

Great Oxendon Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th June 2017

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

Parish Clerk – Peter Rowbotham

Members of the Public: 3

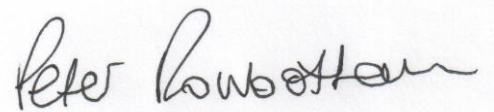
Other Visitors:

1551	<p><u>Apologies</u> No apologies had been received.</p>
1552	<p><u>Declaration of Personal & Prejudicial Interests</u></p> <p>Councillor Barker, as an adjoining landowner, declared an interest in item 1561, proposed development at the White Buildings, Braybrooke Road.</p>
1553	<p><u>Minutes of the Meetings held on 8th May 2017</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Parish Council meeting of 8th May 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>The minutes were proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Evans. Unanimous.</p>
1554	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting</u></p> <p>There had been no update received from the contractor on the Millenium Monument corrective work.</p> <p>The car parking 'Grasscrete' option had been investigated. The Highways Authority advise that Grasscrete is no longer viable. Tarmac is the offered solution. This came at a cost of £25k for a 20 m length. This was not affordable.</p> <p>The footpaths on the Harborough Road within the village needed cutting back. A price was awaited for one side of the footpath. On the east side the NCC would not act as it was not a priority. This was not a safety issue and therefore a low priority – but the Parish Council disagreed with this.</p> <p>The rodent problem was being dealt with. There was a need to stop feeding the birds. The District Council had been visiting the site.</p> <p>The Clipston directional sign had been restored. The Braybrooke Road sign had been cleaned and vegeation cut back</p> <p>The Definitive Map and Rights of Way response was being prepared and a reply would be sent by the 1st July return date.</p>

1555	<p><u>Annual Report of the Chair</u></p> <p>Councillor Steedman presented her report to the Parish Council. She recorded her thanks to the Clerk and fellow Councillors. Councillor Steedman provided an overview of the years activities and highlighted the achievements of the Parish Council. The Clerk has filed the report with the Council Minutes.</p> <p>The meeting accepted the report.</p>
1556	<p><u>Annual Report of the Village Hall</u></p> <p>Councillor Jones provided a report on the Village Hall. Major improvements had been delivered this year. The Parish Council had contributed to the new boiler and fund raising had been good for other projects. The Hall was in good shape and it was hoped that usage and income would increase. Further improvements would need to be grant aided. The written report would be filed with the minutes.</p> <p>The meeting accepted the report.</p>
1557	<p><u>Annual Report of the Youth Club</u></p> <p>Councillor Barker provided a report on the Youth Club activities. The Club continues to meet its objectives and attendance/ membership was up on the previous year. The playing field continues to be used almost every day. The report would be filed with the minutes.</p> <p>The meeting accepted the report.</p>
1558	<p><u>Report from the Councillor Responsible for Highways</u></p> <p>Councillor Jones outlined the highway issues in the last year. The working relationship with County Highways remains good. It was hoped that the water problem on Main Street would be resolved in the Autumn.</p> <p>The recent grass cutting was not of a satisfactory standard and the Clerk would take this up with the contractor. The Clerk would ask Highways for a plan of the highway land within the Parish.</p> <p>The Highways report would be filed with the minutes.</p> <p>The meeting accepted the report.</p>
1559	<p><u>Procurement of a Defibulator for the Village</u></p> <p>The procurement of a Defibulator was discussed. The Parish Council had a budget for this and a small grant was available from NCC.</p> <p>It was agreed to talk to Dr Mistry about this proposal and then make a decision at the next meeting. This was deferred until 3rd July.</p>
1560	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <p>This plan would be shaped by community consultation. £9000 could be made available from 'locality funding' via the District Council which should cover the costs of a planning consultant. If the process is project managed, then the plan should be delivered within this budget. This item was deferred to the August meeting.</p>
1561	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>The Parish Council considered the future use of the White Buildings, Braybrooke Road. The Parish agreed</p>

	<p>that it was happy to support the proposal, in principle.</p> <p>A letter/ email of support would be sent to Daventry District Council. This was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Rumsey. Councillor Barker abstained.</p>
1562	<u>Finance</u>
1562/1	<p>Statement of Accounts</p> <p>The audit planned for 18th May had been cancelled at the very last minute due to the serious illness of the Auditor. This was noted by the Parish Council. A new date with an alternative auditor would be organised.</p>
1562/2	<p>Payments for Approval</p> <p>100770 – 4 Counties - April Grass Cutting and Strimming - £240 100771 – 4 Counties - May Grass Cutting and Strimming - £240</p> <p>The Clerk would be asking 4 Counties to improve the grass cutting standards. The payments were proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Evans. Unanimous</p>
1563	<p>Question Time</p> <p>No questions were submitted from the public.</p>
1564	<p>Date and Time of the next Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>A extraordinary meeting may be called to sign off the audited accounts. The next full meeting would be held on Monday 3rd July 2017 starting at 730pm.</p>
<i>The meeting finished at 8.47pm</i>	

Signed as a true and accurate record



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Chair
Great Oxendon Parish Council
3rd July 2017

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