

BLETCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

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

on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

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

**Apologies:** Cllr M.Kersh

- 084/15 **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 085/15 **Confirmation of Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, were approved and signed.
- 086/15 **Heathfield – Caravan Park Plans Update:** Cllr Saunders had discussed the planning matter with Paul Irhinger at Cherwell DC, Planning. Mr Irhinger was unaware of who had purchased the land, but some conditions of the development had begun to take place, all be it, after the time limit had expired. PC awaits a response from C.D.C.
- 087/15 **Flytipping on Kirtlington Road:** The Clerk had emailed Dist Cllr Holland about the possibility of gaining some help with this and other enforcement issues which also affect neighbouring parish councils. Dist Cllr Holland asked for details of the issues, but has not responded further as yet.
- 088/15 **Field South of Diamond Farm:** Cllr Saunders also asked Paul Irhinger about this enforcement issue and was told who to contact about it. Michelle Jarvis continues to work on it and has asked Mr Hedges, the owner, for a full inspection meeting as O.C.C couldn't prove it is a 'waste transfer station'.
- 089/15 **Spring Clean:** Cllr Kersh had emailed a report in his absence. A great deal of litter seemed to relate to the new build and he suggested a litter pick was done twice a year. Cllr Ledger had already reported this to the site manager who didn't think there was a problem. Cllr Lane & Cllr Miss Benton agreed to take a look around the area together, and to discuss with site manager if necessary.
- 090/15 **Drain outside Village Farmhouse:** The Clerk reported that she had received a phone call on 30<sup>th</sup> March from OCC to say drains would be jetted within a month. The Clerk was asked to chase O.C.C highways as these still haven't been cleared, and also the sewage smell at the crossroads of Oxford Road/Weston Road. The Clerk was asked to write, rather than use the online reporting system, and copy in the CEO.
- 091/15 **2 Oxford Road:** The Clerk was asked to contact Sanctuary about this as nothing had been heard about it being put up for sale.
- 092/15 **Locality Fund:** The Clerk had been asked to draft a letter to Cllr Gearing regarding this. Cllr Saunders read it and it was agreed it should be sent to Cllr Gearing.
- 093/15 **Bus Shelter Light:** Cllr Saunders had purchased the solar light. Cllrs agreed that Jez Pewsey should be asked to install it.
- 094/15 **Fingerpiece Kerbstones:** As O.C.C. put the wooden posts in, Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should contact O.C.C. and ask if they can replace the missing posts, perhaps with something stronger and to repair the damaged kerbstones.
- 095/15 **Street light outside 14 Oxford Road:** The tree, which is blocking the light, has not been cleared by SSEB as the Clerk had stated earlier in the year. The Clerk was asked to contact SSEB or OCC again.
- 096/15 **Community Project Update:** Cllr Ledger reported that the Village Meeting had raised £130 and had been very informative. The Co-Op have signed to build the shop. Cllr Ledger clarified that neither Sainsbury's nor Tesco had been interested when approached. Also, the Offer for purchasing the school has been accepted.

097/15 **Planning Matters**097a/15 **Applications:-**

15/00428/LB – Barley Thorpe Cottage, Islip Rd – replacement of existing front and back doors – Cllrs raised no objections.

15/00680/LB – 1 The Old Post Office Stores, Weston Road – conversion of former ground floor shop to 2-bed self-contained flat with car parking. Cllrs raised no objections, however the Clerk was asked to point out the confusion that may be caused by having a property named ‘The Old Post Office Stores’ a few doors away from ‘The Old Post Office’

097b/15 **Approvals:-**

14/02151/REM- Former Bletchingdon Village Hall, Station Road - Reserved Matters to Outline (15/00187/OUT) – Layout, scale appearance and landscaping, approval of reserved matters subject to conditions.

15/00157/OUT – Former Bletchingdon Village Hall, Station Road - Variation of Condition 5 of 13/01892/OUT, permission for development subject to conditions. Reserved Matters to Outline (15/00187/OUT) – Layout, scale appearance and landscaping, approval of reserved matters subject to conditions.

15/00268/F & 15/00269/LB – The Malt House, raising roof of outbuilding/alterations to it & provision of off-road parking

15/00337/F – Barley Cottage, Weston Road – replace conservatory with extension

098/15 **End of Financial Year Accounts:** The Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2015 are as follows; during the financial year the Parish received £23,323.43. There was a carry forward figure from 2013/14 of £12,234.55, therefore total receipts amounted to £35,557.98. Payments for the year totalled £16,493.44, leaving a balance in hand at 31st March 2015 of £19,064.54.

099/15 **Accounts for Payment**

Village News(donation)	£120
R.McNaught(expenses – use of home as office based on 50% of phone/internet bill)	£290
A.Saunders(reimbursement for purchasing solar light)	£44.99

100/15 **Report from Co.Cllr. Gearing:** Reports had been circulated to all. Cllrs agreed that a question about drainage & street lighting money should be added to the letter about Locality Fund.

101/15 **OALC monthly newsletter:** Circulated to all. Cllrs agreed that both the Clerk and Cllr Ledger could go on a course ‘Getting to Grips with Finance’

102/15 **Insurance:** Insurance is due for renewal 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015. Cllrs decided the Clerk should obtain a quote from Zurich Municipal to compare to the renewal from Came & Company. The quotes can then be discussed after the Annual Parish Meeting.

103/15 **Dog Waste Bins:** C.D.C. had written stating there was to be a price increase from £1.27 per bin to £1.40 per bin. Cllrs ask the Clerk to respond to this by asking how many bins they think we have, and how often are they emptied.

104/15 **Bob Hessian, Clerk to Weston PC:** The Clerk had been contacted to seek Cllrs opinion on including some Bletchingdon addresses within their Neighbourhood Plan due to their close proximity to the village. Cllrs couldn’t see a problem with this and asked to be kept updated with progress.

105/15 **Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting:** It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Saunders should attend this meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

106/15 **Annual Parish Meeting:** Cllrs Saunders gave apologies from Bletchington Silver Band. Sgt Colin Travi had said PCSO Ian Wilkins will be in attendance, and give a brief report. Sue Green will report for The Charity & Duncan for BCF. Cllrs briefly discussed the agenda.

107/15 **Damaged Bench in St Giles:** The Clerk was asked to speak to Thursday Club to find out if they are removing or repairing the bench, and if they need financial help to ask PC.

108/15 **Teen Shelter at Playground:** Cllr Lane reported that the shelter roof is cracked. Needs monitoring, but will wait to see what comes out of inspection.

109/15 **Footpath Sign at Church:** The Clerk will report this again to O.C.C.

110/15 **Bin at Bus Stop on Oxford Road:** Cllr Taylor reported that the bin had been placed on top of wall after becoming detached. The Clerk had asked Jamie McNaught to re-fix it.

111/15 **Aircraft Testing:** Cllr Taylor reported that test landing of a large aeroplane was due to take place, but he had been reassured that this was for testing of the plane and not testing this type of craft at Oxford Airport.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 7:30pm, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 at Bletchington Primary School.