

Great Oxendon Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2018

Present: Councillor Barker, Councillor Jones, Councillor Evans and Councillor Patel Brown

Apologies: Councillor Rumsey, Councillor Hogarth, Councillor Steedman and Councillor Dr Jones.

Parish Clerk – Peter Rowbotham

Also Present - Councillor Richard Auger

Members of the Public: 1

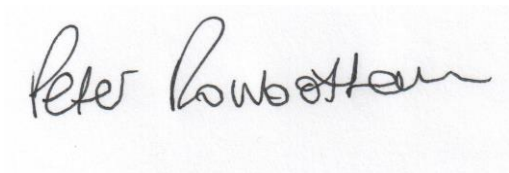
1797	<p><u>Welcome</u> Councillor Barker, acting as chair for the meeting, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
1798	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies had been received from Councillor Rumsey, Councillor Hogarth, Councillor Steedman and Councillor Dr Jones. The apologies were accepted by the Parish Council.</p>
1799	<p><u>Declarations of any Personal & Prejudicial Interests</u> None declared.</p>
1800	<p><u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th June 2018 and any matters arising</u> Councillor Hogarth had been omitted as an attendee at the previous meeting. Subject to this amendment the minutes of the Parish Council of 11th June 2018 were accepted as a true and accurate record. The minutes were proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Jones. Unanimous.</p>
1801	<p><u>Public Open Forum</u> Councillor Auger reported that the District Council would consider the revised community capital grants scheme at its meeting on 26th July 2018. Additional funding has been made available for community projects which must be delivered this financial year. The Bus Service 60 remained under active consideration and the affected parishes had been encouraged to support this initiative. The Community Capital Grants Scheme form would need to be completed by the Clerk.</p>
1802	<p><u>Community Safety</u> Nothing to report. The data on the on-line system was always a few months behind. It was noted by the Parish Council that an online reporting system was in place for the reporting of rural crime such as wildlife crime and heritage work.</p>

1803	<p><u>Highways and Footpaths</u></p> <p>The grass cutting options were considered. Having a local grass cutter was possible but this would be a big commitment in terms of resourcing including equipment, running costs and additional paperwork. Provisional costs and implications would be prepared for consideration for the 2019 service.</p> <p>Some local footpaths had been reported as overgrown. Kate Oriel would be asked to come to a future meeting and discuss.</p>
1804	<p><u>Community Matters</u></p> <p>Simon Patel Brown is going through the draft Welcome letter. It was agreed that photographs of the Parish Councillors would be good for communications including web site and newsletters.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to enquire about the acquisition of World War 1 cremorative bench. This was available from Daventry District Council. There would a financial implication (£200) plus installation.</p>
1805	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>It was reported that Kettering Borough Council were carrying out a consultation exercise regarding a Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan. This was noted by the Parish Council. The Clerk would check the plan for any implications.</p>
1806	<p><u>Payments for June 2018</u></p> <p>The following payments for June 2018 were agreed. This was proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Jones. Unanimous.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Counties - May payment - £145.00 • EON – Street Lighting Maintenance £44.84 (including VAT) • Parish Clerk -Salary & Expenses - £344.71 • HMRC - £222.00 <p>It was agreed that the 4 Counties Invoice be held until the work had been completed. This was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Evans. Unanimous.</p>
1807	<p><u>Bank Reconciliation</u></p> <p>The bank reconciliation indicated £32,221.54 within the current account and £3,927.71 in the reserve account.</p> <p>Further information was requested on the PSWB Loan and details would be circulated to Parish Councillors.</p>
1808	<p><u>Expenditure</u></p> <p>The list of expenditure to date had been circulated. This stood at £2,541.01.</p>
1809	<p><u>Receipts</u></p> <p>The list of receipts to date had been circulated. Income was indicated at £15,455.30.</p>

1810	<p><u>Budget 18/19</u></p> <p>The budget for 2018/2019 was circulated for information. There were a number of projects that needed progressing including new speed activated sign, improved street lights</p> <p>The level and type of street lighting had been discussed. This needed to be appropriate according to the village ambience. A residents' survey would be carried out to gauge residents' views.</p>
1811	<p><u>Parish Clerks Report</u></p> <p>The Parish Council was made aware of the ongoing Copperbeech garage planning correspondence. Planning enforcement was outside of the Parish Council powers and this was a matter for the District Council to address. It was noted that a meeting was being organised and the progress on this was welcomed.</p> <p>It was noted that there had been proposed changes to the Dog Control Orders with Daventry District. This had been advertised and individual comments had been invited.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk's report was noted by the Parish Council.</p>
1812	<p><u>Consultations</u></p> <p>The Daventry Community Governance Review was discussed. The Parish Clerk would submit the views raised in the discussion regarding the lack of governance within a Parish Meeting structure. This had been exposed locally particularly in planning matters.</p> <p>The Parish Council noted the ongoing review of local government in Northamptonshire and the inevitability of the introduction of a unitary council.</p>
1813	<p><u>Question Time</u></p> <p>The issue of road sign cleaning was raised. There was difficulty in finding a contractor. This would be looked into.</p> <p>The overhanging trees at Greenbanks, Harborough Road, Great Oxendon was raised as a concern as it was impeding the Parish Council grass cutting. This was a highway matter (even though the trees are on private property) and this would be reported via Street Doctor.</p>
1814	<p><u>Any Other Urgent Business</u></p> <p>There was no urgent business.</p>
1815	<p><u>Dates of the next Parish Council Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 6th August 2018 • Monday 10th September 2018
1816	<p><u>Any other Urgent Business</u></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>

The meeting finished at 8:50pm

Signed as a true and accurate record



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6th August 2018**

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