

LAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Members of the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk had been available before the start of the formal meeting from 7.00pm to meet with the public. All plans and correspondence were available for viewing and comments. 2 members of the public attended the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th December 2014 At 7.30pm in Launton Parish Hall

Present: Councillors: Mrs Lesley Thompson, Miss Wendy Foster, Mr Chris Fox, Mr Ed Sanders, Mr Howard Hill and Mr Simon Turner, Chairman.

In attendance: The Clerk, Niall Campbell

- 1. To receive and accept apologies for absence items on the agenda**
Apologies were received from Councillor Stephens
- 2. To receive any Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**
There were none.
- 3. To facilitate public participation with regard to items on the agenda**
No comments from the members of the public.
- 4. To confirm the minutes of previous meeting – Thursday 20th November 2014.**
The above dated minutes were **unanimously agreed as a true record** and were signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Councillor Turner
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor Sanders
Motion carried.

- 5. Report from Cherwell District Councillor for Launton**
There was none

- 6. Report from Oxfordshire County Councillor for Launton**
There was none

7. Finance and Governance

- a. Scrutiny and acceptance of previously circulated bank statements was acknowledged.
- b. To confirm and approve expenditure for December and review income during November.

Proposed: Councillor Fox
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor Thompson
Motion carried.

- c. Preliminary discussion of Precept for 2015/6
It was noted that grass-cutting arrangements and the need to provide for future maintenance items may push up the Precept next year.

8. Planning

- a. Planning application to consider
 - i. Application number: 14/01889/F
 - ii. Applicant: Mr A Martin
 - iii. Proposal: Two-storey side extension
 - iv. Location: 5 Forest Close Launton
 - v. Comment closing date: 18 December

Decision No objection, comment that we are concerned at loss of parking space.

Signed

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Date

8 Jan 2015

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Proposed: Councillor Fox
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor Hill
Motion carried.

9. East-West Rail

Clerk to establish the timetable for responses to this consultation. Also to make an initial response from the Council stating that it would expect to be kept fully informed about plans affecting Launton and noting that initial concerns include, but are not limited to, possible road through the allotments, pedestrian access for those less mobile if bridge is replaced with higher one with steps, disruption if the road from Launton to Bicester is closed and possible knock-on effects for Launton traffic of road closures in Bicester.

Councillor Sanders volunteered to draft a piece for Launton Lines publicising the consultation process, possible impacts on Launton and the Council's actions.

10. Village Matters

a. The Glades footpath repairs.

The Clerk reported that to date the appointed contractor has not fixed a date to begin the work. The Clerk will chase him.

b. Yew Tree Farm

Village concerns about traffic, damage to verges and suspected filling in of ditches were noted. Clerk to write to Gordon Hunt at Oxfordshire County Council. Councillor Sanders to alert the Council when Cherwell District Council publish agreement with Vanderbilt Homes about traffic.

c. Local listing of historical assets

Clerk to invite Pat Tucker to consider the subject and make suggestions to the Council.

d. Mobile library consultation

The Clerk reported that the proposal appears to be a satisfactory combination of the two stops in Launton into one. He will write to express the Council's view that the service is valued by Launton residents, the proposed amalgamation into one stop appears reasonable and suggest that the mobile library could be publicised via Launton Lines.

e. Grass-cutting arrangements with Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council

The Clerk will remind the officials at Cherwell District and Oxfordshire County Councils that we will need to know the situation before setting the Precept for 2015/6

11. Emergency Plan

Councillor Fox and The Clerk reported that the Launton Emergency Plan is more than adequate. Clerk to complete and return the survey form to Oxfordshire Emergency Planning team.

12. Council domain registration

Clerk reported that progress is being made.

13. Correspondence

a. Correspondence received for action (sent by email)

i. Letter from Mrs Burgess

Clerk to write to Mrs Burgess thanking her for her letter, stating that the Council shares her concerns, it had already alerted the Planning enforcement team to the issues she raised and confirming that activities at

the Blackthorn Road site are being monitored closely by Launton Parish Council.

- ii. Letter from Miss Bellman
Clerk to write to Miss Bellman thanking her for her letter and reporting that Cherwell District Council have apparently reached an agreement with the developers about arrangements to respond to the extra traffic. When we find out what those arrangements are we will inform her.

- b. Correspondence received for information (sent by email)
 - i. Message from *Wild Oxfordshire* about Parish Biodiversity Guidance
 - ii. Notes on Cherwell District Council Parish Liaison Meeting
 - iii. Viridor Ardley Liaison Committee Meeting Agenda
 - iv. ORCC Bulletin
 - v. OALC November update

14. Launton Parish Council reports

- a. Chairman's Report
The Chairman recorded the Council's great sadness at the death of John Jeffries, a very long-serving and valuable contributor to village life, and a great servant of the Council. Our condolences had been conveyed to his widow. h^e

The Chairman reported on the Cherwell District Council Parish Liaison Meeting, highlighting the need for us to watch the timetable for responding to planning applications and the possibility that we might need to develop a Neighbourhood Plan.

- b. Clerk's Report
The Clerk reported that he has started the SLCC online learning process.

15. Date of next meeting – Thursday 8th January 2015, **not** in the Launton Parish Hall, will probably be the chapel.

Notes on declarations of interest.

Any Member arriving after the start of the meeting is asked to declare pecuniary interests, as necessary, as soon as practicable after their arrival, even if the item in question has been considered.

National rules about pecuniary interests are set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and in secondary legislation made under the Act, in particular, The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012