

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 2 parishioners availed themselves of this opportunity.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6 MARCH 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 Howard Hill & Mr Stanley Archer (arrived during item 4)

In attendance: Mr Laurie Lee – Clerk & District Cllr David Hughes

- 1 **To receive and accept 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 February 2008.** The minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record (after altering the date of the Spring Clean to 29 March – item 7) 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 March 2008

101837	W Jeffries - Bus Shelter Clean	£80.30
101838	HMRC PAYE	£68.86
101839	L Lee	£259.94

Total Payments for March 2008 **£409.10**

All above cheques drawn on Barclays current account

Receipts

Bank of Ireland	Interest January	£ 79.84
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Total Receipts for February 2008 **£79.84**

Proposal to pay all expenditure -

Proposed: Councillor Byrne
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor Turner
Motion carried

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

5 Planning

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

Application No: 08/00305/F

Applicant: HERS Ltd
 Proposal: Installation of 2000 litre above ground LPG tank
 Location: Land NW of Launton House, West End, Launton
 No objections & no observations
 Proposed: Councillor Byrne Seconded: Councillor Hill
 All in favour Motion carried

b Planning Decisions

Application No: 07/02681/F
 Applicants Name: Michael O'Sullivan
 Proposal: Garden Shed
 Location: 2 Sherwood Close, Launton
 Result: Approved subject to conditions

c Planning Appeals

Application No. 06/02225/OUT
 Location: Whitelands Farm
 Proposal: Up to 1585 dwellings etc.
 Result: Following the successful completion of negotiations on the drafting of the Section 106 legal agreement relating to Cherwell District Council's resolution to grant planning permission for the development at Whitelands Farm, South West of Bicester (06/00967/OUT) the appeal against non-determination of the duplicate application (06/02225/OUT) has now been withdrawn.

6 Parish of Launton Elections -1 May 2008

7 Councillors to be elected. A Poll will take place on 1 May if there are more than 7 valid nominations received by 4 April. Clerk to put up election notice. **Action: Clerk**

7 Annual Parish Meeting

Date & Venue – cannot be before 04 May (i.e. 3 days after possible election). Proposed - Thursday 15 May Parish Hall (availability to be confirmed). Clerk to check. **Action: Clerk**

Annual Parish Council meeting will now be Thursday 8 May in Congregational Church (availability to be confirmed). Clerk to check.

Action: Clerk

8 Village Issues

Allotments Approval of lease produced by CDC (copies circulated) Lease approved subject to 2 minor changes: 1. Charbridge Road not Chartbridge Road. 2. Notice to the Council should be given at the Clerk's address rather than at the property. **Action: Clerk**

Parish Hall Meeting set for Friday 07 March Cllrs **Byrne & Turner** to attend. **Action**

Bus Shelters Cllr Hill has repainted the bus shelter & put up the no smoking signs .

Grass Cutting It was proposed to accept the tender from Michael Dempsey. This was the cheapest

quote although we had received a cheaper estimate, which did not satisfy the terms of the tender. **Action Clerk** to write to all who tendered.

Proposed: Councillor Byrne
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor Turner
Motion carried

Affordable Housing

Consider site options (copy of options circulated) After due consideration it was proposed that we ask Nicola Ball to pursue sites 1c, 4 & the pony paddock (in that order of priority). **Action: Clerk**

Proposed: Councillor Byrne
5 in favour, 1Abstention

Seconded: Councillor Turner
Motion carried

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Correspondence

To discuss and decide on response to correspondence for consideration: (Copies distributed)

- CDC Cherwell Green Spaces & Playing Pitch Strategy
Update required by 15 Feb (date passed) info circulated.
Action: Clerk to advise absence of Island Pond Wood & open space at The Glades
- The Cooper School - Change of status – respond by 31 March
Action: Clerk to write giving Council's support.
- LCC – Annual policy & technical update – Regional Conference
15 April – No takers
- ORCC- Review of Primary School Provision – Views by end of
March – No action
- CDC – Monitoring the Ethical Framework – return due 21 April
Action Clerk
- OCC – Draft Report of Childcare Market Assessment –
comments by 14 March – No comments
- OCC – Oxfordshire Public Transport Guide – **Action Clerk** to
supply shop, PO, butchers & also place on Parish Hall board.
- CDC – Local Development Framework Consultation (circulated
separately) Comments by 7 April **Action next meeting**

To report correspondence received for information – Folder circulated

- CDC - Youth Spotlight February Newsletter
- NALC - LCR Official Journal March 2008

To report correspondence received for information

- CDC – New National Concessionary Bus Pass Scheme April
2008 – **Action Clerk** to put poster up on Bull notice board.

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Reports

- a Chairman's Report - The Chairman reminded everyone of the
Spring Clean up on Saturday 29 March
- b Clerk's Report - None
- c Report from Oxfordshire County Councillor for Launton - None
- d Report from Cherwell District Councillor for Launton
District Cllr David Hughes advised -

- Of changes to CDC planning committee-there would now be one committee for the whole of the district. This would ensure more members were available to form a quorum, whilst also retaining local expertise.
- That CDC would be introducing a webcam to enable the public to listen/view the meetings without attending.
- That the Parish Council might wish to meet with Bob Duxbury for an updated presentation on Affordable Housing.

11 Date and venue of next meeting

Thursday 03 April 2008 at 7.30pm in Launton Parish Hall with the public session starting at 7.00pm

County Cllr Catherine Fulljames arrived as the meeting closed at 8.25pm.