

## GREAT OXENDON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 April 2016

**Present:** Councillors Colyer, Steedman, Barker, Rumsey & Jones

8 members of the public

1311	<p><b>Apologies –</b></p> <p>Councillor Strong was unable to attend due to work commitments.</p>
1312	<p><b>Declaration of Personal &amp; Prejudicial Interests</b></p> <p>None declared</p>
1313	<p><b>Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 March 2016</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor Rumsey and seconded by Councillor Barker. Unanimous</p>
1314	<p><b>Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meetings</b></p> <p><b>Minute 1300 Highways</b> – The water on Main Street on Main Street remain unresolved although dye tests had taken place in an attempt to highlight the source of the problem. It was thought that there may be a spring nearby which could be relevant.</p> <p><b>Minute 1303 Reports – Highways.</b> Daventry Housing had been requested to offer car parking within the curtilage of its properties. Unfortunately, this idea for a local solution had been turned down. This was an issue that could be referred to the local councillor for advice.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Barker and seconded by Councillor Romsey. Unanimous</p>
1315	<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p><b>Car Parking on the A508 Harborough Road</b> – Car parking remains an issue for residents. This matter was raised with reference to numbers 28/30 and 32 Harborough Road. This was thought to be a difficult area due to the utility services creating restrictions which prevents further parking. The Parish Clerk would contact the County Council to ask for utility/ service information within the village.</p> <p><b>Dog Fouling</b> – There had been a problem again in Main Street. This would be raised as an issue in the newsletter.</p> <p><b>Wormslade Farm</b> - Mark Linnell had reviewed the County Council file. Eight Parish Councils and the District Council had objected to the proposal. It was thought that several questions had remained unanswered. There was no date fixed for the Planning Committee. There would be five speaking slots. To ensure a coordinated approach and to avoid repetition the Parish Council was asked if it would participate in a joint approach. This was agreed. Proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Colyer. Unanimous</p> <p><b>Police</b> – There had recently been unwelcome visitors to the village. A video recording had been sent to the Police by a member of the public – but this had been rejected by the server. The local PC had been called and there had been no response. There had also been no feedback after the reported shed break in. It was agreed that a Police representative be invited to a future meeting of the Council. The lack of response to</p>

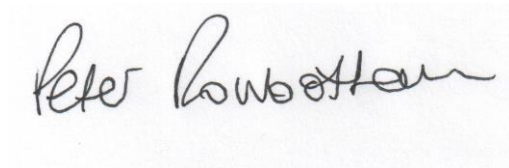
	<p>recent events had led to the Parish Council losing confidence in the Police delivering its services within its available resources. A letter would be sent to the PCC and the local MP. Proposed by Councillor Colyer and seconded by Councillor Barker. Unanimous.</p> <p><b>Planning</b> - Jenny Lyon and Lara Berry from 'Country Bumpkin Yurts' attended the meeting to outline the background to their recent planning application. The 'glamping' site would also have café and is looking to launch in 2017. They thought that the concept was both eco-friendly and unique.</p> <p>Two planning appeals were to be heard in the Kettering BC area regarding traveller sites.</p>
1316	<p><b>Millennium Monument</b></p> <p>The latest position of the project was outlined. The Option One proposal together with approximate costs is shown below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Semi-circular Bench £1600 plus £125 delivery</li> <li>- Slabs (provided free)</li> <li>- Area fully slabbed</li> <li>- Removal of the existing Millennium disc £500</li> <li>- Installation including all groundwork £2000</li> <li>- Total cost - £4225</li> </ul> <p>The Option Two proposal is as above but with minimal slabbing. The total cost of this is £3225.</p> <p>It was agreed to pursue Option 2 at the current location and further quotes would be obtained. A Risk Assessment was requested and this would be completed.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Romsey. Unanimous</p>
1317	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p><b><u>1.Planning</u></b></p> <p><b>DA/2016/0144 – Construction of sign Waterloo Cottage, 34 Harborough Road</b> - There was concern regarding the growing number of signs on the highway. This would be discussed at a future meeting. The new proposed sign was not on highway land and the Parish Council had no objection.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Colyer and seconded by Councillor Jones.</p> <p><b>DA/ 2016/0145 – Change of Use of land to Camping Site including Café, erection of 4 yurts and construction of ancillary building Waterloo Cottage, 34 Harborough Road</b> - The Parish Council have no objections to the development subject to the highway access meeting the required standards.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Barker. Unanimous.</p> <p><b>DA/2015/1169 Beauty Clinic, 9 Braybrooke Road</b> – This had been approved conditionally by DDC.</p> <p><b>Appeals</b> – Two planning appeals had been submitted for traveller sites within the Kettering BC area. The Parish Council supported the refusals on the grounds of sustainability and development in the open countryside.</p> <p><b><u>2. Police Matters</u></b></p> <p>Nothing to report other than the issues raised earlier in the meeting.</p>

	<p><b><u>3. Environment</u></b></p> <p><b>Mowing of verges</b> –Councillor Jones was keen that the highway verges were well maintained to a frequent and consistent standard. Some areas of the highway had overgrown bushes and ivy. Much of the maintenance is ‘piecemeal’ and some areas are thought to be messy. Areas for improvement were considered.</p> <p>The Parish Council could take on the maintenance of this service to improve outcomes. As a starting point it was agreed to find out the existing standards and costs before a decision could be made on possibly opting out of the DCC service.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Rumsey and seconded by Councillor Colyer. Unanimous.</p> <p><b><u>4. Highways</u></b></p> <p>A meeting with NCC Highways is being arranged to discuss traffic calming in the Parish. Councillors requested a 9am start.</p> <p>Councillors asked the Clerk to ask the Clerk at Maidwell with Draughton PC for contacts and procedures for the Enforcement Van.</p> <p><b><u>5. Community</u></b></p> <p>Councillors asked that the Clerk to send out the link for the web site. The structure of the site was in place and it would be launched at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.</p>
1318	<p><b>Chair’s Report</b></p> <p>The Chair reported that the Parish Council would be hosting a Cross Border Liaison meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April.</p>
1319	<p><b>Parish Clerks Business</b></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>
1320	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillor Update</b></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>
1321	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>Authorised payments</p> <p>The Parish Council authorised the following payments:</p> <p>Cheque 100732 – EON – Street Light Maintenance - £44.84  Cheque 100734 – Peter Rowbotham – Salary/ Expenses - £462.14  Cheque 100735 – HMRC – Tax re Clerks Salary - £104.40</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Colyer and seconded by Councillor Jones. Unanimous</p> <p><b>Review and adoption of Policy</b></p> <p>The Risk Assessment for the Parish Council had been reviewed. This was adopted by the Council.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Colyer and seconded by Councillor Barker. Unanimous</p>

1322	<b>Correspondence for Action</b> The Clerk had received the paperwork from the External Auditor which required a full response.
1323	<b>Information Items to Note</b> No items to report.
1324	<b>Date and Time of the Next Meeting</b> Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May starting 730pm.
<i>The meeting finished at 915 pm</i>	

Signature.....  
Chair, Great Oxendon Parish Council

Date 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016



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