

MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall Youth Centre on Thursday 13 November 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Present: R. Langley (chair), D. Gough, I Hogg, B. Norton and C Frost

In attendance: Lynda Scott, Clerk to the Council

1 Apologies for absence: R. Soper, HStJohn, G Matthews and S. Cusick

2 Declarations of interest: BN expressed a none prejudicial interest in item 4 (v)

3 Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 October 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.

The Clerk reported that she had had a site meeting with Dave Clack, OCC Area Steward to discuss the proposals. He agreed that OCC would agree to the upgrading of the land and has provided a costing. Following discussion, it was agreed that, given other financial commitments, the cost of carrying out the upgrading proposals is too high for the Council to fund at this time.

(ii) Broadband Upgrading

No further information.

(iii) NL Website

No update

(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

(v) Appointment of Grounds Maintenance Contractors

The Clerk provided a summary of all tenders received and costs. Following discussion, it was **resolved** that the following appointments be confirmed:

Children's Play area and the public seat in Church Road: **Mr NPJ Green**

Cuckamus Green, Windmill Heights, the rose beds at the village signs,
St Mary's Churchyard and the Cemetery: **West Oxfordshire District Council**

The contract for grounds maintenance of the Adventure playground is presently undertaken by MV Firmin on a month by month basis. Members agreed to renew the contract for 2015/16

(vi) Letter from Jim Wiggle

Awaiting response from HStJ

(vii) Bus Stop repair on Park Road: completed

(viii) New Yatt Farm: noise levels: awaiting a response from the enforcement officer at WODC

5 Thames Valley Police Report

None received.

6 Planning Decisions: None received

7 Planning Applications & Correspondence:

7.1 Working Group report

Erection of a single storey, two storey and first floor extensions at Holly Tree Cottage, New Yatt Road: awaiting response from WG

Internal alterations to first and second floor bedrooms at Eynsham Hall: no comments

8 Finance

8.1 Accounts for payment: approved: see attached.

8.2 Spend against budget report: approved.

9 Open Spaces Reports:

Reports received from IH, DG and CF.

10 Cemetery/ Churchyard Report

10.1 H StJ: no reports tabled.

10.2 Review of cemetery charges

It was resolved to leave the cemetery charges unchanged and to review in 2015

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

11 Traffic & Roads Reports and other Highways Matters

11.1 Community speed watch

Clerk reported that the hi vis tabards have been received.

11.2 Dropped curbs

CF advised that there were places in the village where residents were struggling to cross the road in their mobility scooters because of insufficient dropped curbs. OCC has agreed to fund one pair of dropped curbs at the top of Bridewell Close.

11.3 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 Consultation

13 Correspondence

Letters of thanks received from CAB and Riding for the disabled.

14 Any Other Business

CF raised concerns about the volume and speed of traffic along the A4095.

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

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman

Date