

LAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Members of the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk had been available in Launton Congregational Church 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 but no parishioners availed themselves of this opportunity.

**Minutes of the meeting
held on Thursday 11 December 2008 at 7.30pm
in Launton Congregational Church**

Present: Councillors: - Mr Simon Turner- Chairman, Mrs Audrey Tutt, Mr Howard Hill, Mrs Molly O'Connor, Mr Ian Stubbings & Miss Wendy Foster
In attendance: Mr Laurie Lee – Clerk.

- 1 Apologies for absence were received and accepted from – Mr Roger Tompkins due to another commitment.**
- 2 Declarations of interest – None**
- 3 Minutes of the last meeting - The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 November 2008 were unanimously agreed as a true record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.
Proposed: Councillor Turner Seconded: Councillor Tutt
All in favour Motion carried**
- 4 Report from Oxfordshire County Councillor for Launton- None**
- 5 Report from Cherwell District Councillor for Launton- None**
- 6 Financial**

a) Expenditure for approval and payment in December 2008		
101890	Land Registry (Allotment Lease)	£ 40.00
101891	W Jeffries - Bus Shelter	£ 80.30
101892	L Lee	£ 452.54
101893	L Lee (Office expenses- 17 months)	£ 300.00
101894	CDC- Allotment Legal Fees	£ 216.59
101895	Launton Congregational Church	£ 175.00
101896	Launton PC (Co-op Bank tfr)	£3000.00

Total Payments for December 2008	£3264.43
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All above cheques drawn on Barclays current account

Receipts

Bank of Ireland	Interest October	£ 69.71
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Total Receipts for October 2008	£69.71
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Proposal to pay all expenditure

Proposed: Councillor Turner Seconded: Councillor O'Connor
All in favour **Motion carried**

- b) Current bank statements were circulated & unanimously accepted.
 - c) Precept for 2009/2010 - It was proposed to set a precept of £15,000 (including £2000 towards the allotment fund & £2000 towards the Parish Hall fees).
- Proposed: Councillor Turner Seconded: Councillor O'Connor

All in favour

Motion carried

It was proposed to increase the Clerk's salary in line with the NALC agreement back dated to 1 April 2008.

Proposed: Councillor Turner Seconded: Councillor Tutt

All in favour Motion carried

d) Grants – payment of the following grants was proposed:

Oxfordshire Carers' Association	£25
The Oxfordshire Woodland Project	£25
Air Ambulance Berks Oxon Bucks	£25
Oxfordshire Association for the Blind	£25

Proposed: Councillor Hill Seconded: Councillor Tutt

All in favour Motion carried

7 Planning

a) To discuss and decide on Planning Applications for consideration
None

b) Planning Decisions

Application No: 08/02027/F
Applicant: Mr Richard Collin
Proposal: Conservatory to rear
Location: 11 Sherwood Close, Launton

Application Approved subject to conditions

Application: 08/02110/F
Applicant: Mr Mark Blake
Proposal: Single & Two storey extension forming new
kitchen, bedroom & bathroom
Location: Station Cottage, Station Rd, Launton

Application Approved subject to conditions

c) Withdrawal of Application

Application No: 08/02151/TEL
Applicant: Vodafone UK Ltd
Proposal: 12m slimline streetworks pole & RBS3107
equipment cabinet & associated ancillary
development
Location: Highway Verge off Skimmingdish Lane,
Caversfield

8 Clerk's Resignation

The meeting was advised of the Clerks resignation and 3 months notice – last meeting February 2009. It was proposed to put an advert in The Bicester Advertiser & repeat the entry in Launton Life - CVs to the Clerk by 15 January 2009 for discussion by Councillors prior to arranging interviews etc.

Proposed Councillor Stubbings Seconded Councillor Hill

All in favour Motion Carried

9 Freedom of Information Act

It was proposed that the model be adopted as circulated with charges as listed for photocopying & postage.

Proposed Councillor Turner Seconded Councillor Tutt

All in favour Motion Carried

10 Village Issues

Allotments – Article did not appear in Launton Lines- It will be in the January issue.

Sherwood Close Grass Area- Awaiting response from CDC

Parish Hall- Further meeting 02 Feb 2009

Rural Exception Sites – Following correspondence from CDC & ORCC the Council reviewed the options available:

- Option 6 - not considered suitable by the PC as the last remaining gap on Station Rd with open views of the countryside which are considered too valuable to lose.
- Options 3A, 3B & 7 the landowners are not interested in selling the land for this purpose.
- Option 1C - the PC wish to look further at this possibility as the land together with the adjacent garages may be owned by CDC.
- Option 4 – the PC wish to look further at this possibility.
- Option 8 - The PC felt that this could be a possibility but should be held in reserve for the present.

Action- Clerk to respond to CDC/ ORCC

Bus Stops in Launton - Clerk to advise that the PC is happy with all proposals apart from the change to the position of the stop near Sharpes Farmhouse. In addition they would like Real Time Information (RTI) displays installed, if OCC find the funding.

Action Clerk

11 Correspondence

A community in Control consultation document was discussed & responses unanimously agreed.

Action Clerk to respond.

12 Reports

Chairman's Report – The Chairman expressed his thanks to the Clerk for his contribution to the Parish whilst in office.

The Chairman requested the Clerk contact CDC regarding the possible provision of email facilities to those councillors that do not have them.

Action Clerk

Clerk's Report- the Clerk advised -

- Of discussions with Launton Playing Fields regarding provision of a new dog bin.
- A complaint of dog fouling in the alley between Ancil Avenue & Sycamore Rd. **Action Clerk to write to Launton Lines**
- Police had been in the village on Friday 21 November with mobile speed cameras – no one was driving over the speed limit.

13 Date of next meeting - Thursday 08 January 2009 7.30pm Launton Congregational Church

The meeting closed at 8.59pm.