

BLETCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bletchingdon Village Hallon Thursday 27th August, 2015.

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

- 186/15 **Confirmation of Minutes:** Cllr Saunders thanked Cllr Lane for Chairing the Meeting of 30th July and the Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.
- 187/15 **Declaration of Interest:** None
- 188/15 **Buses – Supported Transport Consultation:** Cllr Saunders explained that O.C.C. have made a proposal to shut down all financial support to bus route 25 & 25A, amongst numerous other bus services in the County. Cllr Lane stated that as a PC we should support the service. The Clerk was instructed to make a response to the consultation stating that the service was needed for access to schools and work, as well as for leisure, rather than taking cars into Oxford. The service is also invaluable for those who do not have cars.
- 189/15 **Parish Office:** The Clerk will investigate mobile phone signal from the Village Hall and then purchase a basic Pay As You Go mobile phone, for use by Parish Council. The Clerk was also instructed to purchase a wireless printer/copier machine for use by PC to be kept at Village Hall. The Clerk has use of a room located next to the school reception area on Monday & Wednesday mornings. There will also be a room for archiving files in the village hall, and Greta and the Clerk will eventually amalgamate the files they both have stored in their homes.
- 190/15 **John Howell MP Villages Tour:** The Clerk informed the PC that John Howell MP would be making a visit to the village at 2pm on 24th September, for about 1 hour. The Clerk will speak to the school to see if a brief tour would be possible, otherwise Cllrs that are able to be there should meet in the Village Hall. The Clerk will also invite members of the BCF.
- 191/15 **Charity Rep Nominees:** The Clerk had received one nomination; Sue McReady. The Clerk was asked to ask Mrs McReady if she would like to be the PC rep on The Charity.
- 192/15 **Community Project Update:** Cllr Lane & Cllr Miss Benton had met to discuss the location and installation of the dog bin to be sited on the footpath from Springwell Close to the school. This path has been cleared by BCF and they are purchasing a ‘porta path’ as a temporary measure to be used by people walking to school and the village hall. This will eventually be replaced by a tarmac path as part of the housing development. Cllr Miss Benton said she would make a sign telling villagers that the timber stack could be taken for firewood. Cllr Ledger confirmed that the splay of the new access road into the school/hall car park, would be widened but as part of the housing development. Cllr Ledger also confirmed that the Village Hall had been officially handed over on 26th August, but there were still unfinished jobs and a snagging list. Cllr Ledger reported that over 300 people had attended the Open Days. Cllr Ledger reported that the housing contractor, Zero C, were due to sign, and that the shop needs to be built before 50% of the houses are sold. Cllr Ledger reported that Tim Hallchurch had visited, and Cllr Simon Holland had attended an Open Day.
- 196/15 **Damaged Wall in St Giles:** The Clerk was instructed to continue to chase and to copy Sue Smith (CEO) into any emails.
- 197/15 **Trees on Village Green:** The Clerk was reminded to ask Bert Timms to carry out work to basal-growth on trees on Village Green.
- 198/15 **Fingerpiece:** The Clerk was asked to get a quote to have new bollards installed on Fingerpiece and Village Green. Cllr Lane will confirm how many are needed.
- 199/15 **Village Traffic Meeting:** Mark Webber had emailed Cllr Saunders requesting a village meeting to discuss traffic concerns. The PC decided to have an Open Village Meeting, with the aim of forming a working group with representatives from each road/area of the village.

Cllr Saunders nominated Cllr Kersh to lead this group. In addition the Clerk will invite local community Police Officers to this meeting. Cllr Saunders will set up the meeting, and in addition to posters, flyers are to be delivered to each house.

- 200/15 **Coghill Tree:** In January 2015 the PC had agreed to purchase a Bird Cherry (*Prunus padus*) but this had been postponed til Autumn. PC instructed the Clerk to get a quote from Bunkers Hill Nursery (Plant Euphorium) stressing that it is for the Community Project. Also get another quote from Simon Horwood, excluding delivery charge. Clerk to take quotes to next meeting.
- 201/15 **Planning Matters**
- 201a/15 **Applications:-** 15/01402/F – **Court Yard House**, Church End – alterations to three dormer windows on front elevation, including cladding with stone coloured render and replacement of windows – Cllrs supported this application.
- 201b/15 **Approvals:-** 15/00770/LB & 15/00769/F – **The Malt House**, Weston Road – external works including repointing of stone, stripping and relaying roof coverings, replacement of windows and doors, installation of satellite dish and internal alterations.
15/00413/F & 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.
15/00869/F – **Burdock Cottage**, 1 Home Farm Cottages, Station Rd – demolition of existing shed and erection of single storey rear extension with associated alterations.
- 201c/15 **Rejections:-** 15/00017/F – **Lodge Farm**, 7 Heathfield Cottages, Heathfield – 2-storey detached building for garages and home office – resubmission of 14/01009/F
- 202/15 **Accounts for Payment**
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| Greenscythe (mowing) | £223.49 (vat£37.25) |
| Playsafety Ltd (playground annual inspection) | £103.20 (vat£17.20) |
| Glasdon UK Ltd (dog waste bin) | £100.80 (vat£16.80) |
- 203/15 **Playground Inspection:** Cllr Taylor to repair damaged playground equipment highlighted in annual report by next meeting, or the damaged spinner needs to be taped over to make it more visual and then removed.
- 204/15 **Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan:** Cllr Kersh will look at the proposals on line and report back to PC.
- 205/15 **Household Waste Recycling Centres Strategy:** Cllr Kersh will respond to this consultation.
- 206/15 **Parish Notice Board:** Cllrs discussed this and decided to wait until shop is built and Community Area is more established before relocating the Parish Council Notice Board. When it is replaced it can be repaired at the same time. Village Hall notice board will be available to display notice of meetings.
- 207/15 **Gigaclear:** Cllr Miss Benton stated there had been a number of reports about the disruption being caused by Gigaclear and the damage to paths etc. Cllr Kersh will report back to Gigaclear.
- 208/15 **Enforcement Matters:** The Clerk was instructed to raise Enforcement as an agenda item for the Parish Liaison Meeting in November, regarding contacting officers about outstanding enforcement issues. It was also agreed that a meeting is needed between Paul Irhinger, of the enforcement team at CDC, and maybe other Parishes, regarding major enforcement issues that are still unresolved in the area.
- 209/15 **Tree Roots under Path adjacent to Bletchingdon Park Wall:** The Clerk was asked to report these to OCC Highways.
- 210/15 **Bridleway 134/21, Red Lane:** Cllr Ledger reported the gate had been locked. Cllr Lane responded saying that the gate was not actually on the bridleway and the bridleway should go through the adjacent field. The Clerk was asked to contact OCC Rights of Way to establish route. Cllr Miss Benton suggested the Clerk also contacts Ian Gedling, footpath representative
- Date of Next Meeting:** 7:30pm, Thursday 24th September, 2015 at Bletchingdon Village Hall.