

**MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall Youth Centre on Thursday 11 December 2014 at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** R. Langley (chair), D. Gough, G. Matthews I Hogg, H. St John, S Cusick and C Frost

**In attendance:** Lynda Scott, Clerk to the Council and CC Louise Chapman

**1 Apologies:** B. Norton and R. Soper

**2 Declarations of interest:** None

**3 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 November be approved as a true and correct record.

**4 County Councillor's report**

CC Chapman updated members on a number of CC actions in respect of agenda items including:

**The lease for the Children's Play area** – LC will chase action with the Property and Infrastructure department

**Car Parking on Park Road** - CC action not appropriate; suggest that the local PCSO be asked to enforce considerate parking on a regular basis.

**Speeding on the A4095** – matter under review following the recent accident

**Cleaning of signs and cutting back overhanging trees on the A4095** – Highways have been asked to do this.

**5 Matters Arising**

**(i) North Leigh Windmill and land adjoining**

No further information

**(ii) Broadband Upgrading**

It is understood that work will begin in the summer of 2015.

**(iii) NL Website**

GM reported that information received from local organisations has now been added to the website.

**(iv) Adventure Playground seats**

IH reported that the cost of the new seats with fittings will be £583.23 +VAT.

**Resolved** that the work go ahead

**(iv) Letter from Jim Wiggle**

Awaiting response from HStJ

**(v) New Yatt Farm: noise levels:** The enforcement officer at WODC has found no evidence of the alleged breach of planning control and has closed the investigation.

**6 Thames Valley Police Report**

None received.

**7 Planning Decisions:**

Erection of detached dwelling at The Orchard, Church Road – refused

Replacement dwelling at Home Close, Green Lane – withdrawn

Single storey extension at Wylcott, New Yatt Road – granted

Erection of detached dwelling at 24 Common Road – granted

Removal of planning condition 4 at Holbrook Farm – granted  
Alterations at Wilcote House, Wilcote – granted  
Alterations at 10 Perrott Close – granted  
Extensions, conversion of barn to dwelling and alterations at Church Farm House, Church Road – granted  
Erection of single storey rear and first floor extensions at 12 Windmill Heights - refused

## **8 Planning Applications & Correspondence:**

### **7.1 Working Group report**

Farm Buildings at Wilcote Manor Farm - change of use to dwelling – awaiting councillors' comments  
Home Close, Green Lane – erection of detached dwelling and garage/store – awaiting councillors' comments

### **7.2 Witney North Development change since initial consultation**

The change means that all 200 homes will have access to the New Yatt Road – Clerk to send Council's objections to WODC

## **9 Finance**

**9.1 Accounts for payment:** approved: see attached.

### **9.2 Budget for 2015/16**

Members discussed spend against cost centres in 2014, projected expenditure to March 2015 and commitments for the forthcoming financial year and confirmed the budget for 2015/16 as £34,790.

The breakdown by cost centre is:

	£
Open spaces	4677
Play areas	525
Cemetery and Churchyard	6120
General administration	8981
S 137 payments	250
PWLB	10,377
Youth Centre	1100
West Oxon, CAB	110
Defibrillator	150
Library	2500

### **9.3 Precept for 2015/16**

Members discussed the precept requirement for 2015/16. It was resolved to leave the precept unchanged at £35000

## **10 Open Spaces Reports:**

Reports received from IH, DG and CF. There are no matters for attention

## **11 Cemetery/ Churchyard Report**

11.1 H StJ: reports received.

11.2 Planting of a commemorative tree in the Cemetery – RS, RL and HStJ to meet with Geoff Barrell to discuss details and position.

11.3 HStJ reported overgrown pine trees in the churchyard now growing very close to the church and in need of pruning. Clerk to write to the PCC to elicit its views

**12 Traffic & Roads Reports and other Highways Matters**

**12.1 Community speed watch**

Members discussed plans to undertake speed checks in the village in the New Year.

**12.2 Dropped curbs**

CF advised that these have now been completed.

**12.3 Road Markings at 'The Pinch/junction**

The Clerk confirmed that OCC have ordered the new markings which should be in place before the end of the year.

**12.4 Parking on Park Road**

The Clerk reported that she had consulted the school on this matter and had received a response from the Head teacher and the Chair of Governors. See also Minute 4 above. Clerk to contact the PCSO and write to Len and Judith Lloyd.

**13 Consultation**

**14 Correspondence**

Letter of thanks received from Oxfordshire Association for the Blind.

Letter received from Geoff Reeve concerning overgrown conifer trees that are blocking the street lamp on the footpath running to the rear of Windmill Heights. Clerk to write to Peter Millen.

**15 Any Other Business**

RL reported that this year's salt bag has been received.

CF gave her apologies for the next meeting.

**Date and time of next meeting:** Thursday 8 January 2015 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Chairman ..... Date .....