

Wheatley Parish Council

Councillors are summoned to a meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**
on Monday 24th October 2016 in the **COFFEE ROOM**, Merry Bells at 7.30pm

Signed: *Gareth Morris*

Gareth Morris, Clerk to the Parish Council 19th October 2016

ANY MEMBER WITH AN INTEREST TO DECLARE IN ANY AGENDA ITEM IS REMINDED TO DO SO IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING IN THE BOOK PROVIDED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 19th SEPTEMBER 2016** - circulated with this Agenda
4. **UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH SEPTEMBER 2016**
 - i) **Minute 26(i)** – Bench in the Memorial Gardens
 - ii) **Minute 36(ii)** – Application for Grant Aid from SODC for noticeboards and seats. Planning Permission for the noticeboard at the Triangle has been applied for
5. **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WHEATLEY PLAYING FIELD TRUST AND THE HOLTON PLAYING FIELDS**
6. **TO REPORT ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE INSTALLATION OF THE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS**
7. **TO CONSIDER A REVISED BUDGET FOR 2016/17 AND THE BUDGET FOR 2017/2018**
(see enclosed papers)
8. **TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM NALC TO RESPOND TO A DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DCLG) TECHNICAL CONSULTATION ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT INCLUDING PROPOSALS REGARDING COUNCIL TAX REFERENDUM PRINCIPLES FOR LOCAL AND TOWN COUNCILS.** (See enclosed papers).
We are asked to respond to the questions below:

Question 4: Do you agree that referendum principles should be extended to larger, higher spending town and parish councils in 2017/18 as set out in paragraphs 3.3.3 to 3.3.4?

- Question 5: Do you agree with the proposed approach to take account of the transfer of responsibilities to town and parish councils as outlined in paragraph 3.3.5?
- Question 6: Do you agree with the suggestion that referendum principles may be extended to all local precepting authorities as set out in paragraph 3.3.6? If so what level of principle should be set?
- Question 7: Do you have views on the practical implications of a possible extension of referendum principles to all local precepting authorities as set out in paragraph 3.3.7?

NALC will be responding to this consultation in the strongest possible terms, setting out its opposition to these proposals as well as calling for the removal of the Secretary of State's powers on council tax referendums in the Localism Act 2011.

OALC will be responding and we hope individual councils will too.

8. TO REPORT ON THE PROGRESS ON DEALING WITH ROCK FALL FROM THE CLIFF IN CHURCH ROAD RECREATION GROUND

9. GRANTS, LICENCES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

- i) Grant for Wheatley Park School Prizing Giving – Thursday 20th October 2016 – (2015/16 £250) (Section 137)
- ii) Grant for Oxfordshire Association for the Blind (Section 137) – (2015/16 - £250)
- iii) Donation to Royal British Legion for Wreath - £40

10. TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A SEAT BY THE BUS STOP ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHURCH ROAD TO THE WEST OF FRIDAY LANE

11. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SITUATION OF THE MAPLE TREE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

12. CLERK UPDATE

- i) To report on the recent safety inspection of the recreation areas and the resulting urgent repairs.
- ii) To report on correspondence from Oxford Brooks University and the PCSOs on student parking on Waterperry Road
- iii) To purchase Christmas tree – ask City of Oxford Silver Band to play carols at switching on - £50

13. TO RECEIVE A BUDGET FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP (see enclosed paper)

14. TO CONSIDER THE GENERAL TIDINESS OF THE VILLAGE INCLUDING TREES AND FOOTPATHS

15. TO CONSIDER THE COST OF GRASS CUTTING ACROSS THE VILLAGE

16. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- a) Budget up to end of September 2016 to be discussed. A completed copy of reconciled bank statement to be signed by the Chairman & RFO

b) **Balances**

After the cheques below have been paid the balances on the council's accounts as at 24th October 2016 will be as follows:

Community	£3,397.11
Tracker	£133,624.96
Treasury	£61,030.96

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS TO BE AUTHORISED

Cheque no.	Payee	Payment details	Amount
	Cheques paid		
106653,06653-60	GM/SW/JF/AR/OCC/HMR&C	September sals/wages/Paye/NIC	4,580.24
106661	SODC	Planning app for noticeboard	97.50
106662	MD Messagemaker	VASs half payment	8,825.40
		Total	£13,503.14
	Cheques to Pay		
106663	Merry Bells	Hall Hire	204.00
106663	Merry Bells	Hall Hire for Neighbourhood Plan	78.00
106663	Merry Bells	Gas recharge 13/06/16-15/09/16	9.94
106664	Universal Access	Fence panels Church Rd Rec Sept hire	308.45
106664	Universal Access	Fence panels Church Rd Rec Oct hire	337.82
106665	Green Scythe	Recreation areas –cut 11/8/16	237.60
106666	Stanton Hope	Round Up weedkiller	327.54
106667	Grzegorz Zasuwa	Office window cleaning	5.00
106668	Mainstream Digital	Line rental, calls, phone book entry	75.69
106669	Parchments of Oxford	Oct/Nov Newsletter	1,995.65
106670	Anette Richards	Oct/Nov Newsletter	680.00
106671	Lyreco UK Ltd	Paper and office equipment	123.44
106672	Swift Digital Ltd	Photocopies 16/07/16 to 17/10/16	302.02
106672	Berinsfield Community Business	Verges sept cut	608.33
	GM/SW/JF/AR/OCC/HMR&C	September sals/wages/Paye/NIC	4,500.00
		Total	£9,793.48

INCOME RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

Income details	Amount
2 nd half precept	54,711.50
Newsletter Advertising	870.00
Allotments	20.00
Treasury Bill Interest	32.64
Tracker Account interest	14.19
Total	£55,648.33

18. PUBLICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- i) The Haseleys - October 2016*
- ii) Little Milton Newsletter – October 2016*
- iii) Great Milton Bulletin –October2016*

- iv) URC Newsletter – October 2016*
- v) Tiddington with Albury and Milton Common –October/November 2016*
- vi) TVP Neighbourhood Policing – October 2016 newsletter*
- vii) From Stanton St John Parish Clerk – resurfacing of A40
- viii) Holton, Waterperry and Waterstock news October 2016*

* On display in Parish Office

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21st NOVEMBER 2016

20. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION