

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

Present: R. Soper (in the Chair), R Langley, B. Norton, D Gough, I. Hogg, H.StJohn, G.Matthews

In attendance: Lynda Scott, Clerk to the Council.
CC Louise Chapman, PCSP I Webb and Ms Judith Wardle

1 Apologies for absence: S.Cusick and C. Frost

2 Declarations of interest:
HStJ expressed a personal interest in the planning application relating to 18 Park Road.

3 Minutes
Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13 December 2012 be approved as a true and correct record.

4 Matters Arising

(i) The future of North Leigh Library

Judith Wardle expressed concern regarding the recent resignation of the Librarian and the potential impact on the school and the local community. She reported that the librarian had sought new employment because of the redesignation of her post at North Leigh from permanent to temporary.

CC Chapman confirmed that the Librarian hours at North Leigh would remain unchanged at 11 hours per week until 2015 when the County Council's cost reductions come into effect. She also confirmed that a new librarian would take up post at North Leigh on 1 April and therefore, there would be no break in service and no impact on the school or the local community.

CC Chapman proposed that she meet with the Council to discuss plans for 2015 when the CC would continue to fund five and a half hours per week at North Leigh library, the remaining hours needing to be covered by volunteers or funding from other sources. RS confirmed that the PC would support the library where that was legally and financially possible.

Council resolved to meet with CC Chapman to discuss the future of the library from 2015.

(ii) Local Plan

No further information..

(iii) NL Windmill, Windmill House and land adjoining

No further information.

(iv) Broadband Upgrading

No further information. CC Chapman suggested that GM call her to discuss the matter of improved broadband for North Leigh.

(v) Emergency plan

No further information.

(vi) Notice Boards: refurbishment

Mr Kerpache has the work In hand. CC Chapman agreed to support a CC contribution of £100 towards the cost from the Big Society fund. Clerk to submit an application.

(vii) NL Website

No further information.

(viii) Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Chairman confirmed that, at the special meeting held on 22 November, it had been agreed to defer a decision on a village NDP pending consultation with residents in the New Year.

6 Thames Valley Police Report

PCSO provided an overview of crime across the area with no specific issues for North Leigh. She advised that following a significant increase in agricultural crime, she and colleagues were working to improve reporting/ communication of incidents by farmers and to bring farmers closer to their communities.

7 Planning Decisions:

The following application was granted:

19 Perrot Close: formation of four dormer windows and garage conversion

8 Planning Applications & Correspondence:

Residential development and alterations to access: 18 Park Road: no comments/objections

9 Finance

9.1 The following accounts were approved for payment:

Cheque no	Description	Supplier	Net	Vat	IPT	Admin Fee	Total
102161	Adventure playground cleaning November	WODC	99.92	19.98			119.90
102164	PAYE Feb 2013	HMRC	89.14				89.14
102162	Donation s 137	Volunteer Link	50.00				50.00
102163	Donation	CAB	110.00				110.00
SO	Clerk's salary Jan	Lynda Scott	358.60				358.60

9.2 Spend against budget: report approved

9.3 Review of Clerk's salary: deferred to next meeting

9.4 Youth Club Grant

Following discussion of the Youth Club's accounts, it was resolved to pay a grant of £1100 to the Youth Club on receipt of a written request.

10 Open Spaces

10.1 Reports:

Report received from IH.

10.2 ROSPA

IH to liaise with Clerk to seek quotations for urgent work

11 Cemetery/ Churchyard Reports

11.1 New cemetery Layout

CC Chapman agreed to support the cost of the new pathways. Clerk to submit a bid to the CC Big Society fund.

11.2 Unsafe Headstones: Churchyard

The Clerk reported that she had received a second quotation of £2250 + VAT from Reeves Memorials for the reinstallation of the headstones. Following discussion it was agreed that the Council should write to the PCC to seek financial support for this work.

12 Traffic & Roads Reports and other Highways Matters

12.1 Occupation Lane

GM reported a request from Hailey PC for support in its efforts to open Occupation Lane as a right of way. The Clerk to Hailey PC will provide more information. No information to date. It was noted with

concern that a gate had been placed across the lane. HStJ agreed to make enquiries with OCC.

12.2 Blocked drain south of the school playing field

BN agreed to resolve the matter with WODC.

12.3 VAS signs for the village

CC Chapman agreed to pursue the installation of two VAS signs and seek funding from the Area Stewardship fund.

13 Consultation: none

14 Correspondence

The Clerk reported a letter of thanks received from Candy Kerpache in respect of the PC donation to the Badminton Club.

15 Any Other Business

In light of the recent death of Dorothy Roberts, H StJ proposed that the Council send a letter of thanks and sympathy to the Nor 'Lye News. RS agreed to do so.

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

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chairman Date