

MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall Youth Centre on Thursday 8 January 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Present: R. Soper(chair), R.Langley,D. Gough, G. Matthews I Hogg, H. St John and B.Norton

In attendance: Lynda Scott, Clerk to the Council and Jowanna Lewis

1 Apologies: S. Cusick and C. Frost

2 Declarations of interest: BN expressed a non-prejudicial interest in any matters arising concerning WODC.

3 Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 December 2014 be approved as a true and correct record.

4 Saddler's Arms

Jowanna Lewis updated members on the work of a local community group who are seeking to establish the Saddler's Arms as an asset of community value

5 Matters Arising

(i) North Leigh Windmill and land adjoining

The Clerk reported a letter received from Gaelle Jolly from SPAB Mills, a charity that works to protect historic windmills and watermills. The Clerk was asked to invite Ms Jolly to attend PC to talk about her work and how her organisation might be able to offer support

(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 continues to be added to the website.

(iv) Letter from Jim Wiggle

Awaiting response from HStJ

6 Thames Valley Police Report

None received.

7 Planning Decisions:

Eynsham Hall; internal alterations

Approved

Holly Tree Cottage, New Yatt Road; erection of extensions

Withdrawn

The Ridings, Church Road; extension to stable block as a store

Approved

8 Planning Applications & Correspondence:

8.1 Working Group report

Lower Riding Farm, East End; change of use of 2 barns and redevelopment of farmhouse and attached barn to create 3 residential properties. Objections submitted

Holbrook Farm, East End; removal of planning condition to allow the barn to be used as holiday lets. Conversion of barn to ancillary living accommodation. Comments submitted

9 Finance

9.1 Accounts for payment: approved: see attached.

9.2 Spend against budget report; approved: see attached

RL raised a query re the OCC Library contribution; Clerk to follow up

10 Open Spaces Reports:

Reports received from IH and DG

Letter from Mr and Mrs Kerpache concerning overhanging foliage in two sites in the village which is causing obstructions to the view of vehicles. HStJ to report back.

11 Cemetery/ Churchyard Report

11.1 H StJ: none 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. The PCC have requested that the Parish Council arrange to have the trees felled/cut back. RS to obtain a professional report and costs.

12 Traffic & Roads Reports and other Highways Matters

12.1 Community speed watch

Members discussed plans to undertake speed checks in the village in early February.

12.2 Gritting

Members discussed advice from the Council's insurer and agreed that the grit in the boxes is for use by residents and Councillors will not be spreading the grit around the village.

Clerk to put a guidance note in the Nor 'Lye News.

13 Consultation: none

14 Correspondence: none received

15 Any Other Business

RL reported that WODC bin collectors were leaving recycling bins and rubbish indiscriminately around East End and had reported the matter to the District Council; to date he has had no response. He also reported that there was an increase in fly tipping on North Leigh Common. BN agreed to take the matter up and the Clerk was asked to write to Bob Lightfoot about these matters.

The Defibrillator box has now been fitted and the Clerk was asked to write to Dick Francis requesting that the defibrillator be installed.

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 12 February 2015 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Chairman

Date