconded GD all agreed

**8. Village Improvement Group** - The VIG met on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Feedback from the village Xmas party was that it was considered good by all. A new event for this year will be to hold a 'Great British Get Together' tea party, to create community spirit, the date for which will be Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 2.30-5pm, the VIG will design print and deliver an invitation to all households in the parish. The flower tubs are due to be re-planted in May. Plans are underway for this year's fete, which is on 15<sup>th</sup> July and will have a 'Wimbledon' theme, there will be an evening 'hog roast' instead of the usual BBQ this year, which will be free to all residents. The 'new edition' bi-monthly 'Village Gossip' is on its second publication and has been well received by residents. The film club & Kidz screen are still running, attendance figures fluctuate for both, however, they are still considered worthwhile. Some of the youngsters in the village have approached the VIG asking if there are any plans for a Youth Club, the VIG will look into and consider this further at the next meeting. The next meeting will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

**9. Any other matters for discussion**

- There were no other matters for discussion
- The next meeting will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> May

The meeting closed at 8.20pm