

LAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the informal advisory meeting held on **Thursday 3 June 2021** at 7.30pm via Zoom

Councillors Present: Mr Ed Sanders, Mrs Lesley Thompson, Mr Simon Turner (Chairman), Mrs Jackie Webber

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs Jane Olds; 6 members of the public; Thaina Sa'id – East West Rail

1. Reports

a. East / West Rail

Thaina Sa'id reported that the programme was currently on schedule. The main focus continued to be the structures and earthworks ready for the track installation. Bridges are being upgraded to modern day standards and new bridges are being constructed.

Charbridge Lane construction works are on schedule; the shells are in and the two bridge sides have been erected. Station Road is also on schedule; the structure is complete and the embankment earthworks are progressing.

Jarvis Lane footbridge has been installed and the Grange Farm footbridge was due to be installed in June. Unfortunately, the works surrounding the bridges are still continuing, with heavy machinery on site. It is hoped that the works will be completed ready for opening both bridges in September or October.

It is hoped that the allotments access will be opened shortly following a safety audit and approval from OCC.

As restrictions ease, the project team is looking to carry out some public engagement events and would be happy to attend community events or festivals in the local area. Councillors have been invited to view the works and more tours will be arranged in due course. Villagers will be invited when restrictions lift further.

b. Reports from District and County Councillors

No District or County Councillors attended the meeting.

2. Finance

a. To receive the Finance Report

As at 28 May, the Accounts stood at:

Co-op Current Account	£33,912.50
Co-op Deposit Account	£22,405.82

The AGAR had been published and sent to the External Auditor.

The VAT Reclaim from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 of £1,667.81 had been made.

b. Invoices for payment

The following payments were acknowledged. Both orders had been agreed at Parish Council meetings.

Payment Method	Payee and reason	Budget	Amount
Bank Transfer	Calber Facilities Management Ltd for May grass cutting (invoice number CL 449042)	Urban grass cutting	£276.00
Bank Transfer	Richard Wise for first rural verge cut (invoice number 2771)	Verge Cutting	£264.00

Councillor Thompson would authorise them.

3. Training

a. OALC and SLCC Courses – to note courses

The Clerk would arrange for Councillor Turner to attend the Employing Staff with Confidence course on 24 June at a cost of £60 (inc VAT) and for Cllr Sanders to attend the Chairmanship Course on 7 and 21 September at a cost of £100.

Other Councillors would check their availability for the Roles and Responsibilities course on 25 November.

4. Planning

a. Planning applications – to consider all recent applications received from Cherwell District Council detailed below and any other planning applications submitted and published on the CDC planning portal between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting

i. Application Number: 21/01512/F

Proposal: Single storey rear extension & porch
Location: The Stone House, Station Road, OX26 5DS

ii. Application Number: 21/01637/F

Proposal: Single storey side extension with internal and external alterations. Minor revision to previously approved planning 20/02299/F to the front elevation, changing the window of the new single storey extension to a front door and re-purposing the proposed music room to an established entrance hall. No other changes to the plans
Location: 38 West End, OX26 5DG

There were no comments or objections to either of the proposals.

iii. CONSULTATION – Bicester Road, Launton (Bicester) - Proposed Prohibition of turning

The Clerk noted that there were no comments or objections to the proposal to restrict turning right out of the new allotments junction.

5. Reports on Village Matters

a. Parish Hall and Lease

Simon Turner reported that the Parish Council's solicitor was content with the PCC's solicitor's requested amendments and the Parish Council's solicitor had been instructed to prepare the paper copies ready for signing.

The Hall now had contactless hand sanitiser and soap units and was ready for opening when restrictions allowed.

There had been a leak in a pipe in the Ladies toilet which the Parish Hall Committee was arranging to repair. The toilet was currently unavailable as the water had been turned off.

b. Mulberry Homes

There was no further update, but the Clerk would chase for a response.

c. Yew Tree Field

The Clerk had contacted the CDC Enforcement team about the drainage issues following the building of the development, but had not received a response. She would chase again.

d. Village Support Group

The group was still active and people were still helping each other.

6. Attendance at Meetings

a. Parish Liaison Meeting – 16 June

Simon Turner and the Clerk hoped to attend.

b. OALC AGM – 5 July

7. Items for future Parish Council Agenda

The Clerk had been collecting a list of items. To add to it was the refurbishment of the bus stop by the Bull.

8. Date of Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 1 July 2021 at 7.30pm, in the Parish Hall if restrictions have been lifted otherwise there will be a further informal meeting online via Zoom at a convenient date

The meeting closed at 7.56pm.