

**MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall Youth Centre on Thursday 12 January 2012 at 7 pm.**

**Present:** Harry St John (in the Chair), J Crew, D Gough, R Langley, C.Frost, G.Feasey, B.Norton and R. Soper

**In attendance:** Lynda Scott, Clerk to the Council and Margaret Lupton, a resident.

**1 Apologies for absence:** S.Cusick

**2 Declarations of interest:**

Geoff Feasey expressed a prejudicial interest in item 5 – Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. Barry Norton expressed a non prejudicial interest in item 6(v) in his capacity as a District Councillor.

**3 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8 December 2011, previously circulated, be taken as read and approved as a true and correct record.

**4 Amendment to the agenda**

It was agreed that the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations item be brought forward and discussed under Public Session.

**5 Public Session**

Margaret Lupton outlined initial proposals for the village celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and advised that there was significant interest from local organisations. She asked for Parish Council support and assistance in co-ordinating events planning and villager engagement. Following discussion it was agreed that:

- the Parish Council would facilitate rather than be involved in the organisation of celebrations.
- H.St. J would convene a public meeting, before the next Parish Council meeting if possible, and invite local organisations/businesses to discuss ideas, to formulate outline plans and to appoint a co-ordinator(s)

**6 Matters Arising**

**(i) Adventure playground**

The Clerk confirmed she had received the lease from WODC and also revised quotations from both WODC and MV Firmin for the cleaning and grounds maintenance of the Adventure Playground. Revised contract costs from 1 April 2012, as follows:

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| ▪ WODC Cleaning/litter             | £1199.04 pa - a reduction of £501.72 pa |
| ▪ MV Firmin grass cutting/spraying | £2340.00pa - a reduction of £907.68 pa  |

Council agreed to accept the revised contract costs. Clerk to confirm with contractors.

**Removal of Trim Trail:** outstanding H.St J

**Consultation draft for the Nor' Lye News:** Outstanding RS

**(ii) LDF**

BN 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**

BN confirmed that WODC Officers are preparing summary guidance notes on this new legislation which he will make available to Members in due course.

**(iv) Emergency Plan – Snow Guidance**

The working group reported that it had agreed to identify 6-10 people in the village who would be prepared to hold a supply of salt for use in their respective areas. The salt to be stored in bins which will be pre filled at RL's place.



**(v) Flooding: East End; Mr Cropper**

BN reported that a remedy had been found for this complex situation. The WODC professional engineer had determined that the existing inadequate piping should be replaced. The matter is in hand.

**(vi) 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.

**(vii) The future of North Leigh Library**

Members confirmed that the level of balances in the PC accounts would enable the Council to consider financial assistance to the village library if this becomes necessary.

**(viii) Water Conservation project**

GF updated members on progress and confirmed that no Council decisions were required at present. He reported that he was arranging a 30 minute briefing for the PC meeting in March and invite councillors to suggest ideas for the formal launch of the project.

**7 Valley Police Report**

H St J reported that he had attended a recent NAG meeting and that no issues specific to North Leigh had been raised.

**8 Planning Decisions**

The Clerk reported that the following applications had been granted:

- Lollipops, East End - retention of alterations to detached garage to include insertion of two dormer windows to front elevation and a pair of French doors and first floor balcony to the rear.

RS reported that a significant stock of building materials had arrived on the site and the Clerk was asked to report this to Phil Shaw at WODC

- The Chalet, New Yatt Road – erection of replacement dwelling

**9 Planning Applications & Correspondence:**

Crispins, East End Refurbishment of existing dwelling and conversion of workshop and utility room. To be considered by the working group.

**9.1 Working Group Report;**

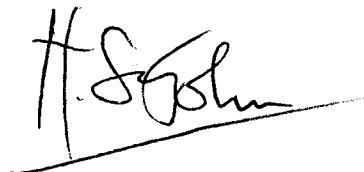
One application considered for 24 Park Road; comments and objections sent to WODC.

**10 Finance**

**10.1 Accounts for Payment**

It was resolved that the following items be paid.

Cheque no	Description	Supplier	Net	Vat	IPT	Admin Fee	Total
102086	Tree felling	Town and country trees	275.00	55.00			330.00
102087	AP cleaning	WODC	141.73	28.35			170.08
102088	Grass cuts/ spraying	WODC	574.56	114.91			689.47
102089	Donation s.137	Volunteer Link-up	50.00				50.00
102090	Windmill Heights maintenance.	David Green	265.00				265.00



**11 Open Spaces Reports****11.1 Reports**

RS submitted his report.

GF reported that MG Graphics were changing the contact details on the children's playground sign free of charge.

**11.2 Tree survey:**

HStJ to review and report back: outstanding

**11.3 Resident's complaint re Tree on the Adventure Playground**

The Clerk reported that the tree had been felled. RS asked that the Clerk require the contractor to reduce the height of the remaining stump to ground level.

**12 Cemetery/ Churchyard Reports****12.1 Repairs to dry stone wall: three sections**

The Clerk reported that the work is in hand and due to be completed by the end of the month.

**12.2** GF drew attention to the many trees which threaten the stability of the churchyard walls and suggested that the matter be studied carefully in due course.

**13 Traffic & Roads Reports and other Highways Matters****13.1 Signing of New Yatt Road.**

H.StJ reported that he had met with Mrs Fran Taylor who had agreed to cut back her hedge. He reported that the new road sign makes direction clearer and that a second sign would not be necessary.

**13.2** The Clerk was asked to report:

- a deep pothole on the A4095 before Boddington Lane.
- The footway lamp on the footpath Windmill Heights to Park Road is hidden by a tree.
- The footpath junction Common Road/ Windmill Road is in need of repair
- The stile on the public footpath off Heath Farm Lane towards Hit and Miss; the lower step is breaking up and in a dangerous condition

**14 Consultation None****15 Correspondence None****16 Any Other Business (For Mention Only)**

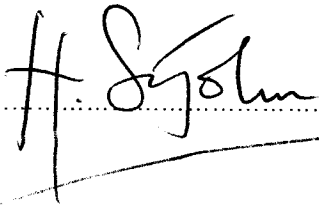
RL reported that WODC waste collection service is dropping plastics from the recycling trucks on the main road through East End. Clerk to report

Clerk to contact OCC re the cleaning of White Hill/Ashford Mill at the bottom of the road.

**Date and time of next meeting:** Thursday 9 February 2012 at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Chairman



Date

