



OXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th November 2019
AT OXTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr's: Richard Cross (RC) (Chair), Margaret Cooper (MC), Lyndsey Whitby (LW), Jill Jones (JJ), Clive Catlin (CC), Nick Borrett (NB) and Hannah Lempicki (HL). Ms. Lisa-Jayne Campbell (LJ) (Clerk) and Cllr. Roger Jackson (RJ). Three members of public.

Prior to the start of the meeting, two Parishioners expressed their concerns regarding a dog that is not being kept under control and the dumping of food waste.

1. APOLOGIES

All Councillors were in attendance

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

RC declared an interest in item 10a – Church Farm House

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2019 were amended (8b from NB to CC) and **accepted** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Asset Register: The AR is completed and will be ongoing as assets are identified, LW was asked to add the black matting and beacon to the AR.
- b. Neighbourhood Watch Representative: The NWR for Oxton is Ian
- c. Oxton Hill footpath: RC to review.
- d. Timmerman's sponsor signs: LW presented a proof of the sign to the Council which was accepted.
- e. Inconsiderate parking cards: LJ was asked to get quotes from the original printers for future reference, RJ has stock and offered them to the Council. LJ was asked to investigate the best way of managing the distribution of them.
- f. Clerk contact sign was produced and CC will fix it to the fence.
- g. Dog fouling signs have been put up around the village.

5. HIGHWAYS

- a. Speeding: JJ reported a silver grey vw caddy that continues to speed through the village onto Main Street at the Olde Bridge Inn then right down New Road, through the ford and onto Sandy Lane before turning left onto Southwell Rd. LJ was asked to follow this up with PCSO Crowhurst.
- b. Cllr. Jackson reported back that NCC said that the salt bin is fine and does not need replacing.
- c. As part of an NSDC initiative to prevent fly tipping, they are now offering residents a service to remove white goods, the first item at £13 and further items at £7.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

The council has received correspondence from a parishioner regarding a possible uncontrolled dog in the village and the dumping of waste food. The parishioner, with support of another parishioner, has reported this to the police, dog warden and Environmental Health. There is little the Council can do at this stage but the situation will be monitored.

7. FINANCE

- I. 7 payments totaling £1664.07 were authorised for payment.
- II. Monthly Bank reconciliation was approved.

8. RECREATION

- a. Play Park: There are still a few safety concerns which need addressing. Only the wooden poles are under Warranty, not the labour or delivery, which makes using the current providers for maintenance very expensive. The Council agreed to investigate other options to maintaining the play park and to draw up a list of possible costs for the Budget meeting in December. A Play Park Committee was set up comprised of JJ, CC and HL.
- b. Village Hall trees: RC and JJ will arrange to get the trees at the side of the car park pruned back.
- c. Playscape Carers Group: there is a lot of interest in joining the PCG, HL and CC will set up a roster starting in the new year. LJ to add to the January Agenda.
- d. Dog fouling signs: These have been located around the village as per the map that was submitted.
- e. The daffodils have been purchased and will be planted imminently.

9. RISK AND RESILIENCE

Emergency Flood Plan: The EFP has been circulated. LJ was requested to locate official Flood Warden training through the Flood Warden Scheme. It was reported that due to the flooding, a lot of gullies were blocked with leaves; LJ to arrange a street sweep through the village and to put an item in The Dover Beck regarding parishioners keeping their gullies clean

10. PLANNING APPLICATION/DECISIONS

Applications:

19/01841/FUL – Yew Tree House – demolition of conservatory and alterations. SUPPORT

19/01894/LBC – Church Farm House - single storey extension. SUPPORT

11. BONFIRE UPDATE

The event was very well organised and managed. Unfortunately due to the heavy rainfall, the bonfire area has not been cleared but will be as soon as the ground has dried up.

12. VEOLIA UPDATE:

No update

13. WAR MEMORIAL WORKING PARTY

It was noted that this working party was run by two parishioners who are also Councillors and that the initiative is not council led. The WMWP will provide feedback from their meeting scheduled for 13th November at the next council meeting.

13. MATTERS FOR REPORT OR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- a. Lamp post renovation.
- b. Budget
- c. Free trees from NSDC
- d. Communications

14. NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 10th December 2019 at 7.30pm.

15. CLOSE OF MEETING: The Chair closed the meeting at 9.36pm