

A Parish Council Meeting took place in the games room at the George & Dragon on Wednesday 14th September 2016 at 7.30pm. Present with Cllr Mrs L Parsons in the chair were Cllrs Mrs R Hancock, Mrs A Duffield, Ms H Gibbs, Mr A McEwan, Mr M Goldie & Mr J Yeomans. Also present were 3 electors and C Cllr G Reynolds (*The village hall will be unavailable for the foreseeable future*)

47/16 **The minutes** of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record after a proposal by Cllr Duffield seconded by Cllr Yeomans.

48/16 **Interests** Cllr Gibbs declared an interest in planning app 16/01543/TEL.56 due to a family connection and left the room during the discussion on it.

49/16 **Matters Arising**

49/16/1 Highways. C Cllr Reynolds had discussed with OCC about their policy for over growing hedge rows. OCC will take no action unless it becomes very dangerous. They expect PCs to notify the owners. He also reported on a new service for Councillors that will enable them to follow up highway requests more easily.

49/16/2 Parking There is still an occasional problem at the West St junction with The Green. A resident also complained about cars being parked too close to the Old Post Office corner. A request for more considerate parking to be sent.

49/16/3 OCC highway functions No further progress.

49/16/4 Telephone box. Cllr Parsons reported that this was now a nature hub for the village with books etc. within. There was also a book for comments. The Council welcomed this use of the box and thanked Carolyn Rann who was looking after it.

49/16/5 Speed watch. C Cllr Reynolds had obtained the details of the OCC system of checking car speeds and numbers. It would cost £100 for a week's data. The Council decided to wait until after the hall was rebuilt before asking for a count.

49/16/6 Bus Service. Cllr Parsons had arranged for a weekly bus service financed by the Council every Wednesday for 4 weeks with a possible extra 4. Take up has not been good (wrong day, too long in town) 7 week on 1, then 2 & 2. It was agreed this was unsustainable but Cllr Parsons would speak with the organiser to see if it could be linked with Tadmarton on a Friday.

50/16 **The Dairyground**

50/16/1 The RoSPA report has not shown anything needing attention but the bases of the uprights need checking for rot.

50/16/2 No action was needed on the asset report from Cllr Yeomans. Mr Reynolds will treat the roof of the gate soon.

50/16/3 Complaints are being made about dog mess in the village. Once again it will be highlighted in the Shutford News. The possibility that the spare dog bin could be placed near The Green was discussed.

51/16 **Allotments** The rents are due on the 29th Sept. There is now a waiting list of 3

51/16/1 As there was a waiting list it was agreed a letter be sent to all those who had not worked their plots to see if they wished to surrender them. It was agreed that if certain plots did not improve the tenants would be given notice to quit.

52/16 **Finance**

52/16/1 Audit. There was nothing to report from the external audit. Noted by Council

52/16/2 The following cheques were signed between meetings No 100809 £420 to Mr Lovesey for 2 cuts (g), No 100810 £132 to Mr Prickett for verge mowing (g), No 100808 £25.59 to G Reynolds for gate treatment(g) and 100811 £79.80 to Playsafety for the inspection (g)

52/16/3 Cheques No 100813 £72.50 to Broughton Estate for rent(a) and No 100812 £210 to Mr Lovesey for a cut(g) were signed at the meeting

53/16 **Planning**

53/16/1 The CDC Enforcement Plan has been handed out and the CDC Community Engagement Scheme was with the Clerk .

53/16/2 App 16/01543/TEL.56 a telecommunications mast at Middle Hill farm was discussed. There were no PC objections nor had the Council been approached. (Cllr Gibbs withdrew from the room)

53/16/3 The following apps have been passed there were no PC objections, No16/o1148/F Extension at The Cottage, West St., No 1402168/F The village Hall, 16/01034/LB work at Bailiff's Cottage, Banbury Hill and No 14/01-74/OUT landscaping at the equestrian site east of the Sibford road,

54/16 **Correspondence.** The Clerk to write to the village hall about the grit bin and the £30 pre-payment for hire. The money to be left to pay for future hire. The Council agreed to contact the CCG expressing concern over the closure of facilities at the Horton. It was noted where the war memorial was to be moved to & agreed that any remembrance would be at the church service

55/16 AOB It was agreed to discuss the possible purchase of a defibrillator at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

The next meeting will be on November 9th 2016 at 7.30pm