

A Parish Council Meeting took place in the village hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Present with Cllr Mrs L Parsons in the chair were Cllrs Mrs R Hancock, Ms H Gibbs & J Yeomans. Apologies from Cllrs Mr M Goldie & Mrs A Duffield Also present 2 electors & C Cllr G Reynolds.

**37/16** Co-option Two residents applied to join the Council. Following a vote Mr A McEwan was elected onto the Council Proposed by Cllr Parsons seconded by Cllr Hancock. Cllr McEwan then signed the acceptance of office form and joined the Council

**38/16** The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a correct record after a proposal by Cllr Yeomans seconded by Cllr Hancock

### **39/16 Matters Arising**

39/16/1 Highways. Concern was expressed about overhanging hedges causing sightlines to be blocked. The clerk to contact OCC. On odd days parking at the Malthouse Lane/ The Green junction is causing a nuisance.

39/16/2 Telephone Box. It now has shelves. An email had been received stating that it was intending to turn the box into a nature study for the village with books etc. It was suggested a book be installed for comments to be made. Cllr Parsons agreed to find out who was organising the books etc.

39/16/3 Grass verges We have now had 3 cuts.

39/16/4 Speed Check C Cllr Reynolds to find out the OCC officer who organises speed checks in villages

39/16/5 OCC Highway functions Wroxton PC have asked the Council to fill in a form about the work it does for OCC. The Clerk to mention only the village verges.

39/16/6 Bus Services Although we had had no response from N Newington or Epwell Chris Hurst from Epwell PC was present. It would appear that although some parishes were interested, for a variety reasons principally who would use the bus there seems little enthusiasm for any joint venture. Cllr Parsons proposed and Cllr Gibbs seconded that Shutford Parish Council arrange with Banbury Dial-a-ride to provide one bus per week from the village to Banbury for 4 weeks funded by the Council. This would establish if there was a need.

**40/16 The village hall** It would appear that the hall is likely to be demolished late September following planning permission. The Clerk to see if the television room at the pub could be used.

### **41/16 The Dairyground**

41/16/1 It was agreed to purchase materials to treat the gates. Cllr Yeomans to organise & contact CDC about some broken glass

41/16/2 Concern has expressed by Mr Lovesey about the state of the goalposts. It was agreed to contact him to see if he could inform the Council of his mowing dates and the Council could then ensure they were safe.

41/16/3 The asset report was noted.

**42/16 Allotments** There is now have a waiting list of three so it was agreed that an inspection be made and those who have not used their plots be asked to vacate..

### **43/16 Finance**

43/16/1 Audit. The Internal audit has been completed. No major concerns. Once again thanks to Mrs Goldie for a cost free audit.

43/16/2 The following cheques were signed between meetings No 100801 £132 to N Prickett for verge mowing, No 100802 £42 to OALC for The good Councillor(f), No 100803 £420 to Mr Lovesey for 2 cuts(g) ,No 100805 was destroyed and No 100806 £40 to HRMC for 1.4 years tax(f).

43/16/3 Cheque No 100807 £420 to Mr lovesey for two cuts was signed at the meeting

43/16/4 The Queen's Birthday celebrations did not cost the Council any money due to a grant & a donation.

### **44/16 Planning**

44/16/1 App No 16/00738/F Sunroom at The Old School House has been passed

44/16/2 App 14/02168/F Amendments to the Village Hall is doing the rounds.

44/16/3 There were no objections to App 16 00669/REM Landscaping for Mr Rowley Land along the Sibford Road, App 16/01034/LB New French Windows & plastering at Baliffe's cottage, Banbury Hill for Mrs Nix-Seaman & App16/01148/F Two story extension at The Cottage, West St. for Mrs Kirwan-Lea

### **45/16 Village Matters**

45/16/1 Thames water have removed the two redundant posts by the Jame Corner

45/16/3 Western Power have no intension of putting cables underground but if, if in due course they decide to do so the all residents will be informed

45/16/3 Debbi Pitt has offered to look after the two tubs by the bus shelter,

**54/15 Correspondence.** A street light which has be on permanently has been reported but OCC is unlikely to be able to do anything as their contract with SEB has been ended.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

**The next meeting will be on September 14th 2016 at 7.30pm**