

MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall Youth Centre on Thursday 10 July 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Present: R.Soper (in the chair), S. Cusick, H StJohn, D. Gough, I Hogg and C. Frost

In attendance: Lynda Scott, Clerk to the Council

1 Apologies for absence: R. Langley, B.Norton and G. Matthews

2 Declarations of interest: None

3 Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 June 2014 be approved as a true and correct record.

4 Matters Arising

(i) North Leigh Windmill and land adjoining

RS had received an email from Heather McCulloch concerning the triangle of land at the junction of Common Road and Park Road suggesting that the appearance of the land be improved by replacing the signpost and placing a new bin and bench there. Given that the land belongs to OCC the Clerk was asked to contact them for a costing.

Members discussed the Windmill and the land adjoining with a view to identifying it as a community asset and HStJ agreed to look into the options and report back to Council in writing.

(ii) Broadband Upgrading

BN reported that meetings were underway between WODC, OCC and BDUK to clarify the details of the BT contract which will identify those areas not covered by the BT contract. No further information.

(iii) NL Website – no further update

(iv) Refurbishment of WI bench in the cemetery

RS reported that he had inspected the bench and agreed that it was in need of refurbishment. Clerk to contact Mr Kerpache and get a quotation for the work.

(v) Parking for NL memorial Hall

Deferred to the next meeting; awaiting feedback from RS's meeting with the Governors at the school.

(vi) Land at the end of Evenlode Close; Beaver Scouts request to place a bench there

BN reported that the land in question is owned by OCC who require the Beaver Scouts to insure and maintain any bench that they locate there. OCC also suggest that local residents are consulted before any action is taken. BN to discuss the matter further with the Beaver Scout's leader and report back

(vii) Renewal of lease for the Children's play area

Work in progress.

(viii) Adventure Playground seats

IH reported that the cost of the new seats would be £490.39 +VAT. He will check if this includes the necessary fittings.

(ix) Evenlode Close grounds maintenance

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Ms Cathryn Jeff suggesting ground work improvements to the entrance to Evenlode Close. Clerk to contact OCC concerning the implications of residents/PC undertaking the suggested improvements.

5 Thames Valley Police Report

None received.

6 Planning Decisions: the following decisions have been received:

Insertion of a rooflight and enlarged porch at Arden, 5 new Yatt Road: granted

7 Planning Applications & Correspondence:

7.1 Working Group report

Harcourt Cottage, Church Road: Removal of lean to and erection of two storey rear extension and construction of new outbuilding to form home office/store. Comments submitted to WODC.

Hailey PC Letter of concern re proposed draft Local Plan; RS to respond to WODC in support of Hailey PC on behalf of the Council

8 Finance

8.1 Accounts for payment Approved: see attached.

8.2 Spend against budget report Approved.

9 Open Spaces

9.1 Reports:

Reports received from IH and CF.

9.2 Grant application for Children’s playground

IH agreed to provide three quotations for the work. The Clerk is in discussion with OCC re renewal of the lease.

10 Cemetery/ Churchyard Report

H StJ: outstanding reports received.

RS reported that the hedges at the cemetery are in need of cutting back. Clerk to report to WODC.

11 Traffic & Roads Reports and other Highways Matters

11.1 Speeding in East End – Community speed watch

RS to contact TV Police and re issue suggested dates for training.

11.2 Village walk with OCC

RS to arrange a convenient date with OCC. DG and SC to attend with RS

12 Renewal of PC Contracts

The Clerk provided details of the contract specifications requiring review. IH, CF and SC agreed to review the specifications and respond within two weeks.

13 Consultation

Oxfordshire Transport Plan (circulated): comments to the Clerk for submission

14 Correspondence

Letter from OCC re salt bag orders for the coming winter. Clerk to discuss need with RL.

15 Any Other Business

North Leigh Library: RS reported that a new manager, Carol Holdcroft has been appointed to take over from Jason Hale later in the year.

DG reported that the footpath/hedge between Windmill Road and Park Road is overgrown with grass and bramble; SC to inspect and report details to the Clerk.

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 11 September 2014 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.