

## Great Oxendon Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

**Present:** Councillor Steedman, Councillor Barker, Councillor Evans, Councillor Carolyn Jones, Councillor Hogarth, Councillor Patel Brown and Councillor Rumsey

**Apologies:** Councillor Dr Jones

**Parish Clerk:** Peter Rowbotham

**Also Present:**

**Members of the Public:** 0

1855	<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b> Councillor Steedman welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.</p>
1856	<p><b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b>  Councillor Dr Jones had offered her apologies for absence which had been accepted by the Parish Council.  It was noted that District Councillor Richard Auger had been unable to attend the meeting.</p>
1857	<p><b><u>Declarations of any Personal &amp; Prejudicial Interests</u></b>  None declared.</p>
1858	<p><b><u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and any Matters Arising</u></b>  The minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 had been agreed by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Councillor Barker and seconded by Councillor Patel Brown. Unanimous.</p>
1859	<p><b><u>Matters Arising from the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018</u></b>  Councillor Hogarth reported that 12 residents had completed the recent first aid course organised by the Parish Council. The quality had been excellent and there had been some demand to hold a second course.  The fence repair to the Village Hall was being progressed.  It was suggested that the Parish Council look at getting good quality litter bins – possibly plastic ones with increased capacity.</p>
1860	<p><b><u>Public Open Forum</u></b>  No items were raised within the Public Forum. -</p>

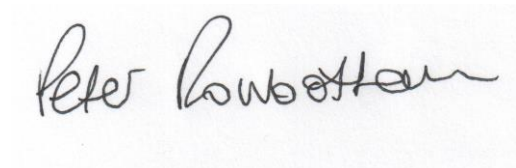
1861	<p><b><u>Community Safety</u></b></p> <p>The latest available ASB and Crime Figures had been available on line – currently showing the data for July 2018. The higher crimes numbers across the county include the top categories of ASB, Violent Crime, Vehicle Crime and Burglary.</p> <p>The Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner had asked for views on the use of Community Remedy. This is where a low-level offender admits the offence whilst the victim works with Police to choose how the offender makes amends. The survey is available from the PCC web site.</p> <p>It was reported that the Northamptonshire County Council was currently inviting applications for independent members to join the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Panel. Independent members serve on the Panel along with councillors from each of the councils in Northamptonshire and contribute to ensuring that the Panel has the knowledge and expertise to enable it to carry out its role effectively.</p>
1862	<p><b><u>Highways and Footpaths</u></b></p> <p>The formal application for community grant funding for the A508 works had been submitted to Daventry District Council by the Parish Clerk.</p> <p>There were numerous areas for attention around the village. The trees on Braybrooke Road needed cutting back. The trees at Greenbank required cutting back. There were weeds growing in the guttering which needed removing.</p> <p>The possibility of looking at a Parish Warden was discussed. The Clerk would draw up a list of possible tasks that such a role would carry out. This would be on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>Thanks had been recorded from Mr &amp; Mrs Corner regarding the leak being fixed on Main Street.</p> <p>The mowing had been carried out, but some parts of the village had been missed.</p> <p>It was agreed to obtain quotes for a new Speed Activated Device. A solar powered device was preferred. The Clerk would investigate this by contacting Northants Highways.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood watch signs were still needed to be ordered. Enquiries would be made by the Clerk for 'playground' signs to be installed on Braybrooke Road.</p> <p>Street Lighting needed to be reviewed throughout the village. This would be a future agenda item.</p> <p>The grit/ salt bins and bags were available for winter use. The spreading of grit in the village was dependant on community minded people to do this.</p>
1863	<p><b><u>Community Matters</u></b></p> <p>The Community Governance Review was underway and currently subject to consultation. A position statement would be provided by the Clerk to those residents who had subscribed to the Parish Council email updates.</p> <p>The Welcome Leaflet was progressing. A list of businesses would be incorporated into the leaflet. A photo of the Parish Council could also be incorporated. Thanks were recorded to those involved in preparing the leaflet.</p> <p>The use of bins within the village was discussed. There were currently 3 in the village and 2 within the</p>

	playing field. Local government supplier ESPO could provide new bins with post or ground fixings. Anti-Litter signs and other litter picking equipment were also available.												
1864	<p><b><u>Planning -DA 2018/0796</u></b>  <b><u>Application for the removal of a hedge</u></b>  <b><u>Land off Braybrooke Road, Great Oxendon</u></b></p> <p>The Parish Council considered the application to remove a hedge.</p> <p>The Parish Council had no objections to this proposal but would like the assurance that a specialist rural body had been consulted on this – such as the CPRE. Whilst agreeing with the logic of this application (farming efficiency) the Parish Council does not encourage the removal of hedge rows on a piece meal basis. The Parish Council would like to think that there is a body looking at the bigger picture to protect the existing countryside.</p> <p>This was proposed by Councillor Carolyn Jones and seconded by Councillor Rumsey. Unanimous.</p>												
1865	<p><b><u>Payments</u></b></p> <p>The payment list was approved. This was proposed by Councillor Carolyn Jones and seconded by Councillor Evans. Unanimous.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>EON</td> <td>Street Lights Maintenance</td> <td>£250</td> <td>HA 1980 s 96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Rowbotham</td> <td>Wages</td> <td>£333.15</td> <td>LGA 1972 s 112</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>PAYE</td> <td>£224</td> <td>LGA 1972 s 112</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>The above payments include VAT (where applicable)</i></p>	EON	Street Lights Maintenance	£250	HA 1980 s 96	Peter Rowbotham	Wages	£333.15	LGA 1972 s 112	HMRC	PAYE	£224	LGA 1972 s 112
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1866	<p><b><u>Bank Reconciliation</u></b></p> <p>The bank reconciliation indicated £41,780.75 within the Community and Money Manager accounts. The report was noted by the Parish Council.</p>												
1867	<p><b><u>Statement of Reserves</u></b></p> <p>The Statement of Reserves was noted by the Parish Council.</p> <p>£32,442.33 was identified as either restricted or ear marked funds. There was £9,338.42 held within General Reserves.</p>												
1868	<p><b><u>VAT Claims</u></b></p> <p>It was noted by the Parish Council that all future VAT claims would be submitted electronically.</p>												
1869	<p><b><u>Parish Clerks Report</u></b></p> <p>There was no additional business to report.</p>												
1870	<p><b><u>Question Time</u></b></p> <p>There were no questions raised.</p>												

1871	<u>Any Other Urgent Business</u>  None
1872	<u>Dates of the next Parish Council Meetings</u>  • Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2018

The meeting finished at 9:11pm

*Signed as a true and accurate record*



**Councillor Roseanne Steedman  
Chair  
Great Oxendon Parish Council**

**12<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

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