



OXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th July 2019
AT OXTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr's: Richard Cross (Chair), Margaret Cooper, Lyndsey Whitby, Jill Jones, Clive Catlin, and Hannah Lempicki. Ms. Lisa-Jayne Campbell (Clerk) and Cllr. Roger Jackson

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Borrett

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr. Cross declared an interest in planning item 19/01148/FUL

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2019 were amended on item 6d which should have read 'business' addresses instead of 'private'; once amended they were **accepted** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- a. The new dog bin has been delivered and the clerk is to arrange for the handyman to install.
- b. It was agreed that a small sign with just the clerk's name and contact number would be sufficient. Clerk to finalise a quote.
- c. Report back on Village Events – nothing to report
- d. Cllr. Whitby has started photographing and listing the village assets including all the dustbins and will present the completed register at the September meeting.
- e. Playground Inspection training: There are presently no dates set for training; the clerk will inform Cllr. Catlin when the annual inspection takes place so that he can attend.
- f. Emergency Flood Plan – defer to the September meeting
- g. Elmcroft grass verge lease – the Clerk and Cllr. Jackson were asked to follow this up with NSDC.

5. HIGHWAYS

It was confirmed by Cllr. Jackson that the trees removed from Epperstone Road will be replaced in September.

Cllr. Jackson reported back on behalf of County and District Council: There are now four full-time enforcement officers working on anti-social behaviour, fly tipping, littering and dog fouling. There is also a new Graffiti working party that will remove graffiti free of charge in the District. Also part of the CLEANER, SAFER, GREENER initiative is a crackdown on littering from vehicles which, although a civil offence, can incur a fine for the driver of a vehicle where litter has been dispensed.

Cllr. Jackson informed the council of the need for more foster parents to come forward as there is a great need within the district.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Cllr. Lempicki reported two suspicious vehicles trying peoples garage doors and requested everyone to be vigilant. Cllr. Jackson asked that all such incidents should be reported to 101 so that intelligence can be built.
- b. The Clerk asked Councillors to consider a variety of projects, e.g. Outdoor gym, that could benefit the village in order to secure Lottery funding, all Councillors to bring ideas to the September meeting.
- c. Parishioners at the Annual Open Meeting had enquired about the possibility of creating a new footpath that provided an alternative option to using Oxton Hill which was considered unsafe. The Clerk was asked to write to the Manager of the Oxton Estate and enquire if this was possible.
- d. The LIS grant up to the value of £5422, that previous Cllr. Foxwell applied for, has been approved. This was originally signposted for street lamps – to be discussed at the September meeting.

7. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Oxton has passed the first round of the competition and now into the second round. CPRE reported back 'Excellent effort'. Timmermans have sponsored the plants for the village for the last three years and it was agreed that signs to promote their sponsorship should be placed.

8. FINANCE

- i. To receive and authorise accounts for payment: 3 payments totaling £1575.54 were presented and authorized for payment.
- ii. To discuss monthly reconciliation for June: The spreadsheet was distributed to councilors for comment.

9. RECREATION

Cllr. Catlin submitted the monthly playground inspection report which identified several areas requiring attention: various logs on the climbing frame are rotting and nails are exposed – this requires urgent attention, the clerk to contact the Handyman to fix; a rail near the litter bin needs attention as does some of the benches which need painting and a wobbly step replacing and concreting in. There were also rabbit scratchings that need filling.

10. RISK AND RESILIENCE

To be deferred to the September meeting.

11. PLANNING APPLICATION/DECISIONS

- a. 19/00965/FUL – Birkhouse, Oxton Hill – NO OBJECTION
- b. 19/01148/FUL – The Lodge, Oxton Hill – NO OBJECTION

12. VILLAGE HALL

It was agreed that the Village Hall toilets could not be opened during the summer as it has not been budgeted for. To be put on the Budget meeting **Agenda**. The clerk gave Cllr. Cooper the Eon electricity bill for the village hall parking street light.

13. PERMISSION FOR BONFIRE

The Council gave the Cricket Club permission to host the bonfire again this year on Saturday 2nd November.

14. MEMORIAL WORKING PARTY

The Council gave their support to Cllrs. Lempicki and Whitby to put a working party together for a war memorial.

15. COUNCILLORS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

It was agreed that all roles and responsibilities would be taken on as and when required.

16. MATTERS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- a. Add Playscape Carers Group to the September Agenda.
- b. Clearing of surface water drains for further discussion at the September meeting.

17. CLOSE OF MEETING: The Chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm

18. NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 10th September 2019.