

## GREAT OXENDON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 May 2016

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

3 members of the public

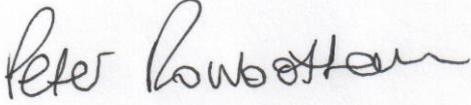
Also in attendance: Sergeant Dobbs from Northants Police and District/ County Councillor Cecile Swift.

1329	<p><b>Apologies –</b></p> <p>None Received</p>
1330	<p><b>Declaration of Personal &amp; Prejudicial Interests</b></p> <p>None declared</p>
1331	<p><b>Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 April 2016</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor Colyer and seconded by Councillor Jones. Unanimous</p>
1332	<p><b>Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting – 11 April 2016</b></p> <p><b>Open Forum –</b> The Chair suggested that a protocol be developed for members of the public to understand better how the Open Forum worked. This would be developed by the Clerk and shared with the members of the Council for approval.</p> <p><b>Minute 1315 Wormslade Farm –</b> Councillor Steedman, as Chair, would represent the Parish Council as part of a coordinated approach towards making representations to the County Planning Committee.</p> <p><b>Minute 1315 Highways–</b> An email had been sent to Northants County Council asking for public utility information on the highway land at Harborough Road.</p> <p><b>Minute 1315 Police -</b> An email had been sent to the new Police Commissioner (copy to our MP) expressing the concern that the existing level of Police resources was inadequate to deliver the expected services in rural areas.</p> <p><b>Minute 1317 Environment –</b> An email has been sent to Daventry DC asking for a copy of the grass cutting schedules and associated costs.</p> <p><b>Minutes 1317 Highways –</b> A positive meeting had been held with representatives of NCC Highways regarding traffic calming in the village.</p> <p><b>Minutes 1317 Community –</b> The web site link had been sent out. The site will go live by 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016.</p> <p>The above business was proposed by Councillor Barkers and seconded by Councillor Colyer. Unanimous.</p>
1333	<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>Sargent Sam Dobbs, who is part of the team serving Daventry, had attended the meeting.</p>

	<p>Sgt Dobbs outlined the current position with the local police regarding the level of expectation of the service. It was not possible to serve all Parish Councils with a Police presence. With 71 Parishes within Daventry to serve, visible policing is no longer deliverable. However, Sgt Dobbs explained that the Police will always respond to requests for service and it is their decision on who to send together with the level of response. Generally it was the Community Officers who dealt with the response.</p> <p>The Police role had changed – it was no longer just about crime and disorder – but about protecting people from harm. 28% of Police time was now spent on dealing with mental health issues as a result of cuts elsewhere within the public sector.</p> <p>Sgt Dobbs accepted that trust was the foundation of the strong relationship that the Police needed to grow. The trust equation was outlined using four objective variables to measure trustworthiness. These four variables were described as relationships, trust, competence and self-interest. It was essential to develop the right type of relationship.</p> <p>The 999 number should only be used for real emergencies - when life is at risk, when you see a crime in progress or there is a traffic incident involving personal injury or danger. Non-emergency calls should go through the 101 number. It was important that all calls were logged.</p> <p>The Parish Council member for Police Liaison should normally go through the local PCSO for informal discussions – but any reported casework should be directed through 101/ 999 as required.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed that it should develop a community Twitter account and also improve the effectiveness of its Neighbourhood watch scheme.</p> <p>The Parish Council thanked Sgt Dobbs for his presentation.</p>
1334	<p><b>Millennium Monument</b></p> <p>Councillor Barker reported that this an ongoing project and further estimates were being obtained. Councillors were shown the colour of the slabs which they were happy with.</p>
1335	<p><b>Planning Report</b></p> <p><b>DA/ 2016/0056 Listed Building Consent for replacement of six windows on front elevation with timber double glazed windows at Haven Cottage 31, Main Street.</b></p> <p>The Parish Council had no objection to the proposal. Proposed by Councillor Barker and seconded by Councillor Jones</p> <p><b>Village Design Statement</b></p> <p>The consultation period commenced on 22<sup>nd</sup> April and will close at on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016.</p> <p><b>Wormslade Farm</b></p> <p>It was thought that some information requests were still outstanding and therefore it was more likely to be determined at a County Council Planning Committee meeting in June.</p> <p><b>Greenfields</b></p> <p>The Parish Clerk, in a response to an Appeal Letter, would reiterate the Councils views on sustainability, inappropriate development in the countryside, 5 year provision being met and the proposal being contrary to Planning policies.</p>

1336	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>Nothing additional to raise following Sgt Dobbs presentation. (Minute 1333)</p>
1337	<p><b>Environment Report</b></p> <p><b>Mowing</b> – Councillor Jones had spoken to 2 contractors. Once the details from Daventry had been received the business case would be considered to carry out this service locally.</p>
1338	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>The signs around the highway around Waterloo Farm had been tidied and were no longer an issue.</p> <p>A petition had been completed to raise the profile of the speeding issue to the authorities. This would be a discussion item at the Annual Meeting.</p>
1339	<p><b>Community Report</b></p> <p><b>Web Site</b> – This would be live for the Annual Meeting. Photographs had been taken and were currently being uploaded.</p>
1340	<p><b>Chair's Report</b></p> <p>The Chair reported that the Parish Council had hosted a Cross Border Liaison meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April. The minutes would be circulated to all Parish Councillors.</p>
1341	<p><b>Parish Clerks Business</b></p> <p>The Parish Councillors confirmed that the current arrangement of the first Monday of the Month was satisfactory and this be continued into 2016/ 2017.</p>
1342	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillor Update</b></p> <p>District/ County Councillor Cecile Swift provided a comprehensive update on council matters,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fly tipping remained a problem and enforcement is in place where the name of the instigator is known.</li> <li>• Clean for the Queen campaign had been successful. (Great Oxendon had collected 35 bags)</li> <li>• Problems with lorry drivers using laybys as toilets.</li> <li>• The Parish Council is encouraged to consider a move to a neighbourhood plan to improve outcomes of planning decisions</li> <li>• The Northamptonshire County elections are next year</li> <li>• Pinch points on the A508 are a better and a more practical option than reducing the speed limit.</li> <li>• Average speed systems are being introduced in the County and this news was welcomed</li> <li>• The Planning Officer dealing with Wormslade Farm will make recommendations based upon their professional judgement</li> <li>• There are unprecedented pressures on social and adult care. It is a myth to think that immigration is responsible for this.</li> <li>• DDC are looking at the Strategic Plan – Part B – Gypsy and Travellers. A 10 mile exclusion zone for new applications was being sought to readdress the balance.</li> <li>• There was a problem with sanitation at the Braybrooke Traveller Site and portaloos' had been provided.</li> </ul>

1343	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>Authorised payments</b></p> <p>The Parish Council authorised the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheque 100736 – Ian Arnott, Auditor - £100.00</li> <li>• Cheque 100737 – EON – Street Lighting - £157.31</li> <li>• Cheque 100738 – NALC – Membership - £222.75</li> </ul> <p>Proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Romsey. Unanimous</p> <p><b>Annual Review of Insurance</b></p> <p>Quotes had been obtained for the Councils insurance. It was agreed that the lowest quote be accepted and a 3 year agreement be entered into with Zurich at an annual cost of £370.11. The Parish Council authorised the cheque:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheque 100739 – Zurich Insurance PLC - £370.11</li> </ul> <p>Proposed by Councillor Barker and seconded by Councillor Romsey. Unanimous</p> <p><b>Annual Accounts</b></p> <p>The bank reconciliation papers had been circulated to all Councillors together with the Auditors sign off letter, the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Accept the Bank Reconciliation Report</li> <li>ii) Accept the Auditors sign off letter</li> <li>iii) Approve the audited accounts for 2015/16</li> <li>iv) The accounts be made available for public inspection from 30 June to 10 August</li> </ol> <p>Proposed by Councillor Barker and seconded by Councillor Jones. Unanimous.</p>
1344	<p><b>Correspondence for Action</b></p> <p>A grant application had been received for a signpost at the Church. This would be on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>
1345	<p><b>Information Items to Note</b></p> <p>Daventry &amp; District Housing is officially rebranding on 27<sup>th</sup> May. Legally they will be known as Future Home way Limited but marketed as the 'Future Housing Group'.</p>
1346	<p><b>Date and Time of the Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Parish Meeting incorporating the Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June starting 800pm.</p> <p><i>(Councillor Romsey offered her apologies for absence for this meeting)</i></p>
<p><i>The meeting finished at 915 pm</i></p>	

<i>Signed as a true and accurate record</i>	<b>Councillor Roseanne Steedman</b>  <b>Chair</b> <b>Great Oxendon Parish Council</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
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