

GREAT OXENDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th March 2017

Present: Councillors Steedman (Chair), Rumsey, Evans, Barker and Jones.

Parish Clerk – Peter Rowbotham

Members of the Public: 6

Other Visitors:

1491	<p><u>Apologies</u> Apologies had been received from Councillor Hogarth who was attending another event. The apologies were accepted by the meeting. Apologies had been received from District and County Councillor Cecile Irving Swift.</p>
1492	<p><u>Declaration of Personal & Prejudicial Interests</u> Councillors Barker, Rumsey and Jones declared that they were members of the Village Hall Committee. Councillor Barker declared his interest being the Youth Club Organiser. Minute number 1503 refers.</p>
1493	<p><u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th February 2017</u> The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record. The minutes were proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Barker. Unanimous.</p>
1494	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting</u> The Millennium Monument was almost complete. Although there was some additional work to undertake the current look was a significant improvement.</p>
1495	<p><u>Open Forum</u> No items were raised by the public.</p>
1496	<p><u>Update from the local Councillor(s)</u> County Councillor Irving Swift in a telephone call to the Clerk had raised the County Council budget issues, the ongoing litter and fly tipping problems on the A508 and the Windfarm Community Fund which appeared to exclude Great Oxendon Parish from the funding opportunities.</p>
1497 1497/1	<p><u>Planning</u> Planning Consulation DA/2017/0086 Demolition of rear lobby,wc and utility plus conservatory and porch. Construction of a single storey rear/ side extension Waterloo House, Harborough Road The Parish Council had no objections to the proposal. This was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Barker. Unanimous.</p>

1497/2	<p>Greenfields Planning Appeal Councillor Hogarth had reported via email that he had attended the first day of the appeal hearing on the 6th February. He thought that the process seemed fair and the evidence had been well prepared. On balance, the appeal had been allowed with conditions, on a temporary basis. This was a 3-year permission. The Parish Council noted the report.</p>
1498/3	<p>Housing Needs Survey The Parish Council agreed to support the Housing Needs Survey. This was proposed by Councillor Barker and seconded by Councillor Rumsey. Unanimous.</p>
1499/4	<p>Kelmarsh Wind Farm - The Clerk reported that a Community Fund had been set up for those villages affected by the Wind Farm. It had seemed that the funds had been ringfenced to four villages only and had excluded Great Oxendon from any financial benefit. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk write to 'The Kelmarsh Trust'. This was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Rumsey. Unanimous.</p>
1498	<p>Police and Community Safety Councillor Barker reported on the recent crimes. This included a stolen Portaloo from Harborough Road and a car entered whilst parked on Main Street.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch showed a small increase in membership. This had increased by 2 to 26 members.</p> <p>Work was being undertaken to identify the vulnerable people in the village to engage and improve levels of community safety.</p>
1499	<p>Environment There had been issues with large vehicles parking on and destroying the grass verges. There was a need for some repairs to be carried out by the County Council. Parking remained a problem throughout the village.</p> <p>The Great British Spring Clean Annual Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 22nd April starting at 2pm. This can now be promoted on both Twitter and the Web Site.</p> <p>Millennium Monument – This is all now in place although some further work was still required to fully complete. The invoice was awaited.</p>
1500	<p>Highways Water –The Parish Clerk had asked the County Councillor to escalate this. Councillor Jones had sent in photographs to provide further evidence of the problem.</p> <p>Traffic Calming - There was no update on the Traffic Calming scheme other than it was not likely to be complete by 31st March. This had been chased up and a response was awaited.</p>
1501	<p>Footpath Diversion A proposal to divert footpath DH 2 had been submitted for consultation under the Highways Act 1980. It was thought sensible to divert the footpath to connect to the road and there was logic to the proposal. However, concern had been expressed for the lack of reason for the diversion and the current timing.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to offer no objections to this proposal.</p> <p>This was proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Barker. Unanimous.</p>

1502	<p>Community A new residents leaflet had been prepared and had been printed out. The contents of the leaflet were also being entered onto the village web site.</p> <p>The George was nearing completion and was expected to open during April.</p>
<p>1503 1503/1</p> <p>1503/2</p> <p>1503/3</p> <p>1503/4</p> <p>1503/4</p>	<p>Finance Grant Applications: Two grant applications had been received. Village Hall - A grant form had been received from the Village Hall Committee for redecorating the Village Hall. A grant of £1,375 had been requested. Dispensation was granted to those Councillors (Custodian Trustees) who were also members of the Village Hall Committee to take part in this item.</p> <p>As this was a retrospective application and alternative funding was now in place it was agreed that this application be withdrawn.</p> <p>Youth Club – A grant form had been received from the Youth Club for £1214. Councillor Barker answered questions about the bid.</p> <p>The Parish Council requested more information on the Pool Table before proper consideration could be given to this.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to award a grant of £675, in accordance with section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. This is subject to the grant being spent on a storage shed which will also be available for the village Art Club to share.</p> <p>This was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Evans. Councillor Barker abstained.</p> <p>Parish Council Standing Orders The Councils Standing Orders had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. This was a model document for annual review. It was agreed to adopt this document. This was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Evans. Unanimous.</p> <p>Parish Council Financial Regulations – The Councils Financial Regulations had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. This was a model document for annual review. It was agreed to adopt this document. This was proposed by Councillor Rumsey and seconded by Councillor Jones. Unanimous.</p> <p>Asset Register The Council reviewed and updated its Asset Register. This was agreed by the Council. This was proposed by Councillor Rumsey and seconded by Councillor Jones. Unanimous.</p> <p>To Approve any Payments There were no payments for approval</p>
1504	<p>Chairs Report The Chair reported on the feedback on the Anaerobic Digester. Meetings with the developer are on hold, as they have not secured funding yet for the project.</p>
1505	<p>Consultations The Parish Council noted the following consultations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCC - 30 Hours Free Childcare - Parental Demand Survey • Market Harborough Transport Strategy

1506	<p>Parish Clerks Business The Parish Council noted the following correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pensions Regulator • Data Protection Renewal • The Daventry and District Forum Newsletter
1507	<p>Question Time There were no questions from the floor.</p>
1508	<p>Date and Time of the next Parish Council Meeting The next meeting would be held on Monday 10th April 2017 starting at 730pm.</p>
<p><i>The meeting finished at 9.00pm</i></p>	

<p><i>Signed as a true and accurate record</i></p>	<p>Councillor Roseanne Steedman Chair Great Oxendon Parish Council 10th April 2017</p>
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