

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 6th December 2012 At 7.30pm in Launton Parish Hall

Present: Councillors: Mr Ian Stubbings, Mr Chris Fox, 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 Cllrs Burn and Stephens

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Hill declared an interest in item 8ai. Planning application 12/01592/F

3. To facilitate public participation with regard to items on the agenda

There was none.

4. To confirm the minutes of previous meeting – Thursday 8th November 2012.

The above dated minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Councillor Turner

Seconded:

Councillor Foster

All in favour

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 requests for donations under S137 of the Local Govt. Act 1972. including its annual grant to Launton Congregational Chapel.

It was proposed that a donation of £210 should be made to Launton Congregational Church.

Proposed: Councillor Turner

Seconded:

Councillor Stubbings

All in favour

Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that while, during the year, he received a number of email circulars from national charity organisations he had not received any specific requests directed to the Council for support.

- 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 December and review income during November.

Payments for approval

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
200288	Mr Jefferies – Bus Shelter	£80.30
200289	K Dixon	£397.40
200290	HMRC – K Dixon	£76.60
200291	Phil Bradford	£180.00
200292	Launton Congregational Church	£210.00
S/O	Launton Lines	£110.00
Total Payments in December 2012		£1,054.30

All above cheques drawn on The Co-operative Bank

Income Received

Source	Reason	Amount
Co-operative Bank Current	Interest	£1.06
Co-operative Bank 14 Day A/C	Interest (Oct 2012)	£3.77
Bank of Ireland	Interest	£0.99
Total Receipts for November 2012		£5.82

Proposed: Councillor Hill

Seconded:

Councillor Foster

All in favour

Motion carried.

- d. To consider quotes received for repair and reinstatement of the broken roadside village gate in Station Rd.

The Clerk reported details of three quotes received from local contractors. After discussion it was agreed that Mr P Bradford's quote be accepted.

Proposed: Councillor Fox

Seconded:

Councillor Stubbings

All in favour

Motion carried.

- e. To review contracts held and contractor performance.

The Council reviewed the previously circulated spread sheet, containing information on existing and past contracts. No issues were identified requiring action.

- f. To consider effects on the Parish Council of changes to Cherwell DC's process for Precept submission.

The Clerk reported that Parishes had been advised, at Cherwell DC's Parish Liaison Meeting, of concerns arising from the introduction of the Localism Act 2011, regarding declarations of interest in association with budget and precept setting. Further that Cherwell DC like all other Councils was affected by changes in the law which had the effect of delaying its own budget process. With these issues in mind and in order to give greater time for CDC to clarify the situation it was proposed to delay the next meeting until the 10th January 2013.

Proposed: Councillor Turner

Seconded:

Councillor Fox

All in favour

Motion carried.

8. Planning

- a. To discuss and decide upon Planning Applications received.

- i. Application No.12/01592/F
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Fowler
Proposal: Rear Extension
Location: 9 The Poplars, Launton, Bicester, OX26 5DW

Signed



Date

10/1/2013

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After consideration, it was agreed that the Council had no comment or objection to make in connection with this application.

Proposed: Councillor Fox
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor Stubbings
Motion carried.

- b. Planning Decisions
There were none.

9. Village Matters

There were none.

10. Correspondence

- a. Correspondence received for action
 - i. Tim Darch OCC Highways - CONSULTATION: Review of Subsidised Bus Services in the Banbury and Bicester areas.
To consider whether the Parish Council will contribute to this consultation and if so what comments it would submit.
After consideration, it was agreed that since none of the services under review affected Launton, the Council would decline the invitation to consult on this occasion.
- b. Correspondence received for information (sent by email)
 - i. Trevor Brown OCC - Submission of Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Plan – Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Submission Document, October 2012. Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (Reg. 22)
 - ii. Kevin Larner CDC - Parish Liaison Agenda, Training Opportunity , Christmas Parking
 - iii. Rural Services Network - Rural Opportunities Bulletin
 - iv. Linda Watson ORCC - Oxfordshire Community Benefit Society - invitation to join
 - v. OALC – Members Update November 2012
 - vi. Kevin Larner CDC - Countryside Forum follow-up
 - vii. Steffi Dance-Groom OCC - Current Flooding Update for the weekend

11. Reports

- a. Chairman's Report
The Chairman reported on another interesting Parish Liaison Meeting held by Cherwell DC.
- b. Clerk's Report
There was none.

12. Date of next meeting – 10th January 2012, in the Launton Congregational Chapel