

Minutes of a meeting of the PC held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th July at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies were received from Nick Kellner and all the District Councillors . Our County Councillor Charles Matthew had advised that he would be late
2. Eileen Mawle and Mark Walker made declarations.
3. The Minutes for the previous PC meeting held on 21st May were approved and the Chair was authorised to sign the same as being a true record of such proceedings. The Minutes of the AGM held on 28th May were also approved – it being agreed that these would be formally signed at next year’s AGM. The Clerk was authorised to publish both sets of Minutes.
4. Martin Layer of Smiths made a presentation on the Gill Mill works and future plans taking questions afterwards. He offered a visit to the site. Eileen Mawle raised a particular traffic issue which Mr Layer said he would address if she emailed him.
5. No District or County Councillors were then present to report although Charles Matthew arrived later.
6. Lysette Nichols was the only member of the public present and wished to speak regarding the speed of traffic through the village having lost two cats in a day and with fear for the safety of children in particular. She proposed that the PC should . procure bolder signage at the entrance to the built area announcing the settlement and also endeavour to secure a green lane reduction at the entrance to the built area and at stages throughout the settlement to slow the through traffic down Members of the PC were at pains to explain that these traffic problems were not new and furthermore that the village survey done before the Neighbourhood Plan had produced a clear majority against traffic calming measures that looked like urbanisation of the settlement . Nonetheless, it was agreed that Mrs Nichols might approach the pub to see whether it would agree in principle to fund new signage and that she would also write to the Chair with more detail on her ideas for green lane reduction as a traffic calming measure.
7. It was agreed there were no matters arising from the Minutes that would not be covered elsewhere in the Meeting.
8. Constitutional
 - a. The PC formally co-opted Graham Soame as a member
 - b. The Chair suggested that our new member and indeed existing members might like to avail themselves of the Training Courses available for Parish Councillors
 - c. The PC approved the expense of a Training Course for the (new) Clerk
 - d. The PC resolved to follow the OALC model rules so far as applicable
9. Financial Report. The Clerk had previously distributed cash Accounts and now explained the detail. One cheque for the Newsletter in the sum of £85 was authorised. John Ashwell came for a Village Hall Committee meeting also taking place

at the Village Hall and gave the PC a cheque for £401.46 as the VHC surplus contribution to PC funds

10. Facilities

a. Village Hall. A cheque was received for the VHC surplus contribution to the PC . The Chair reported that there seemed no great appetite as yet on the part of the VHC to pursue the issue of additional car parking on site but that she would advise the PC when she learnt more from Richard Law the Chair of the VHC.

b. Village Green

As requested, the Clerk reported on a proposed structure for a management sub committee and also on the legal and planning positions in respect to the Village Green. However, the Clerk also expressed concern over the Public Liability position in respect of the Village Green . He confirmed that there was no Public Liability insurance cover at present . The PC resolved to do nothing more till this issue had been addressed

c. Playground

It was noted that an Inspection was forthcoming this month and again the Clerk was asked to establish the Public Liability insurance position

d. Football Pitch

Martin Wilson and the Clerk reported on the negotiations with the Estate to date and the PC resolved to proceed authorising Martin Wilson to agree the Heads as they now stand with Savills. The Clerk volunteered to deal with the subsequent paperwork on behalf of the PC. It was noted that once the PC became the official tenant it would need to effect Public Liability insurance whereas at present there is no cover.

e. Telephone box

The Clerk reported that the telephone box didn't belong to the PC and it stood on Estate land or highways . The Clerk was asked to ascertain which and Councillor Matthew offered to find out if it was on highways . It was noted that at one time the pub was interested and various other ideas as to use of the redundant box had been proposed . Councillor Matthew observed that BT wouldn't do anything but might defer to the wishes of the PC for an alternative use.

f. Shores Green bus shelter

Mark Walker was asked to explore the cost and feasibility of boarding the back of the new bus shelter at Shores Green

g. Notice board

The Clerk said he would arrange for the existing Perspex front to the Notice Board to be replaced. Again , the issue arose as to who owned the location and the Clerk was asked to investigate

11. Planning Matters

- a. The Chair reported on her attendance at the East Witney SDA and Shores Green exhibition at Cogges Manor Farm and encouraged others to attend. She passed on details of a residents' meeting called by Duncan Enright for Thursday night.
 - b. The Chair reported on the A 40 Consultation Stage 1 and 2 consultation Councillor Matthew advised there was a public meeting on the A40 at Eynsham Village Hall on Friday and he encouraged all to attend. In particular he reported on the new Park and Ride proposals. There was a discussion on the effect on the wider planning position of the latest political changes in various Oxfordshire District Councils and what would become of the Growth Board.
 - c. The Clerk advised that there were no new Planning applications for consideration and comment.
 - d. The Chair commented on the Aurora Solar Farm Consultation with issues being raised of screening and a cycle path but generally with the meeting being supportive of the proposal in principle.
12. Neighbourhood Plan issues
- a. The Clerk reported on the invitation received to join the Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plan Group and advised that he had attended a Steering Group meeting.
13. AOB
- a. The Chair reported some concerns raised by our Footpath Officers which the Clerk circulated.
 - b. The principal issues of Traffic and speeding had been dealt with already under Items 6 and 11 above but two other matters were raised.
 - c. Mark Walker reported that no one had come back to him regarding the camera required for the Drainage works assessment.
 - d. Mark Walker was asked to talk to Martin Collett about where he would like the Winter salt spreader to be kept.
 - e. The forthcoming Summer Fayre on 28 July 2019 was noted. Again, it was suggested that there should be a Village football match along the lines of the Cricket match and the PC looked for volunteers to organise.
 - f. The date for next meeting: was fixed as - 27th August 2019.
 - g. Graham Soame referred to the emails from OALC as forwarded by the Clerk relating to climate emergency and tree planting. The Clerk observed that landowner consent was required to plant and again he would investigate what land belonged to the PC or was claimable by the PC.