

LAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Members of the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk had been available in Launton Parish Hall before the start of the formal meeting (from 7.00pm until 7.30pm) to meet with the public. All plans and correspondence were available for viewing and comments. The formal meeting commenced at 7.30pm and 4 parishioners availed themselves of this opportunity.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2007 AT 7.30PM IN LAUNTON PARISH HALL

PRESENT: Councillors: Miss Beverley Byrne - Chairman, Mr Simon Turner - Vice Chairman, Mrs Molly O'Connor, Mrs Audrey Tutt, Mr Roger Tompkins, Mr Howard Hill

In attendance: Mr Laurie Lee - Clerk

1 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Stanley Archer due to illness

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

3 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 04 OCTOBER 2007

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

Proposed: Councillor Byrne
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor Turner
Motion carried

4 FINANCIAL

Expenditure for approval and payment in November 2007

101816	B Byrne	Flowers for Kathy	£19.98
101817	W Jeffries	Bus Shelter Clean	£77.96
101818	Inland Revenue	PAYE October	£66.99
101819	L Lee	October salary & expenses	£344.65
101820	Launton Lines	November Issue	£110.00
101821	M Dempsey	Grass Cutting October	£330.00
101822	RBL	Remembrance Wreath	£25.00
101823	SSAFA	Remembrance Donation	£25.00

Total Payments for November 2007 **£999.58**

All above cheques drawn on Barclays current account

Receipts

Bank of Ireland	Interest September	£79.26
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Total Receipts for October 2007 **£79.26**

Current statements for all bank accounts were circulated

Proposed: Councillor Byrne
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor Turner
Motion carried

4 PLANNING

a) Applications

Application No	07/01478/F
Applicant	Mr W Hawkins
Proposal	Single storey rear extension to kitchen & erection of garden store & boiler house (as amended by plans received 05.10.07)
Location	Corner Cottage, Station Road, Launton

No objections but concerns that the development may obstruct a right of way between Blackthorn Road & Kerry Holt as with original application.

Proposed Councillor Byrne
All in favour.

Seconded Councillor Turner
Motion carried

Application No	07/01987/F
Applicant	William Deeley
Proposal	Increase number of days of operation to at least 100 & extend Class Use to also include D1 Use
Location	The Tithe Barn, Manor Farm, Bicester Road

No objections but concerns that extending the number of days would increase noise levels at The Spinney.

Proposed Councillor Byrne
All in favour.

Seconded Councillor Turner
Motion carried

Application No	07/01989/F
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Moore
Proposal	Two storey rear extension
Location	The Stone House, Station Road, Launton

No objections but request to ensure that the en-suite bathroom window is fitted with obscure glass.

Proposed Councillor Byrne
All in favour.

Seconded Councillor Turner
Motion carried

Application No	07/02026/F
Applicant	Mr & Mrs P Warriner
Proposal	Dwelling with parking & turning area
Location	The Warren, Station Road, Launton

Objections due to -

- overdevelopment of the site.

- The site is subject to flooding and development would be contrary to Oxfordshire structure plan EN12
- Station Road is already struggling to cope with the existing traffic.
- Concerns re loss of privacy to the garden of 3 Sharpes Cottages (Title No. ON249167)

Proposed Councillor Byrne
All in favour.

Seconded Councillor Turner
Motion carried

b) Planning Decisions

Application No	07/01518/OUT
Applicant	Mr & Mrs K Mitchell
Proposal	Outline – Detached three bedroom dwelling with detached double Garage / workshop
Location	Land between & to the rear of No.22 & No.26 West End, Launton
Result	Refused

c) Planning Appeals

Application No	06/02225/OUT
Applicant	Countryside Properties (Bicester) Ltd
Proposal	Outline. Up to 1585 dwellings, health village etc.
Site	Land South West of Bicester adjoining Oxford Road & Middleton Stoney Road.
Appeal started	25 September 2007

5 VILLAGE ISSUES

• Allotments

Clerk wrote to Bryn Pugh at NSALG on 10 October. No response received. **Clerk** to chase.

• Community Hall

Simon Turner attended their meeting of 16 October & they are keen that the Parish Council & local community stay involved with developments. **Simon** will continue to attend their meetings as the PC wishes to have as much involvement as possible. The installation of a hearing loop has been confirmed as part of the development.

The Parochial Church Council have informally indicated interest in making a long lease available for the Parish Hall which may be of interest & beneficial to the Parish Council. **Simon** will contact the PCC to progress matters.

• Rural Exception Sites

Nicola Ball is approaching Leadbitters & Housing Association & will advise the Parish Council of the outcome.

- **Autumn Village Clean**

The clean up went very well with several parishioners assisting. Molly was thanked for providing teas. The volunteers were more noticeable due to wearing hi-viz jackets & it was proposed that the PC purchase 15. **Clerk** to make enquiries.

Proposed Councillor Byrne
All in favour.

Seconded Councillor Turner
Motion carried.

7 **Correspondence**

To discuss and decide on response to correspondence for consideration:

- Hand off our Horton – Request for support
Clerk to request Horton provide us with 500 leaflets for inserting in December Issue of Launton Lines (deadline 18 November)
- CDC – Alteration to meeting date re Draft Planning Enforcement – 2 Councillors & Clerk to attend meeting.

To report correspondence received for information

- Standards Board – Code of Conduct – **extra copies for 2 councillors**
- Launton Congregational Church – Thanks for donation
- DEFRA - Ways to tackle climate change
- OPFA - Newsletter
- CDC – Affordable Housing Provision
- CAG – Newsletter
- CDC – Home Buy Show 3 November

8 **Reports**

i. Chairman's Report

- The Chairman reminded everyone of the Remembrance Day Service to be held on 11 November. **Molly** will ask Mr Jeffries to tidy up The War Memorial in readiness.

ii. Clerk's Report

- The Parish Councillors signed a letter of authority to the Bank of Ireland authorising the Clerk to obtain information relating to the account & changing the correspondence address.
- An email had been received from a parishioner regarding graffiti on the bus shelters. This will be discussed at our next meeting.
- The cutting of grass beneath the new white gates will also be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

iii. Report from Oxfordshire County Councillor for Launton - none

iv. Report from Cherwell District Councillor for Launton - none

9 **Date and venue of next meeting**

Thursday 6 December 2007 at 7.30pm in Launton Parish Hall, Launton with the public session starting at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm