

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 6.00pm until 6.30pm) to meet with the public. All plans and correspondence were available for viewing and comments. The formal meeting commenced at 6.30pm and **2** parishioners availed themselves of this opportunity.

**Minutes of the meeting
Held on Thursday 20 November 2008 at 6.30pm
in Launton Congregational Church**

Present: Councillors: - Mr Simon Turner- Chairman, Mrs Audrey Tutt, Mr Howard Hill, Mrs Molly O'Connor, Mr Ian Stubbings & Mr Roger Tompkins.

In attendance: Mr Laurie Lee – Clerk,

- 1 To receive apologies for absence –** Miss Wendy Foster, due to another commitment.
- 2 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda –** Cllr. S Turner declared a personal & prejudicial interest in item 4a) Plans from Mr & Mrs K Mitchell, as he is Chairman of Launton Environmental Group which objected to the application.
- 3 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 6 November 2008.**
The minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

Proposed: Councillor S Turner Seconded: Councillor R Tompkins
All in favour **Motion carried**

Cllr S Turner left the meeting at 6.34pm & Cllr A Tutt took the Chair.

4 Planning

- a) To discuss and decide on Planning Applications for consideration

Application No: 08/02176/F
Applicant: Mr & Mrs K Mitchell
Proposal: Two storey detached dwelling with detached double garage/workshop with storage space above
Location: Land between & to rear of 22 & 26 West End Launton

The PC objects to this application for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development is out of proportion & not in keeping with the surrounding properties.
2. The development will add further congestion to traffic at the junction of West End & Bicester Road, Launton.
3. The area is subject to persistent flooding & this development would only add to this problem.

Proposed: Councillor I Stubbings
Seconded: Councillor M O'Connor

4 in favour 1 abstention Motion carried

Cllr S Turner rejoined the meeting at 6.41pm & took the Chair.

Application No: 08/02190/F
Applicant: Mr Martin Lindsey-Clark
Proposal: Retrospective application for amendments to permission 07/02026/F (Dwelling with parking & turning area)
Location: The Warren, Station Rd, Launton

The Parish Council wishes to object to the application on the following grounds: The extra 400mm height is not acceptable & should have been spotted by Planning Control. It is out of scale with other properties in the area.

Proposed: Councillor I Stubbings
Seconded: Councillor M O'Connor
All in favour Motion carried

Application No: 08/02278/F
Applicant: Mrs Cathryn Lloyd
Proposal: Change of use of existing barn & facilities for use as DIY part/assisted livery stables
Location: Stratton Field Stables, Launton Rd, Stratton Audley

The Parish Council wishes to raise no objections to the application & has no further comments.
Proposed: Councillor S Turner
Seconded: Councillor A Tutt
All in favour Motion carried

b) Planning Decisions – None

The Parish Council decided that where possible, it would circulate planning applications to Councillors for viewing prior to the meeting. Where our normal meeting would be after the deadline for comments, we would request an extension from the Planning Officer (if we felt there would be contentious issues).

5 Parish Hall

It was agreed to rewrite our undertaking to the PCC.
New wording was agreed.

Proposed: Councillor S Turner Seconded: Councillor A Tutt
All in favour Motion carried

6 Finance

Review of Banking Arrangements

The application form to open an account with the Co-Op Bank was completed & signed by all Councillors except Cllr A Tutt & Cllr W Foster. Cllr W Foster will sign at a later date; Cllr A Tutt will not be a signatory. **Action WF**

7 Correspondence

To discuss and decide on response to correspondence for consideration:

Communities- The making & enforcement of byelaws- A consultation
It was decided no response was required.

CDC – Options for Growth – How should we distribute new housing in Cherwell.

CDC- Options for Growth –further information

The Council answered all the appropriate questions & the clerk will email to CDC. **Action Clerk**

Correspondence received for information:

Aylesbury Vale DC – Consultation on housing growth in Aylesbury

No response

Oxfordshire Carers' Forum – Request for support – January meeting

The Oxfordshire Woodland Project – Request for support – January meeting

8 Reports

Chairman's Report - **None**

- Clerk's Report - The Clerk advised he would be meeting with the dog warden on Tuesday 25 November regarding dog bins at Launton Playing Fields. **Action Clerk**
- He also reminded the Council that we would be discussing the Precept at our next meeting.
- Report from Oxfordshire County Councillor for Launton- None
- Report from Cherwell District Councillor for Launton- None
- It was agreed that the reports from the County & District Councillors should be moved to earlier in the agenda & will now follow the approval of minutes. **Action Clerk**

9 Date of next meeting - Thursday 11 December 2008 Launton Congregational Church

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.