

GREAT OXENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Parish Clerk – Peter Rowbotham

Members of the Public: 4

Other Visitors: Varinder Bassan and Samantha Bosworth from Daventry District Council.

1473	<p>Apologies</p> <p>No apologies had been received.</p>
1474	<p>Declaration of Personal & Prejudicial Interests</p> <p>Councillor Evans declared an interest in the item dealing with planning matters regarding 27 Main Street. He would not be taking part in the discussion or voting on the matter.</p>
1475	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 January 2017</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record. This was proposed by Councillor Hogarth and seconded by Councillor Jones. Unanimous.</p>
1476	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting</p> <p>Minute Number 1469 – Councillor Hogarth reported that the Wormslade Farm Liaison Group is now looking at ways of two-way communication with residents. A web site may be developed and a complaints form devised.</p>
1477	<p>Housing Needs within Great Oxendon</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Varinder Bassan and Samantha Bosworth from Daventry District Council.</p> <p>The District Council had met the five-year target for rural housing. There are now strict parameters to build new housing in addition to the existing allocation. Rural ‘exception sites’ were explained and if the supporting information was there, it was still possible to build houses within the village, despite the existing targets already being met. Housing could be provided in exceptional circumstances for local people with village connections, perhaps for younger people or the older generation wishing to down size.</p> <p>This was all evidenced based and designed to meet the needs of the community. Any evidence would be from a survey which ascertained housing need. Such a survey would need the support of the Parish Council. Any housing site would be less lucrative if affordable housing was proposed as opposed to private development.</p> <p>The speakers were thanked for the interesting talk and the Parish Council would consider the requirement for a housing needs survey at its next meeting.</p>

1478	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>The view was expressed that the need for housing should be based upon the Parish Council's vision for the village. Housing would be needed if the vision was to encourage a younger cohort to live locally.</p>
1479	<p>Update from the local Councillor(s)</p> <p>There was no update from the local Councillors.</p>
<p>1480</p> <p>1480/1</p> <p>1480/2</p> <p>1480/3</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>Planning Consultation DA/2016/1118 – Old Orchard House, 27 Main Street. Amended Plans had been submitted. The Parish Council had no objections to the proposal.</p> <p>This was proposed by Councillor Barker and seconded by Councillor Hogarth.</p> <p>Greenfields Planning Appea</p> <p>This had been discussed at the Cross Borders meeting. It is expected that Harrington and Arthingworth, Braybrooke and NNRAID will all talk at the appeal. Parish Councillors will attend, if available.</p> <p>Golden Stables</p> <p>This site was being monitored by the Planning Enforcement Team. It was thought that the number of units had exceeded the number permitted.</p>
1481	<p>Police and Community Safety</p> <p>Councillor Barker reported on work underway with the Neighbourhood Watch Group to identify vulnerable people including those without email addresses and therefore no access to the NW messages.</p> <p>Membership of Neighbourhood Watch subscriptions stand at 24 (out of 130 properties)</p> <p>The Council noted the report.</p>
1482	<p>Environment</p> <p>The Great British Spring Clean Annual Litter Pick is the 22/23rd April.</p> <p>Millennium Monument – Work on clearing the old monument was underway. If its solid concrete, then the clearing of the site will cost more. The slate disc was laid on the grass ready to be installed. Councillor Barker would be contacting the Contractor to follow progress.</p>
1483	<p>Highways</p> <p>Water – Water on Main Street – Still no progress from Kier. The Parish Clerk would ask the County Councillor to escalate.</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.</p> <p>Litter - The litter had been picked up from the A508 as requested.</p> <p>Verge – The pathway had been repaired but the grass verges had been damaged by the highway vehicle. This would be taken up with the Highway Authority.</p>

	<p>Salt Spreading – The voluntary spreading of salt would be raised in the parish magazine. A volunteer would be sought – and awareness of the three salt bins would be increased.</p> <p>Litter Picking – A letter had been received from Daventry DC asking the Parish Council to take over the litter picking services No action required.</p>
1484	<p>Footpath Diversion</p> <p>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.</p> <p>However, there was concern expressed for lack of reason for the diversion and the current timing. The Parish Clerk was asked to enquire of the reasons for the diversion from NCC. Comments would be submitted on an informal basis to meet deadlines – with comments to be formalised at the next meeting.</p>
1485	<p>Community</p> <p>A new residents leaflet had been prepared.</p> <p>The fence next to the village hall ideally needs renewing. Councillor Barker would repair as necessary.</p>
1486	<p>Finance</p>
1486/1	<p>Grant Applications: Two grant applications had been received. To receive proper consideration the papers must be available to Councillors before the meeting for proper consideration. These applications to be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>
1486/2	<p>Accounts: The accounts for the period up to 31st December 2016 were accepted by the Council. This was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Barker. Unanimous.</p>
1486/3	<p>Payments The following payment was agreed by the Parish Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheque 100761 – Peter Rowbotham – Salary and Expense £443.92 <p>The payment was proposed by Councillor Rumsey and seconded by Councillor Jones. Unanimous</p>
1487	<p>Chairs Report</p> <p>The Chair had attended the Borders Group. Each Parish Council would now take its own notes and feedback as necessary. Chairs would continue to rotate.</p>
1488	<p>Parish Clerks Business</p> <p>The Council noted the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resignation of Martin Strong from the Parish Council. • Consultation on the Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update – proposed modifications – with a deadline of 22nd February 2017 • New external auditor from 2018 - PKF Littlejohn • Daventry Town and Parishes Council Minutes of 15th December 2016
1489	<p>Question Time</p> <p>There were no questions from the floor.</p>

1490	Date and Time of the next Parish Council Meeting Monday 6 th March 2017 at 730pm
<i>The meeting finished at 8.58pm</i>	

<i>Signed as a true and accurate record</i>	Councillor Roseanne Steedman Chair Great Oxendon Parish Council 6 th March 2017
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