

MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall Youth Centre on Thursday 9 February 2012 at 7 pm.

Present: Harry St John (in the Chair), J Crew, R Langley, C.Frost, G.Feasey, B.Norton and S. Cusick

In attendance: Lynda Scott, Clerk to the Council and four residents: Andy Bateson, Farrell Livingstone, Thompson Livingstone and Drew Simpson.

1 Apologies for absence: R Soper and D. Gough

2 Declarations of interest:

Geoff Feasey expressed a prejudicial interest in item 4 (vii) – Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

3 Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12 January, previously circulated, be taken as read and approved as a true and correct record.

4 Matters Arising

(i) Adventure playground

The chairman summarised the response to the Nor 'Lye News consultation on the future of the Adventure Playground and confirmed that he had received only two responses. He introduced Farrell Livingstone who outlined a request to improve the skateboard ramp at the Adventure Playground to a similar standard to that enjoyed by the youth of Long Hanborough. Farrell explained that he and 12-15 others used the LH equipment on a regular basis. Members expressed concern about the cost of the suggested improvements and, following discussion of a range of other options agreed the following actions:

- HStJ to forward details of Farrell's proposal to CC Louise Chapman in her capacity as Cabinet Member for Young People to seek her support and assistance in identifying possible sources of funding.
- The Clerk to contact Long Hanborough PC to ascertain more information about the work it is undertaking to develop its play facilities, with a view to North Leigh PC offering some support on the basis that young people from North Leigh are using the facilities on a regular basis.
- HStJ to raise the matter with the Rev.Miri Keen in her capacity as the Youth Club leader.
- Removal of Trim Trail: outstanding H.St J

(ii) LDF

HStJ confirmed that the LDF will be considered by WODC Cabinet on 14 March and by a special Council meeting on 21 March 2012.

(iii) Localism Act

HSt J outlined the contents of an email received from Keith Butler concerning forthcoming changes to the code of Standards and Interests arising from this new legislation. Details of the changes and the implications for Parish Councils will be notified in due course.

(iv) NL Windmill and land adjoining

Members emphasised their concern to protect the open spaces and listed buildings in the village and confirmed their intention to await the submission of plans before commenting further. No further update. It was agreed that this item should include Windmill House and be a standing item on future agenda.

Members discussed the urgent need for repairs to Windmill House and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the CEO of WODC to request that officers do all they can to access the premises and take whatever action they deem necessary.

(v) The future of North Leigh Library

No further update. The Clerk was asked to confirm the date of the OCC budget meeting where this matter would be determined.



(vi) Water Conservation project

GF confirmed that he had received seven expressions of interest in joining a project team and they will be meeting on 1 March to be briefed on Thames Water proposals. The outcome will be reported to Council during the TW presentation/Q&A session at the next PC meeting on 8 March.

(vii) Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

HStJ confirmed that the meeting planned for 10 February has received encouraging support. HStJ to report back to the March PC meeting.

(viii) Broadband Upgrading – It was agreed that this item be a standing agenda item in the future.

6 Valley Police Report

No issues specific to North Leigh to report.

7 Planning Decisions

The Clerk reported that WODC had refused permission for the construction of two dwellings at 24 Park Road, North Leigh.

8 Planning Applications & Correspondence:

None received

8.1 Working Group Report;

Two applications have been considered since the last meeting:

- Installation of solar panels at The Old School, Church Road. No objection but members expressed concerns regarding the potential impact on Church Cottage.
- Crispins, East End. Refurbishment of existing dwelling. No comments or objections.

9 Finance

9.1 Bank Statements and a summary report of spend against budget were circulated.

9.2 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the following items be paid.

Description	Supplier	Net	Vat	IPT	Admin Fee	Total
Room Hire	NL PCC	20.00				20.00
AP cleaning	WODC	141.73	28.35			170.08
Churchyard wall repairs	Ron Dix	850.00				850.00
Clerk's Salary	Lynda Scott	316.80	–			316.80
Annual membership	OPFA	45.00				45.00

10 Open Spaces Reports

10.1 Reports

None submitted.

10.2 Tree survey:

HStJ to review and report back: outstanding



11 Cemetery/ Churchyard Reports

11.1 Repairs to dry stone wall:

HStJ reported that the repairs had been completed satisfactorily.

11.2 Review of charges for North Leigh Cemetery

It was agreed not to increase the charges.

12 Traffic & Roads Reports and other Highways Matters

Members noted that the recent gritting of the roads by OCC had been undertaken efficiently.

CF expressed concern at the speeding of vehicles at the junction where the chicane is situated at the top of Church Road.

13 Clerk's Holidays/June meeting

It was agreed to change the date of the June PC meeting from 14 to 21 June.

14 Consultation

Details of the Rail Strategy for Oxfordshire, previously circulated, were discussed and members were asked to let the Clerk have their comments by 19 March.

15 Correspondence

A request from Ryder Cheshire volunteers for a donation. Declined.

Letter from WODC re West Oxfordshire Litter Blitz. Clerk to order equipment for village clean up on 3 March.

OALC invitation to an event for Parish Councillors on 12 March: Supporting Communities with Planning. Members to advise the Clerk if they wish to attend.

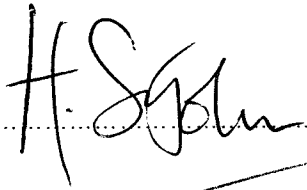
16 Any Other Business (For Mention Only)

The date of the Annual Parish meeting was confirmed for 17 May.

Local Elections: Clerk to confirm details and acquire nomination forms.

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 8 March 2012 at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Chairman  Date 