

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. Two members of the public attended the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th November 2012 At 7.38pm in Launton Parish Hall

Present: Councillors: Ms Penny Stephens, Mr Ian Stubbings and Mr Simon Turner, Mr Howard Hill and Miss Wendy Foster

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr Keith Dixon

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Burn

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 4th October 2012.

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 Stephens
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 acknowledge scrutiny and acceptance of previously circulated bank statements.

Previously circulated bank statements were reviewed and accepted.

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

Payments for approval

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
200279	Royal British Legion	£40.00
200280	Mr Jefferies – Bus Shelter	£80.30
200281	K Dixon	£306.10
200282	HMRC – K Dixon	£76.40
200283	Phil Bradford	£270.00
200284	Cartridge World	£55.49
200285	Calber Facilities Management	£266.40

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200286	Acreman's Arboriculture Ltd	£1,080.00
200287	Cllr Ian Stubbings	£5.04
S/O	Launton Lines	£110.00
Total Payments in November 2012		£2,289.73
All above cheques drawn on The Co-operative Bank		

Income Received

Source	Reason	Amount
Co-operative Bank Current	Interest	£1.06
Bank of Ireland	Interest	£0.99
Total Receipts for October 2012		£2.05

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

8. Planning

a. To discuss and decide upon Planning Applications received.

- i. Application No.12/01396/F
Applicant: Tara's Salon
Proposal Change of use of (part of) domestic ancillary building into hair salon.
Location 38 West End, Launton, OX265DG

It was resolved that the Council would make no objection but would make the following comments;

1. There is a general level of concern regarding the number of vehicles parked in the vicinity even before a business was operating from the address. The Council would like to see a planning condition applied to ensure the two designated parking spaces on the property are used solely by customers of the business during business operating hours.
2. Given that the property is currently on the market, the Council is concerned that it may be sold with planning permission for a business. Given the comments made in the design and access statement regarding operational use, it would like to see any permission granted limited to the existing owners.

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

b. Planning Decisions

- i. Application No.12/01047/LB
Applicant: Green King PLC
Proposal To fit two fire curtains in ground floor lobby, linked to existing fire alarm, to create safe means of escape from upper floors to fresh air.
Location The Bull Inn, Bicester Rd, Launton, Bicester Oxfordshire OX26 5DQ
Decision **Granted subject to conditions**
- ii. Application No.12/01150/F
Applicant: Mr Richard Feakes
Proposal Construction of a conservatory

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Location 11 The Poplars, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire
OX26 5DW
Decision **Granted subject to conditions**

9. Village Matters

There was none.

10. Correspondence

a. Correspondence received for action

- i. Mrs G Walker – email of 17.10.2012 to Clerk, for attention of the Council – Comments at Parish Council Meeting on 5th Oct2012.

All members present had read Mrs Walker's letter. The Chairman read out an apology concerning remarks made by two councillors at the previous meeting. The Clerk was directed to reply to Mrs Walker on the Council's behalf.

- ii. Mr R Walker Email of 16.10.2012 to Clerk for attention of the Council - Unacceptable comments made by councillors

All members present had read Mr Walker's letter. The Chairman read out an apology concerning remarks made by two councillors at the previous meeting. The Clerk was directed to reply to Mr Walker on the Council's behalf.

b. Correspondence received for information (sent by email)

There was none.

11. Reports

a. Chairman's Report

The chairman reported he had spoken to Mr Walker over concerns raised in his correspondence to the Council.

b. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that contractors had cleared the pedestrian refuge in Station Rd of weeds and debris.

He also reported that he had watched the webcam broadcast of Cherwell DC's Planning Committee meeting, considering the gypsy and traveller planning application in Blackthorn Rd, and that District Councillor Hughes had supported the Parish Council's call for a site visit by the committee, to inspect the actual road conditions adjacent to the site. A decision was therefore deferred until a future meeting after the visit.

12. Date of next meeting – 6th December 2012, in the Launton Parish Hall

The meeting closed at 8.11p.m.

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