

**MINUTES of a meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Turner Hall on Thursday 10th March 2011 at 7 pm. PRESENT – Mr H. St John (in the Chair), Mr J Crew, Mr D Gough, Mr R Soper Mr R Langley & Ms C Frost
In attendance Mr P G Power, Clerk to the Council**

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** –Mr A W Fletcher, Mr B J Norton
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr. Gough declared a personal interest in the planning application relating to Eynsham Hall where he was an employee
- 3 **MINUTES** – **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th February 2011, having been previously circulated, be taken as read. On being approved, these were signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 4 **MATTERS ARISING** – the Clerk said that the WODC had completed its review of polling arrangements and the current ones would remain in place.
- 5 **PUBLIC SESSION** - nothing raised.
- 6 **THAMES VALLEY POLICE REPORT** – the Chairman said that there was nothing much to report until yesterday when he heard that someone had wrecked the alarm system in the Memorial Hall.
- 7 **PLANNING DECISIONS** – the Clerk reported that an application relating to the installation of a heat pump at the Memorial Hall had been granted and the appeal against refusal of an application for a dwelling at Heath Farm had been dismissed.
- 8 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 8.1 **Planning Applications.**(1) Eynsham Hall – erection of new accommodation building, landscaping and parking alterations. An application to extend the time limit of an existing planning permission - no comments or objections.

(2) 21 Windmill Heights – erection of a conservatory – no comments or objections (Mr St John, as a near neighbour, declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the meeting whilst this matter was dealt with. During this time Mr Langley took the Chair) – no comments or objections.
 - 8.2 **Working Group Report** – the Clerk reported that the group had dealt with one application relating to Lollipops, East End.
- 9 **FINANCE**
 - 9.1 **Accounts for Payment** – it was **resolved** that the items set out in the attached list be paid.
 - 9.2 **Finance Report** – bank statements and reconciliation reports for the month of February were tabled by the Clerk for inspection – all found to be in order. He also tabled copies of a budget report.



9.3 Donation to Ryder-Cheshire Volunteers Oxfordshire – following on from the last Meeting, the Clerk reported on the arrangements that the charity was making to provide support to people in West Oxfordshire. **Resolved** that a donation could not be made at this time.

10 OPEN SPACES REPORTS & (1) RENEWAL OF PLAY AREA LEASE (2) USE OF CUCKAMUS GREEN FOR ANNUAL FAIR

Play Area – the Chairman said that he was still waiting to hear from the County Council's agent about renewal of the lease. **Annual Fair** – **resolved** to approve an application from the Hatwells to use the green on 21st to 23rd August for this purpose. The Clerk drew attention to a number of maintenance requirements contained in the ROSPA inspection report. **Resolved** that Mr Allsworth be asked to deal with them. Also, he said that Witney Welding had the new pad for the Ariel runway platform and it would be fitted when the weather permitted. **Adventure Playground** – the Clerk reported that litter continued to be a problem and that there was a metal pole, a wooden plank and the remains of some exercise machine 'dumped there'

11 TRAFFIC & ROADS REPORTS – Members continue to complain about the lack of action by the OCC to deal with the filling of salt bins. An OCC paper setting out recommended action by Parish Councils to set up their own plans to deal with bad weather was circulated to Members for the matter to be looked at in detail at the April meeting of the Council.

12 CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD REPORTS – the Chairman said that the cemetery/Turner Hall car parks' surfaces needed cleaning, they had become overgrown and muddy. The PCC was looking for a contractor to deal with the work and was willing to share the cost with the Parish Council – **resolved** to accept this arrangement but separate invoices to be sent to each party.

It was reported that the main gates to the churchyard needed repainting and that the side gate did not open properly and required some lubrication. The Chairman undertook to look at both matters.

13 POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF NORTH LEIGH PUBLIC LIBRARY – the Chairman reported on a public meeting that had been held on the 4th March about this matter. A public consultation would commence in April – **resolved** that a letter of objection be sent to the OCC followed up by a more detailed submission when details of the consultation were known.

14 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEMES – SHARE A TAXI - the Chairman asked for this item to be put off until the next Council meeting.

15 CONSULTATION – (1) Electoral Review of Oxfordshire – the Clerk said that the next stage of the consultation was about to start but had not been able to obtain any details of the proposals. **(2) WODC Planning for the Future Core Strategy** – the contents of the report were noted and it was resolved to make no comments at this stage but to await publication of specific site details. **(3) Proposal for the transfer of properties in Wilcote to the Parish**

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of Ramsden – Members were strongly opposed to this possible transfer; the links with Wilcote were of special historical significance. Ms Frost undertook to contact the North Leigh History Group in an effort to obtain details of such links. Matter to be placed on the agenda for the April meeting of the Council to agree a formal reply to the WODC. **(4) OCC Revised Household Waste Recycling Centre strategy for Oxfordshire** – resolved to tell the OCC that the closure of the Dean pit would encourage fly tipping and the western part of the district would be left without a tip within a reasonable distance.

- 16 **CORRESPONDENCE** –. (1) Eynsham Hall – notice of fireworks displays on the 2nd and 29th April. (2) the Chairman said that he had received a copy of a letter (sent to WODC Planning) from a resident expressing concern about the probable loss of view for drivers in Park Road when approaching the bend by the garden centre. It was feared that there had been some encroachment on to the highway when the new houses were built and that a hedge planted along the verge which, when grown, would obscure the view across the bend.

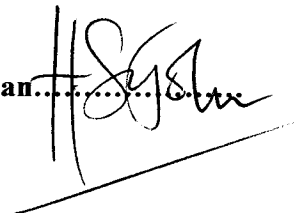
(For reasons explained below it was resolved that Agenda Item 18 would be taken as next business)

- 18 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (FOR MENTION ONLY)** – Mr Langley complained about the way that waste collection operatives dealt with empty bins – they threw them down anywhere and he produced some photographs that he had taken to demonstrate this. The Chairman advised him to raise the matter with Mr Norton. **(Resolved that the Meeting would go into closed session to deal with the next item of business because it related to personal details of applicants for the post)**

- 17 **APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO THE COUNCIL & RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER** - the Chairman said that nine applications had been received and Members were supplied with details so received. It was **resolved** to offer interviews to five of the applicants. The interviews with the working party to take place in the Memorial Hall on 14th March 2011 starting at 6 pm. The Chairman said that Mr Norton was now unable to attend the meeting and Mr Soper agreed to take his place.

- 19 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**– Thursday 14th April 2011 at 7 pm. In declaring the Meeting closed the Chairman expressed sincere thanks to Mr Power for all the work had had done as Clerk to the Council for the benefit of the North Leigh community.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman.....


Date ..14th April.....2011

North Leigh Parish Council
 --- PAYMENTS LIST --- Between 01/03/2011 to 31/03/2011

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank Cheq. No.	Description	Supplier	Number & Name	Vat Type	Net	Vat	Total
123	10/10/2011		1	Litter Service	1	WODC	S	136.94	27.39	164.33
124	10/10/2011		1	Computer services	9	P G Power	X	70.00	0.00	70.00
125	10/10/2011		1	Meetings room rentals	70	NLPCC	X	20.00	0.00	20.00
126	10/10/2011		1	LOAN INSTALMENTS	14	Pw Loan Board	X	5,758.56	0.00	5,758.56
127	10/10/2011		1	Clerks Salary	9	P G Power	X	476.66	0.00	476.66
TOTALS								£6,462.16	£27.39	£6,489.55

