

Great Oxendon Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th December 2017

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

Apologies: Councillor Hogarth

Parish Clerk – Peter Rowbotham

Members of the Public: 1

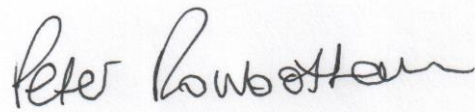
1663	<p><u>Apologies</u> Councillor Stephen Hogarth had offered his apologies for absence. These were accepted by the meeting.</p>
1664	<p><u>Declaration of Personal & Prejudicial Interests</u> None declared.</p>
1665	<p><u>Minutes of the Meetings held on 6th November 2017</u> The minutes of the Parish Council of 6th November 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record. The minutes were proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Hogarth. Unanimous.</p>
1666	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting</u> Councillor Barker confirmed that the Parish Council was happy for him to progress with the installation of the three new litter bins. The work was underway with the telephone box repairs and the insurance company had paid the claimed amount direct into the current bank account. The defibulator had been all agreed. Training would be provided once the defibulator and cabinet had been installed.</p>
1667	<p><u>Open Forum</u> Colin Brown provided the latest update on the Wormslade Farm Planning Application. The second newsletter was about to be published and a formal letter of objection from the Wormslade Community Liaison Group would be sent. It was thought that the Case Officer would recommend approval for the application despite the issues raised by objectors including the proposal being contrary to the adopted Minerals and Waste Plan. Colin Brown was thanked for his informative report.</p>
1668	<p><u>Community Safety</u> The Police Crime & ASB Statistics were no longer being distributed. However, Councillor Barker reported that he was aware that there was no recent reported crime in Great Oxendon. The current police priority was to tackle burglary.</p>

	<p>Councillor Barker had attended the recent Police Liaison Meeting. Speakers had included Danny Moody from NCALC and Sgt Dobbs from Daventry Police. This was a pilot scheme for Daventry Parish Councils and if successful would be rolled out to the rest of the County. This newly founded group was being used to improve links between the Police and the Public. In addition to the meetings the Police would be communicating on a regular basis via email.</p> <p>PC Hutchings had sent an email regarding seasonal crime prevention and this had been shared via the community mailing list.</p>
1669	<p><u>Highways</u></p> <p>The Clerk had met with Andrew Leighton of NCC Highways (Kier) He had confirmed that the A508 scheme was still going ahead and that the work was likely to take place in the Spring.</p> <p>The introduction of a further speed activated sign was discussed. This would be added as a potential item within the budget for 2018/2019.</p> <p>Car parking continues to be a problem within the village. There had been a specific case of cars parking on footpaths. The Parish Council has no specific powers to deal with car parking enforcement and this would be a highway authority matter. However, the Parish Council could highlight the issue in the Parish newsletter. The Clerk would do an article.</p>
1670	<p><u>Community Matters</u></p> <p>The repair work to the BT box was underway. Mark Stroud, a local resident, was carrying out the work.</p> <p>There had been sound photographic evidence of fly tipping within the Parish. This had been forwarded onto the Daventry District Council for action, as the enforcement authority.</p> <p>A request was made for more welcome letters to be printed. The Clerk would arrange this.</p>
1671	<p><u>Planning Decisions</u></p> <p>The planning decisions for November 2017 was received by the meeting.</p>
1672	<p><u>Planning Consultation: 17/00037/WASVOC - Wormslade Farm Anaerobic Digester</u></p> <p>The Parish Council had discussed the application in detail and it was agreed to object for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council is not convinced that the levels of waste required to make this plant viable can be generated within the stated catchment area. It believes that the operator will be unable to work within the catchment area and this will increase lorry movements within the region. The efficiency levels on catchment area farms would not be so low to generate such high levels of waste. The Parish Council doubts that these figures have been validated with the Ministry for Agriculture and Food. • The Parish Council considers that there will be a considerable amount of crops deliberately grown for use at the Digester. This product, therefore, in our view should not be classified as waste. • On the basis that the County Council considers this to be a waste application then the Parish Council does not understand why the Minerals & Waste Plan has been disregarded in this instance. This application for an industrial site outside of the central spine is clearly contrary to policies 11,12,18,19 and 25 of the County Councils own adopted plan. The application should be

	<p>refused on the basis of this Plan .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This proposal is of no benefit to the local community. It does not create local jobs and creates gas near villages with no gas supply. This is an industrial process in a rural setting and is not welcome in open countryside. It will attract extra traffic and generate odour. This is not a 'green operation' but a plant that is designed to maximise profit from available subsidies. With the future of subsidies being unclear there is serious doubts to the financial sustainability of this site. If this site is permitted and subsequently fails will the land be restored? <p>It is the Parish Council's view that it would be unwise for the County Council to permit planning permission.</p> <p>This was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Rumsey. Unanimous.</p>
1673	<p><u>Affordable Housing</u></p> <p>The Parish Council had identified affordable housing within its approved Design Guide. The Daventry District Council have highlighted potential housing sites within the village. A meeting would be arranged with the Parish to review the list and Parish Councillors would be welcome to attend.</p>
1674	<p><u>Financial reports</u></p> <p>The Parish Council agreed the following payments (including VAT) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheque 100791 – Four Counties – Grass Cutting - £288.00 Cheque 100792 – Crest Medical Limited – Defibulator £1,094.34 Cheque 100793 – Safelincs Ltd t/a The Defib Pad -Defibulator Cabinet £725.40 Cheque 100794 - Mark Stroud – work to the BT telephone box £788 <p>The payments were proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Evans. Unanimous.</p>
1675	<p><u>Bank Reconciliation</u></p> <p>The Parish Council received the bank reconciliation report as at 31st October 2017. Actual cash in the bank stood at £28,310.28.</p>
1676	<p><u>Budget Priorities</u></p> <p>The Parish Council highlighted that the work on the A508 including speed reduction was the priority for 2018/2019.</p> <p>The Street Lights also needed reviewing and upgrading where necessary.</p>
1677	<p><u>New External Auditor</u></p> <p>The Councils new external auditor is PKF Littlejohn. PKF is an independent firm of chartered accountants based at Canary Wharf in London. PKF has been appointed as the external auditor for all parish and town councils in Northamptonshire as well as around 20 other counties in England. This was noted by the Parish Council.</p>
1678	<p><u>Appoint an Internal Auditor</u></p> <p>It was agreed to appoint NCALC as the Parish Council's internal auditor. This was proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Rumsey.</p>

1679	<p><u>Consultations .</u></p> <p>The following consultations had been received by the Parish Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice Note on Neighbourhood Planning and the Historic Environment • DDC Draft Settlements and Countryside Local Plan • County Council Medium Term Financial Strategy <p>The consultations were noted by the Parish Council.</p>
1680	<p><u>Parish Clerks Report</u></p> <p>The Parish Clerk reported that a Town & Parish Councils meeting would take place at Daventry District Council on 14th December 2017.</p>
1681	<p><u>Question Time</u></p> <p>There were no questions raised.</p>
1682	<p><u>Dates of the next Parish Council Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 15th January 2018 • Monday 5th February 2018
<p><i>The meeting finished at 9.06pm</i></p>	

Signed as a and accurate record



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15th January 2017

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