

BLETCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Bletchington Primary School

on Thursday 26th February, 2015.

Present: Cllr A.K.Saunders (Chair), Cllr C.E.Lane, Cllr D.M.Ledger, Cllr M.E.Taylor, Cllr Miss J Benton, Cllr Mrs M.M.Knight and Cllr M Kersh.

- 026/15 **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 027/15 **Confirmation of Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th November, 2014, were amended and the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January were approved and signed.
- 028/15 **Funfair:** It was confirmed that the Clerk should write to Mr Hatwell informing him that the rent would remain at £90 for the Village Green for the duration of the fair in October.
- 029/15 **High Sheriff's Annual Awards:** Cllr Saunders informed Cllrs that Greta Bickley had been chosen to receive this award following a nomination made by Cllr Lane. He would be attending the ceremony with Greta.
- 030/15 **Coghill Tree Replacement:** The Clerk had purchased a tree guard which is being stored by Jamie McNaught. The cost of the tree had been discounted to £76 however the delivery charge was £110 which had not been allowed for in the original quotes. Cllrs agreed this delivery charge should be reduced and also that it was now a bit late in the year to be planting trees and that it would be better to leave it until Autumn. The Clerk was instructed to inform Mr Horwood to postpone the tree order and to ask if he could get a better deal on delivery.
- 031/15 **OCC maintenance of roundabouts & verges:** Cllr Saunders read the quote from Green Scythe. He stated that as an indicator the quote is a helpful indicator. The quote was for £198 per cut. The Clerk was instructed to contact OCC stating that PC would be prepared to undertake the responsibility using the existing contractor, and could OCC advise as to number of cuts usually carried out and to how money would be given to PC.
- 032/15 **Bus Shelter Light:** Cllr Saunders had researched the solar light option and had explained a possible option. Cllrs agreed that Cllr Saunders should purchase a solar light/panel for £50 to try it out. The Clerk confirmed that the electrician Jez Pewsey had asked for advice had also recommended the solar option.
- 033/15 **Budget 2015/16:** Cllr Ledger had amended the budget presented at the last meeting. An additional item had been included - Cllr Saunders explained that in order to make the Multi User Games Area available to the village, as well as the school, additional fencing and a gate was required. It was proposed the the PC contributes £2199 for this purpose. Cllrs agreed. A £10000 contingency has also been allowed for in the budget, just in case OCC will not fund traffic calming measures on the Kirtlington Road approach into the village.
- 034/15 **Blacks Head:** Cllrs had a discussion about who may be interested and other pubs nearby but concluded that the PC was in no position to purchase the pub for the community so no need to do anything at this time.
- 035/15 **Village News AGM:** Cllr Taylor & Cllr Lane attended and Cllr Saunders reported that despite increase in printing costs financially they were ok. PC will discuss continued support by giving a donation. To be discussed at next meeting.
- 036/15 **Bletchington House Wall:** Cllr Lane reported that the wall had been look at and consequently cordoned off as a safety measure before work can be carried out to rectify problem.
- 037/15 **Community Project Update:** Cllr Ledger reported that the school had been assessed by a surveyor ahead of its sale and it was a very sound structure, and due to be put on market mid-March. Cllr Ledger also reported that Co-Op deal is still set to go ahead. Concerns were raised by Cllr Lane regarding how much is known and understood about the Co-Op proposals. Cllr Ledger has taken advice from (letting agency). Cllr Kersh added that the numbers sound

roughly about right and that the location offers great potential to a retail development of this sort. Cllr Mrs Knight raised a point about whether it would be a 'Village' Hall or a 'Community' Hall. The consensus from Cllrs was to remain 'Village Hall'. Cllr Miss Benton confirmed that there would be a village update meeting on April 26th at the Sports & Social Club. Cllr Ledger also clarified that the school kitchen was going to be a professional kitchen available to both the school and to village hall events simultaneously, so for example a coffee morning could be held on a school day.

[Cllr Miss Benton left the meeting at this point]

038/15 **Planning Matters**

038a/15 **Applications:-** All comments needed to be made before the meeting and were submitted as follows based on planning committee comments;

15/00017/F Lodge Farm – Concerns that the garage should not be made into a dwelling.

15/00157/F Life Build Ltd – No objections raised, but M.Webber suggested galvanised steel was inappropriate and that black cast aluminium should be used for rainwater goods.

15/00121/F Oxfordshire Inn – Objected to on the grounds of inappropriate change of use.

15/00058/F Holly Cottage – No objections raised.

038b/15 **Consents:-** 10/00360/CM Shipton Ltd for the importation, storage and processing of inert construction and demolition waste etc.

14/02020/LB 4-5 Church End – retrospective blocking up door openings.

038c/15 **Refusals:-** 14/01862/LB & 14/01861/F The Malt House

039/15 **Accounts for Payment**

Viridor Waste Management Ltd		£1228.73
Cotswold Decorative Ironworkers	(£115 + £23vat)	£138.00
Funtime (bouncy castle)		£450
Bletchington School		£1000

040/15 **Newsletter from John Howell MP:** circulated to all.

041/15 **Report from Co.Cllr. Gearing:** Reports had been circulated to all.

042/15 **Risk Assessments:** Cllr Saunders will update the Risk Assessments for next meeting, but reported that very little would need amending this year, however next year this will be a bigger task to include new development.

043/15 **Blocked drains around the Green:** Cllr Lane reported that he had asked Clerk to photograph and report blocked drains and flooding to OCC. The Clerk had done this on Friday 20th February. The Clerk was asked to monitor situation and contact OCC again in a couple of weeks if nothing done, including photos and copy in CEO.

044/15 **Fingerpiece – damaged kerbstones:** Cllr Lane had asked Clerk to take photos which were shown to Cllrs. Cllr Lane will persue matter. Cllr Saunders wil speak to owners of vans which are regularly parked there causing passing vehicles to drive up onto Fingerpiece. The Clerk will forward photographs to Cllr Saunders.

045/15 **Spring Clean 2015:** Cllr Kersh had signed up for Community Clean Up Day and was awaiting more information regarding how litter is collected/disposed of etc. Cherwell DC have sent details of their annual spring clean and Cllr Kersh will order required resources if he thinks their one is a better one for Bletchington. Cllr Kersh to organise and report back to next meeting. In addition Cllr Kersh will discuss recycling facility options for new development with Cllr Ledger.

046/15 **May General Election:** Cllr Taylor confirmed that these were to be held at Sports & Social Club.

047/15 **Parish AGM:** Cllr Taylor was asked to arrange a date, either 6th or 13th May, at Sport & Social Club for this. No speakers would be required as it was thought main focus would be the new development.

048/15 **Parish Remuneration Panel:** The Clerk has still not received annual report. Cllrs all agreed that when it did come it would be agreed as usual. The Clerk will forward it to Cllrs when received.

049/15 **Field South of Diamond Farm:** Cllr Saunders will find out what is going on and report back to next meeting.

- 050/15 **Ingleby Paddocks/Lince Lane:** Correspondence from resident of Ingleby Paddocks had asked if PC would be able to contribute to cost of providing a footway alongside Lince Lane to access bus stop on B??road. After discussion it was agreed that PC could not assist financially, but suggested using S.106 money from B Line/Minns site, that CDC have used to provide play equipment in Kirtlington Parish. The Clerk will respond to the resident.
- 051/15 **Springhill:** Cllr Mrs Knight had received a report stating that vehicles are still being parked on grass despite there being parking spaces available.
- 052/15 **Public Footpath sign at Church:** This is still missing. The Clerk will report it to OCC again.
- 053/15 **Overgrown Tree at Easter Cottage:** Clerk to write to Easter Cottage.
- 054/15 **Hedges at Tollbrook:** The Clerk had not reported this. The Clerk was asked to make this a priority.
- 055/15 **Playground fencing:** Cllr Lane reported that there was some damaged fencing at playground, roadside, that needed replacing. The Clerk would attend to this.
- 056/15 **Flytipping on Kirtlington Road:** The Clerk was asked to contact Kirtlington PC to enquire if they knew what this was/who responsible and if it had been reported.

Date of Next Meeting: 7:30pm, Thursday 26th March, 2015 at Bletchingdon Primary School.