

## Great Oxendon Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Present:** Councillor Steedman, Councillor Barker, Councillor Evans, Councillor Carolyn Jones, Councillor Patel Brown, Councillor Dr Jones,

**Apologies:** Councillor Rumsey and Councillor Hogarth

**Parish Clerk:** Peter Rowbotham

**Also Present:** Councillor Richard Auger

**Members of the Public:** 3

1872	<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b> Councillor Steedman welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.</p>
1873	<p><b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b>  Councillor Rumsey and Councillor Hogarth had offered apologies for absence which had been accepted by the Parish Council.</p>
1874	<p><b><u>Declarations of any Personal &amp; Prejudicial Interests</u></b>  None declared.</p>
1875	<p><b><u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 and any Matters Arising</u></b>  The minutes of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 had been agreed by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman. This was proposed by Councillor Carolyn Jones and seconded by Councillor Evans. Unanimous.</p>
1876	<p><b><u>Matters Arising from the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018</u></b>  The cost of the highway approved signs for the playground is £850.</p>
1877	<p><b><u>Public Open Forum</u></b>  Councillor Auger apologised for the community capital grant refusal re the A508 scheme which had included incorrect grounds for declining funds. The Parish Council was asked to resubmit the application.  Councillor Auger outlined the need for the application to meet the corporate objectives of the District Council for the A508 bid to be successful. He remained happy to support the application.</p>
1878	<p><b><u>Community Safety</u></b>  Councillor Barker reported the latest crime data within the area.</p>

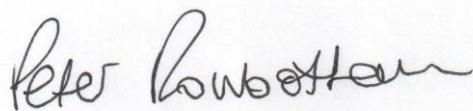
	<p>There had been problems with dogs chasing and killing sheep. There were good descriptions of the type of dogs and Police were aware.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Watch signs had been erected.</p>
1879	<p><b><u>Highways and Footpaths</u></b></p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to Implement the A508 traffic calming scheme – regardless of the outcome of the DDC grant application This was proposed by Councillor Dr Jones and seconded by Councillor Carolyn Jones Unanimous.</p> <p>There had been footpath improvements with new stiles installed across the land. The County Council spending restrictions had led to more pressure on the landowner to maintain paths at his/her expense.</p> <p>There were reports of regular fly tipping of domestic black bags at the lay by within Kelmarsh. The Clerk would report this to Street Doctor.</p> <p>It was agreed that quotes be obtained for the cutting back of the footpath on Harborough Road. The Clerk would action this. This was proposed by Councillor Carolyn Jones and seconded by Councillor Patel Brown. Unanimous.</p> <p>An update was provided on the traveller trespass issue on private land to the north of the village. The travellers had since moved on and the Parish Council was pleased to note that the landowner had quickly restored the land.</p>
1880	<p><b><u>World War One Bench</u></b></p> <p>Various locations had received consideration. The Parish Council agreed that the preferred location was by the cross roads, close to the bus stop. Unanimous. This was proposed by Councillor Barker and seconded by Councillor Patel Brown. Unanimous.</p>
1881	<p><b><u>Village Warden</u></b></p> <p>The idea of having a Village Warden for Great Oxendon was discussed which would complement the existing community action projects. The postholder would not be able to work within one metre of the highway. Training would be provided to ensure compliance with Health &amp; Safety legislation. The Parish Council was happy to progress this with further details clarified after the budget process.</p>
1882	<p><b><u>Community Governance Review</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council did not support the proposal to merge Great Oxendon Parish Council with Kelmarsh Parish Council. This was proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Carolyn Jones. Unanimous.</p>
1883	<p><b><u>New Dog Control Powers</u></b></p> <p>The Parish Council noted the new powers being introduced by the Daventry District Council.</p>
1884	<p><b><u>Litter Picking Equipment</u></b></p> <p>The Parish Council asked that an item be placed in the next Parish Newsletter asking for volunteer community litter pickers. Each volunteer would receive a litter picker.</p>

1885	<p><b><u>Neighbourhood Planning</u></b></p> <p>The Parish Council was looking for a lead resident to take on the Neighbourhood Plan process. This item was deferred to a future meeting.</p>																																																						
1886	<p><b><u>Payments</u></b></p> <p>The payment list was approved. This was proposed by Councillor Barker and seconded by Councillor Dr. Jones.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="280 506 1422 1223"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Item</th> <th>Charges</th> <th>VAT</th> <th>Total</th> <th>Powers</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4 Counties</td> <td>2 cuts and strimming</td> <td>£250.00</td> <td>0</td> <td>£250.00</td> <td>HA 1980 s 96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Daventry DC *</td> <td>Bench</td> <td>£300.00</td> <td>£60</td> <td>£360.00</td> <td>LGA 1973 s137</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EON</td> <td>Electricity</td> <td>£218.65</td> <td>£10.93</td> <td>£229.58</td> <td>HA 1980 s301</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oxendon PCC</td> <td>Grant – Church Window</td> <td>£750.00</td> <td>0</td> <td>£750.00</td> <td>LGA 1972 s144</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BT Group*</td> <td>Broadband - Village Hall</td> <td>£166.45</td> <td>£33.29</td> <td>£199.74</td> <td>LGA 1972 s111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Rowbotham</td> <td>Expenses Q2</td> <td>£25.27</td> <td>£3.16</td> <td>£28.43</td> <td>LGA 1972 s112</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Hall</td> <td>Hire and electricity</td> <td>£220.00</td> <td>0</td> <td>£220.00</td> <td>LGA 1972 s111</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" style="text-align: right;"><b>Total spending this month</b></td> <td><b>£2,037.75</b></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee	Item	Charges	VAT	Total	Powers	4 Counties	2 cuts and strimming	£250.00	0	£250.00	HA 1980 s 96	Daventry DC *	Bench	£300.00	£60	£360.00	LGA 1973 s137	EON	Electricity	£218.65	£10.93	£229.58	HA 1980 s301	Oxendon PCC	Grant – Church Window	£750.00	0	£750.00	LGA 1972 s144	BT Group*	Broadband - Village Hall	£166.45	£33.29	£199.74	LGA 1972 s111	Peter Rowbotham	Expenses Q2	£25.27	£3.16	£28.43	LGA 1972 s112	Village Hall	Hire and electricity	£220.00	0	£220.00	LGA 1972 s111	<b>Total spending this month</b>				<b>£2,037.75</b>	
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1887	<p><b><u>Bank Reconciliation</u></b></p> <p>The bank reconciliation indicated £40,979.02 within the Community and Money Manager accounts. The report was noted by the Parish Council.</p>																																																						
1888	<p><b><u>Statement of Reserves</u></b></p> <p>The Statement of Reserves was noted by the Parish Council. There was £32,445.07 identified as either restricted or ear marked funds. There was £8,538.42 held within General Reserves.</p>																																																						
1889	<p><b><u>Reserves Policy</u></b></p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to adopt the Reserves Policy. This was proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Carolyn Jones. Unanimous.</p>																																																						
1890	<p><b><u>Parish Clerks Report</u></b></p> <p>There was no additional business to report.</p>																																																						

1891	<p><b><u>Question Time</u></b></p> <p>The level of street lighting was raised as an issue Work is required to ascertain existing level of lighting and upgrade costs to meet modern standards. Secondly there was a need for a survey to gauge residents wishes – improve the existing lights or add additional street lights. The Clerk would contact EON to see if a technical survey was possible.</p> <p>The grass cutting specification would be included as an agenda item in the new year. The budget would need adjusting if consistent higher standards of grass cutting was required.</p>
1892	<p><b><u>Any Other Urgent Business</u></b></p> <p>None</p>
1893	<p><b><u>Dates of the next Parish Council Meetings</u></b></p> <p>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018</p>

The meeting finished at 9:11pm

*Signed as a true and accurate record*



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

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

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