

Great Oxendon Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th December 2019

Village Hall, Main Street, Great Oxendon

Present: Councillor Steedman, Councillor Barker, Councillor Carolyn Jones, Councillor Evans, Councillor Debbie Jones and Councillor Patel Brown

Apologies Councillor Rumsey and Councillor Hogarth.

Absent:

Also Present: Peter Rowbotham (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: 1
District Councillor Richard Auger in attendance

2126 **Welcome**

Councillor Steedman welcomed everyone to the December meeting of the Great Oxendon Parish Council.

2127 **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Rumsey and Councillor Hogarth. The apologies were accepted by the meeting.

2128 **Declarations of any Personal & Prejudicial Interests**

None

2129 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th November 2019 and any matters arising**

The minutes of the Parish Council of 11th November 2019 were accepted as a true and accurate record. The minutes were proposed by Councillor Carolyn Jones and seconded by Councillor Debbie Jones. Unanimous.

2130 **Public Open Forum Session**

Councillor Auger updated the Parish Council upon the Structural Change Order which will progress the reorganisation of local government within Northamptonshire. The proposal is to replace the County and District Councils' with two unitary Councils'. Elections for the new West Northants Unitary will take place in May 2020.

Councillor Auger outlined a proposal to illuminate the tunnels on the Brampton Valley Way. The use of solar power was being investigated. It was hoped that local funding could be sought. This would contribute to the healthy living objective in addition to improving the perception of a safe environment for both walkers and cyclists.

2131 Dispensation – Village Hall Business

Councillor Barker, Councillor Carolyn Jones and Councillor Rumsey were all given dispensation to speak and vote upon Village Hall matters until 7th May 2020. This was proposed by Councillor Debbie Jones and seconded by Councillor Evans. Unanimous.

2132 Housing

The Parish Council had reviewed its decision-making process regarding affordable housing which had been considered on 11th November 2019. After considering the advice received, the Parish Council agreed that the best option was to rescind its earlier decision (Minute Number 2118). The Parish Council also agreed that this matter should only be reconsidered following a community engagement exercise which would take place as an open meeting to be held on the morning of Saturday 6th June 2020. (A scheme plan would be required from both developers for consultation purposes) This was proposed by Councillor Debbie Jones and seconded by Councillor Carolyn Jones. Unanimous.

2133 Community Safety

An overview of crime within the locality was provided. There were four reported crimes within the Parish of Great Oxendon during October 2019. The Parish Council noted the report.

2134 Highways, Footpaths and Trees

The new speed indicator device (SID) was still to be installed. This had been funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy. (CIL) The existing battery-operated SID would be relocated to Main Street. The possibility of painting the entrance gateway white was discussed.

Vehicles blocking the footpath was a continual problem. The local police would deal with vehicles driving on the pavement or causing an obstruction and contact can be made via the 101 non-emergency number. The Clerk would investigate the cost of yellow lamppost signage asking for 'no parking on the grass'.

The Parish Council noted the road closure on Church Lane, Clipston on 2nd to 6th December 2019.

2135 Community Engagement

The Council was notified of the recently received consultations.

- Daventry District Council's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy consultation
- Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation (5-yearly review)
- Harborough District Council - Planning Consultation - Statement of Community Involvement
- Consultation on proposed school admissions arrangements for September 2021

Parish Councillors could respond to these as individuals.

2136 Armed Services Covenant

The Parish Council agreed to commit to the Armed Services Covenant. This was proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Patel Brown. Unanimous.

2137 Environment

It was noted that the removal of the tipped of rubbish within the private gateway on Harborough Road could not be actioned. The District Council, as enforcement authority, had no grounds to act against the owner. The Parish Council also had no powers in this matter. The Parish Council noted this matter.

2138 Parish Council Representatives – Reports

Village Hall – Nothing to report.

Cross Border Meeting – A planning application had been submitted for a traveller site at Loddington. This was an unauthorised site and Kettering Borough Council was the Planning Authority.

2139 Planning & Licensing

DA/2019/0977

Single Storey side and rear Extension

39 Main Street, Great Oxendon, LE16 8NG

The Parish Council had no objections to the proposal. This was proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Carolyn Jones. Unanimous.

2140 Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan would now be linked to the Community Engagement session to be held on June 6th, 2020. Without community involvement this could not be progressed.

2141 Finance - Monthly Transaction (Including Approval of Payments)

The list of financial transactions and payments for December 2019 was approved by the Parish Council. All invoices for payment had been examined, verified and certified by the Parish Clerk in accordance with the Financial Regulation 5.3. This was proposed by Councillor Debbie Jones and seconded by Councillor Patel Brown. Unanimous.

		Net Amount	VAT	Total	Powers
		£	£	£	
Direct Debit Payments - Financial Reg 6.7					
BT	Broadband (25th November)	45.90	9.18	55.08	LGA 1972 s111
Payments for approval - Financial Regulation 5.2 (via BACS)					
Daventry Norse	Litter Bins	539.20	107.84	647.04	LA 1983 ss 5-6
Total Expenditure this month					
Receipts					
Total Income this month					

2142 Finance - Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation Report for 31st October 2019 was noted by the Parish Council. This indicated £11,988.74 within the Revenue Account (Community Account) and £3,867.50 within the Capital Account. (Money Manager Account).

2143 Finance - Statement of Reserves

The Statement of Reserves was noted by the Parish Council. This indicated £693.49 within restricted funds and £3,800 within earmarked reserves.

2144 Finance - Budget Monitoring

The rolling budget report was noted by the Parish Council. There were no areas to highlight.

2145 Finance – Budget Priorities

The Parish Council considered its spending priorities for 2020 2021. The Parish Council indicated that 'Contractor Payments' should include for ad hoc jobs around the village including sign cleaning and cleaning out the bus shelters. It was also hoped to change the grass cutting frequency to fortnightly, but only if affordable.

2146 Finance - Grant Applications

A grant of £750 was awarded to the Village Hall Committee for some basic redecoration works. This was proposed by Councillor Debbie Jones and seconded by Councillor Evans. Unanimous.

A one-off grant of £288 was awarded to the Great Oxendon parochial church council (PCC) to produce the Church Newsletter. This was proposed by Councillor Carolyn Jones and seconded by Councillor Debbie Jones. Unanimous.

2147 Street Lighting

The contact for reporting street lighting repairs would be circulated by the Clerk. It was agreed that a grant application be submitted for a BT box light and a Solar Powered light near the southbound bus stop. This bid would have to be match funded. Proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Carolyn Jones. Unanimous.

2148 Parish Council Elections 2020

All Parish Councils will have elections on Thursday 7 May 2020. Councillors were asked of their intentions to determine whether a promotion campaign was required for new Councillors. Nominations close for new Councillors at the end of March 2020.

2149 Parish Clerks Report

There was no additional business to report.

2150 Question Time

No items were raised.

2151 Any Other Urgent Business

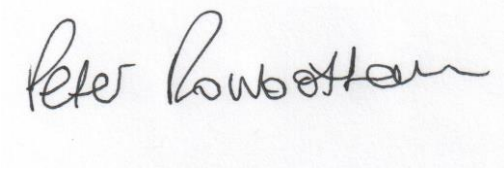
None

2152 Future Dates of Parish Council Meetings

- Monday 3rd February 2020
- Monday 2nd March 2020
- Monday 6th April 2020 (Parish Meeting & Parish Council)
- **Election Day – Thursday 7th May 2020**
- Monday 11th May 2020 (Annual Meeting)

The meeting finished at 9.17 pm

Signed as a true and accurate record



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13th January 2020

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