

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 1 parishioner availed themselves of this opportunity.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 JANUARY 2008 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 Stanley Archer

In attendance: Mr Laurie Lee - Clerk

- 1 **To receive and accept apologies for absence** – apologies were received and accepted from Mr Howard Hill due to holiday.
- 2 **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda** - None
- 3 **To confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 6 December 2007.** The minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Councillor Byrne
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor Tutt
Motion carried

4 Finance

- a Expenditure for approval and payment in January 2008

101828	W Jeffries - Bus Shelter Clean	£ 80.30
101829	HMRC PAYE	£ 72.60
101830	Cancelled	£ 0.00
101831	Launton Lines - November Issue	£110.00
101832	Childline Midlands & E Anglia	£ 25.00
101833	The Junior Citizen's Trust	£ 25.00
101834	Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group	£ 25.00
101835	Oxfordshire Assn for the Blind	£ 25.00
101836	L Lee - salary & expenses	£479.74

Total Payments for January 2008 **£842.64**
All above cheques drawn on Barclays current account

Receipts

Bank of Ireland	Interest November	£ 77.83
Barclays	Interest 03 Dec	£ 10.99

Total Receipts for December 2007 **£88.82**
Proposal to pay all expenditure -
Proposed: Councillor Byrne Seconded: Councillor Turner
All in favour Motion carried

One of the Councillors questioned the way in which the Clerk had paid for items from his own resources & was now being reimbursed. It was proposed that confirmation be sought that this was in order.

Action Clerk

- b Current statements for bank accounts were circulated and accepted.
- c Asset Revaluation

The Clerk recommended that the current insurance values be used for the War Memorial £14355.41 (previously £10,000.00) & 3 Bus Shelters £7995.55 (previously £5,600.00). The Clerk will alter on the Fixed Asset Register.

Action: Clerk

Proposed: Councillor Byrne
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor Tutt
Motion carried

5 PLANNING

a) Applications

Application No: 07/02560/F
Applicants Name: Mr McHale & Mrs Murphy
Proposal: First floor side & rear extensions
Location: Derwen, Bicester Road, Launton

No objections & no observations. (Observations by 27 Dec 07).

Application No: 07/02555/F
Applicants Name: Mr & Mrs P Bradford
Proposal: Take down outbuildings & erect new porch, garage & shower/utility rooms
Location: 13 Bicester Road, Launton

No objections & no observations.

b Planning Decisions

Application No: 07/02114/F
Applicant: Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust
Proposal: Creation of bund and pond for nature conservation and agricultural purposes.
Location: Cow Leys Lane Reserve, Piddington, Oxfordshire
Result: Approved subject to conditions

6 VILLAGE ISSUES

- **Allotments**

Following the Clerk's discussions with CDC, the Council discussed a draft lease for CDC to approve. **Action Clerk** to draw up draft lease & forward to CDC.

- **Community Hall**

The Clerk has written to the PCC & is awaiting a response.

- **Rural Exception Sites**

Nicola Ball has written to Mr W.J.C Burrows. She will advise the Parish Council of progress.

- **Purchase of Hi- Viz Jackets**

25 jackets have now been purchased (imprinted with 'Keep Launton Tidy') in various sizes. They are held in the archive room.

- **Bus Shelters – Graffiti & Smoking**

The graffiti on the bus shelter in Station Road has been painted over & the shelter near the Public House will be cleaned on Saturday 05 January.

Action: Cllr Byrne & Cllr Turner

It was proposed that we should now purchase 'No smoking' signs for displaying in the bus shelters on Station Road & Bicester Road.

Action: Clerk

Proposed: Councillor Byrne
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor Turner
Motion carried

- **Grass cutting**

An advertisement appeared in the Bicester Advertiser on Friday 21 December, however the Clerk's email address was printed incorrectly. The Clerk has requested a repeat advert free of charge. Only an automated response has been received for this request. 2 telephone calls have been received & the Clerk will send out Tender documents as soon as the grass-cutting map is updated. The Clerk will also send Tender documents to our current contractor, Mr Dempsey.

Action: Clerk

- **Village Highways**

A member of the public expressed concern about the general state of the highways, particularly in Bicester Road & Station Road. This is an ongoing matter but it was felt we should advise OCC Highways under copy to Cllr. Fulljames.

Action: Clerk

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Correspondence

To discuss and decide on response to correspondence for consideration:

- ORCC/OALC - Review of Primary Education in Oxfordshire
No action required
- CDC – Changes to Planning Applications - Views by 10 Jan 08
Happy with changes
- OCC Grass cutting - Agreement to sign
Address needs amending prior to signature. **Action: Clerk**

To report correspondence received for information

- CDC England's 2008 Bus Concession F.A.Q.
To be placed on notice board. **Action: Cllr Byrne**
- CDC Parish Liaison
Happy with amendments, clerk to email CDC. **Action: Clerk**
- ORCC Changes to PO Network Meeting 14 February noted.
- CDC Local Development Framework. Meetings 29 Jan, 11 Mar, 27 May Cllr Turner to possibly attend.
- Cllr Fulljames General Note
- ORCC Copy letter Nicky Ball / W Burrows
Re. Affordable Housing

To report correspondence received for information – Folder circulated

- Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust Annual Report
- OCC Review of external transport posts
- Aylesbury Vale DC Affordable Housing
- Cllr Fulljames Xmas Card

8 Reports - none

9 Date and venue of next meeting

Thursday 7 February 2008 at 7.30pm in Launton Parish Hall, Launton
with the public session starting at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.21pm