

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. Three members of the public attended the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2013 At 7.30pm in Launton Parish Hall

Present: Councillors: Mr Simon Turner, Mr Howard Hill, and Mr Ian Stubbings

In attendance: The Clerk - Mr Keith Dixon

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Stephens, who was attending a meeting on the Parish council's behalf, Cllr Foster and Cllr Fox.

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

There was none.

4. To confirm the minutes of previous meeting – Thursday 3rd October 2013.

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 Hill
Motion carried.

5. Report from Cherwell District Councillor for Launton

There was none.

6. Report from Oxfordshire County Councillor for Launton

With particular reference to Highways issues.

There was none.

7. Finance and Governance

- a. To consider a one off payment to Mr Deeley in respect of the rent required for the allotment site and a reciprocal charge on Launton Plotters.

It was resolved that the Parish Council should pay the 5 years rental arrears which have been requested and the fifteen years rent, in advance, for the remainder of the lease, totalling £20 in agreement with the landlord's wishes.

Proposed: Councillor Hill
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor Stubbings
Motion carried.

- b. To acknowledge scrutiny and acceptance of previously circulated bank statements.

Previously circulated bank statements were reviewed and accepted.

- c. To confirm and approve expenditure for November and review income during October.

Payments for approval

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
200346	K Dixon	£318.01

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200347	Mr Jefferies – Bus Shelter	£72.11
200348	HMRC	£90.20
200349	Calber Facilities Mangmt	£532.80
200350	Mr M Deeley	£20.00
S/O	Launton Lines	£110.00
Total Payments in November 2013		£1,143.12

All above cheques drawn on The Co-operative Bank

Income Received

Source	Reason	Amount
Co-operative Bank Current	Interest	£1.58
Co-operative Bank 14 Day A/C	Interest	£3.75
Bank of Ireland	Interest	£1.06
Total Receipts for October 2013		£6.39

Proposed: Councillor Turner **Seconded:** Councillor Hill
All in favour **Motion carried.**

8. Planning

a. To discuss and decide upon the Council's response to Planning Applications received.

- i. Application No.13/01436/F
Applicant: Mr and Mrs P Gambrell
Proposal Proposed three bedroom bungalow including sub-division of plot.
Location 40 Sycamore Rd, Launton, Bicester OX265DY
It was resolved that the Parish Council had no objection or comment to make on this application.

Proposed: Councillor Turner **Seconded:** Councillor Hill
All in favour **Motion carried.**

- ii. Application No.13/01442/F
Applicant: Mr Martin Lee
Proposal Siting of 1 gas tank to front of property.
Location 35 Sycamore Rd, Launton, Bicester OX26 5DZ
It was resolved that the Parish Council would object to the above application. Sycamore Rd is a scene of open plan front gardens. The Parish Council believes that the installation is detrimental to the visual amenity of the street scene, to the neighbouring properties and their residents. It is further concerned that granting the application could set a regrettable precedent.

Proposed: Councillor Turner **Seconded:** Councillor Hill
All in favour **Motion carried.**

- iii. Application No.13/01441/F
Applicant: Mrs Janet Ray
Proposal Siting of 2 gas tanks to front of dwelling.
Location 37 Sycamore Rd, Launton, Bicester OX26 5DZ

Launton PC resolved that it would object to the above application. Sycamore Rd is a scene of open plan front gardens. The Parish Council believes that the

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installation is detrimental to the visual amenity of the street scene, to the neighbouring properties and their residents.

Whilst the tanks are less intrusive than that at No 35 Sycamore Rd (currently also seeking planning permission) it is equally concerned about a precedent being set by this application. It recognises that the lower height of the tanks is less obtrusive than the larger single tank at no. 35 and that efforts have been taken to shield it, but nevertheless, its comments about the undesirability of above ground tanks in this street are equally relevant.

Proposed: Councillor Turner
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor Hill
Motion carried.

- iv. Application No.13/01629/F
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Lee
Proposal Rear UPVC conservatory
Location 35 Sycamore Rd, Launton, Bicester OX26 5DZ

It was resolved that the Parish Council had no objection or comment to make on this application.

Proposed: Councillor Turner
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor Hill
Motion carried.

b. Planning Decisions

9. Village Matters

- a. Neighbourhood Planning
Deferred to next meeting.

- b. Emergency Planning
To review amendments to the draft plan and consider next steps.
Deferred to next meeting.

- c. To consider suitable uses for the funds available as a result of the New Homes Bonus Scheme.
Deferred to next meeting.

- d. To consider requests for a 'No Ball Games' sign in The Glades
The Chairman reported that Cllr Foster had conducted a door to door survey of 31 residents. Of the 25 respondents who responded 6 were in favour of a sign but 10 were opposed to the idea, 9 abstained.
Based on the survey's findings the Parish Council did not support the proposal.

10. Correspondence

- a. Correspondence received for action

- i. Mr Ed Sanders - Letter re; Parish Council vacancy.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would accept Mr Sanders application.
The Chairman asked the Clerk to advise Mr Sanders of its decision and welcome him to the Council on its behalf.

Proposed: Councillor Turner
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor Hill
Motion carried.

- ii. Kevin Larnier Cherwell DC – Parish Liaison Meeting invitation 2013.
November 2013.

The Chairman and Clerk will attend this meeting.

- iii. Liz Stephens ORCC – Invitation to Talking OXON event 21st November 2013.
No members will be available to attend this meeting.
- iv. Oxfordshire Assoc for the Blind – request for support
This request will be considered at the December meeting.
- b. Correspondence received for information (sent by email)
 - i. OALC - Members Update September and October
 - ii. Kevin Larnar CDC – Parish Liaison Meeting agenda
 - iii. ORCC News Bulletin October 2013

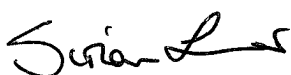
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- a. Chairman's Report
The Chairman reported that he and Cllr hill cleared litter from the worst affected area – Bicester Rd from the Parish Hall to the bridge.
- b. Clerk's Report
The Clerk reported that he had asked Calber Facilities Management to meet with him to look at possible improvements to the footpath in West End.

12. Date of next meeting – 5th December 2013, in the Launton Parish Hall

The meeting closed at 8.14p.m.

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