

MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall Youth Centre on Thursday 10 October 2013 at 7.30 pm.

Present: R.Soper (in the chair), R.Langley D. Gough, I Hogg, C Frost and G. Matthews

In attendance: Lynda Scott, Clerk to the Council. Mr and Mrs Fettis

1 Apologies for absence: B. Norton, H. St John and S. Cusick

2 Declarations of interest:
None

3 Minutes
Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2013 be approved as a true and correct record.

4 Matters Arising

(i) North Leigh Windmill and land adjoining
No new information

(ii) Broadband Upgrading
No further information

(iii) Emergency plan/Grit boxes
The working group will determine the number and locations of the bins and will advise the Clerk. Clerk to enquire if bins accommodating padlocks can be supplied.

(iv) NL Website
No further information

(v) ROSPA 2012 actions – replacing bark under the cable runway
The bark has been ordered and will be dealt with by Bob Allsworth at half term.

(vi) Quotations for resurfacing Children's Play area
Outstanding

(vii) Christmas Tree Festival
Following discussion, Members agreed not to donate a tree to the festival

(viii) Cycle Lane along the A4095
The Clerk reported that OCC would not be undertaking this work because of the high cost of doing so.

5 West Oxfordshire LDF Core Strategy update/Meridian Strategic Land Ltd PA 13/1274/P/OP
Members discussed the Planning Application and letter of objection from Hailey Parish Council concerning a Witney North development proposal from Meridian Land Ltd. Following lengthy discussion, members agreed unanimously to support Hailey PC's letter of objection to the proposal, adding their concern re the high potential for more traffic funnelling through from Hailey, through New Yatt and North Leigh to reach the 4095 (and the opposite direction). Such traffic has increased noticeably in the last 6 years and the West End link is likely to turn New Yatt Rd into a busy rat run.

6 Thames Valley Police Report
Previously circulated; no matters of concern for North Leigh

8 Planning Decisions: the following decisions have been received:
4 Parkside – single and two storey extension: Granted
58 Common Road – two storey extension and garage conversion: Granted

9 Planning Applications & Correspondence:
It was noted that the planning application relating to the change of use of The Saddlers Arms in New Yatt has been withdrawn.

9.1 Working Group report
No applications considered.

10 Finance

10.1 The following accounts were approved for payment:

Cheque no	Description	Supplier	Net	Vat	IPT	Admin Fee	Total
102219	AP Cleaning September	WODC	99.92	19.98			119.90
102221	Cemetery grass cutting June	WODC	591.80	118.36			710.16
102223	Cemetery grass cutting August	WODC	591.80	118.36			710.16
102222	Cemetery grass cutting July	WODC	295.90	59.18			355.08
102224	Admin exp/postage	L.Scott	30.99				30.99
102225	PAYE October	HMRC	88.10				88.10
102226	AP grass cutting	MV Firmin	360.00	72.00			432.00
102227	Playground Insp.training	OPFA	50.00				50.00
102228	ROSPA inspection	Playsafety Ltd	130.00	26.00			156.00
SO	Clerk's salary October	Lynda Scott	352.40				352.40

10.2 The spend against budget report was approved

11 Open Spaces

11.1 Reports:

Reports received from IH and CF.

IH reported that he was still awaiting quotations for a replacement surface for the children's play area.

11.2 Annual ROSPA report - 2013

IH highlighted the areas in the report in need of repair/action. IH to put together a list for review at future PC meetings.

12 Cemetery/ Churchyard Report

No inspection report received from H StJ.

RL suggested that memorial benches be located at the perimeter of the cemetery in the first instance; to be moved later to appropriate positions nearer the grave plots. Clerk to contact Mrs Rosemary Waddington, Mr Fred Willis and Ms Donna Hambridge regarding delivery of benches to RL's premises.

H.StJ previously reported that the long grass in the churchyard needs cutting now that all the meadow flowers have seeded. Clerk has asked WODC to attend to this.

13 Traffic & Roads Reports and other Highways Matters

13.1 Speeding in East End

The Chairman raised the subject of Community Speed watch schemes that operate through local volunteers and, following discussion, agreed to research more information. He agreed to write

something for the website and the Nor 'Lye News in an attempt to engage residents in the idea. RS has spoken with TV Police who has confirmed that the Parish Council can do this under PC/PCSO supervision and the Council's insurer has confirmed that members would have public liability cover under the Council's policy. On-going

14 Consultation:

Bus Services Review:

The Clerk and CF have submitted Council's comments to Tim Darch at OCC re the extension of the No 11 bus route.

15 Correspondence:

Letter of thanks for PC donations from CAB

Letter from Oxfordshire Countryside Access Forum re Footpaths Wardens. Clerk to investigate with Ian Anderson and report back.

16 Any Other Business

DG reported that the wooden stumps in the grass verge opposite 73 Windmill Road are rotting and need replacing. Clerk to contact Cottsway.

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 14 November 2013 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Chairman Date