

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 4 September 2008 at 7.30pm in Launton Parish Hall

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

In attendance: Mr Laurie Lee – Clerk,

1 To receive apologies for absence –None

2 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda - None

3 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 7 August 2008.

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

Proposed: Councillor A Tutt
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor M O'Connor
Motion carried

4 Financial: Expenditure for approval and payment in September 2008

101873	W Jeffries - Bus Shelter	£ 80.30
101874	L Lee	£384.34
101875	M Dempsey- Grass cutting	£340.00
101876	Cherwell DC- Election Fees	£1385.38
101877	St Mary's Church	£1000.00

Total Payments for September 2008 **£3190.02**

All above cheques drawn on Barclays current account

Receipts

Bank of Ireland	Interest August	£ 64.73
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Total Receipts for August 2008 **£64.73**

Proposal to pay all expenditure -

Proposed: Councillor S Turner
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor W Foster
Motion carried

Current Bank statements were circulated & accepted

External Audit – The Assets Register still needs dates of purchase/ acquisition for its Land, War Memorial & bus shelters. The photocopier &

Fax machine have been written off as they are both obsolete. **Action Clerk**

External Audit –Risk assessment. The Clerk has drawn up a draft Risk Assessment for discussion at our October meeting. **Action All to consider**

5 Planning

- a To discuss and decide on Planning Applications for consideration

None

b) Planning Decisions

Application No: 08/00694/F
Applicants Name: Mr Paul Davis
Proposal: Erection of 2 no. Three bed dwellings
Location: Land Adjacent to No.6 Blenheim Drive, Launton
Decision: **Refused**

Application No: 08/01288/TPO
Applicant: M R Deeley & Sons
Proposal: Crown lift to 2.5m 13 Yew trees subject to TPO1/1981
Location: 4 The Spinney Launton
Decision: **Approved subject to conditions**

Application No: 08/01474/F
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Lovegrove
Proposal: Conservatory to side
Location: 19 Sycamore Road, Launton
Decision: **Approved subject to conditions**

5 Village Issues

- Website – Pat Tucker has agreed to write an introduction page for our proposed website.
- Sherwood Close Grass Area
In response to further correspondence the PC agreed to send a questionnaire regarding 'No Ball Games' to all the residents of Sherwood Close. **Action ST to draft questionnaire**
- Parish Hall
A response is awaited from the PCC
- Drainage/ Flooding Station Rd
The Clerk advised that the ditch behind the new house in Station Rd had been cleared. He has written to CDC requesting they follow up their previous correspondence.
- Dog Bins – Entrance to Launton Sports & Social Club
The usage of the dog bins is being monitored by Sally Harris, Secretary LPFA, in order to see whether a further bin is required or whether we just need to replace the broken one.

6 Correspondence

To discuss and decide on response to correspondence for consideration:

- Grant request – Oxon Association for the Blind – Clerk to advise this will be discussed at our next Precept meeting. **Action Clerk**
- Oxon PCT – Invitation to AGM – 25 September 2008 –**Audrey Tutt** will possibly attend.

7 Correspondence received for information - circulated

- CDC Standards Committee Minutes 03 July
- Draft proposals SE plan
- Bicester Hospital & Community Services Project
- Cherwell – Play Spotlight newsletter
- Oxon PCT – Health News

8 Reports

- Chairman's Report
The Chairman attended the Bicester Rural NAG meeting on 01 September. He stated that it is still early days for them & they are meeting with other NAG groups to establish best practice. The Roads Policing Officer reported that they are able to set-up 'Blue Speeding Zones', but budgets dictate these will only be in areas where there have been deaths or serious injuries.
- Clerk's Report - The Clerk apologised for omitting two correspondence items from the agenda.
- Report from Oxfordshire County Councillor for Launton- None
- Report from Cherwell District Councillor for Launton- None

9 Date of next meeting –

Thursday 11 September 2008 Launton Congregational Church

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.