

Wheatley Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 6th November 2017 in Merry Bells at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Bell (RB), Bignell (PB), Foster (KF), Gregory (PG), Harding (RH), Harrison (PH), Hood (Pho), Lamont (DL) (Chair), Roberts (IR), Tully (LT), Willmott (PW), Cllr Kirsten Johnson (KJ)

Officer: Michelle Legg, Clerk to the Parish Council (Clerk)

Members of the public: approx. 16

No	Item	Action
142.	APOLOGIES for Absence – Cllr Newman	
143.	DECLARATIONS of Interest Cllr Willmott - Wheatley Playing Field Trust Cllr Lamont - Wheatley Playing Field Trust	
144.	MINUTES from previous meeting held on 2nd October were signed as a true record of the meeting.	
145.	ACTIONS from previous meeting held on 2nd October	
146.	TO CO-OPT THREE PARISH COUNCILLORS following the resignations of Cllrs J Carr, A Davies, and T Davies. Martin Shields and Andrew Cooper came forward and after providing a brief summary they were duly co-opted onto the council. After signing their acceptance of office, they joined the table.	
147.	TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR KIRSTEN JOHNSON Bollard on High St replaced, meeting took place to discuss traffic in Church Rd and potential funding for consultation, grant awarded for the Maple Tree, quotes for Ambrose Rise street lighting, disabled parking work continues, championing for public consultation with OCC on Ox-Cambridge Expressway.	
148.	TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOBY NEWMAN – none available.	
149.	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Village square meeting has taken place with OCC and was in agreement for disabled parking to be located on the site. Quotes received, review panel to be promoted through the next village newsletterii. Cullum Rd Rec – equipment repairs ongoingiii. Church Rd Rec - damage by Greenscythe will be repaired by the company.iv. Christmas fair – grant awarded for lights and bin, rota to be drawn up for each councillors to man WPC activitiesv. VAS quotes for London Road being soughtvi. Newsletter deadline – 11th Nov.	
150.	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE- the latest email update had previously been circulated	

- 151. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE WHEATLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
Update previously circulated and a verbal update given by John Fox. A reminder that the Local Plan forum is on Thu 9th Nov, in the Merry Bells 3-7pm.
Cllr Roberts was concerned that the Localism Act was not being actioned properly by SODC.
Cllr Hood asked for clarification on the timing for public ratification. Roy Gordon/John Fox confirmed that this is likely to be Feb/Mar 2018.
Cllr Bell shared his frustration that the Localism Act is not being followed because SODC do not have the resources.

8pm The Chair declared the meeting out of session and opened up the meeting to the public, seconded by Cllr Gregory

Geoff Coleman – Christmas Fair

Formerly asked for permission to use the Village Square for the Christmas Fair.
All voted in favour of supporting the event.

Wheatley Archive supporters – Grant for Wheatley Archives (supported by three written letters)

Raised issue and concerns over the reduced funding for the Wheatley Archive.
Cllr Lamont, Willmott and Gregory reported that the committee felt that the archive request was an assumption year on year at a time when there are increased financial pressures.
Tim Blightman confirmed that the Merry Bells charge a reduced rent of £1500.
Cllr Lamont invited both parties to meet to discuss income and funding opportunities.
Cllr Roberts asked for confirmation that the grant should be ratified by full council.
The Clerk confirmed that this is within the delegated powers of the finance group.
Cllr Bell felt that there were adequate funds to support the request.
Cllr Willmott proposed that the Merry Bells resubmit a grant application to be discussed at the finance committee, in the meantime a meeting would be arranged.
This was seconded by Cllr Hood and all present agreed.

Ian Germain – Parking permits for Church Road

Asked for support from WPC in applying for parking permits in the SODC car park.
Cllr Bell confirmed that the retailers would need to apply directly with SODC, WPC would be consulted in due course.

Val Churchill & neighbour – Park Hill overnight parking

Raised issues of car and overnight lorry parking on Park Hill
Cllr Lamont suggested that residents should be canvassed for solutions.
Cllr Gregory asked for the police to be formally approached.

Resident – Parish meeting

Asked for vocal clarity when items are being discussed and for improvements to be made to the layout during meetings

20:30 Chair declared the meeting back in session.

- 152. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE FLOOD STORAGE GROUP** –Cllr Roberts urged a solution to be found and progress made.
Cllr Harding provided an update from Roger Bettess, who met with contractors.
Issues have arisen with a new proposal within Shotover Estate.
Cllr Bell recommended approaching Dave Monson and Roger Bettess.
Cllr Hood agreed to take this on.

PHo

- 153. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM WHEATLEY PLAYING FIELDS TRUST AND TO DISCUSS THE TERMS OF THE LEASE**
- Coming up to the third anniversary of the process, the chair confirmed that all bar one clause has been agreed.
- Cllr Hood proposed that copies of the information were forwarded with the new councillors and reconvene with an EGM. Seconded by Cllr Roberts. All voted in favour. **Clerk & Chair to convene an EGM**
- Clerk/
DL**
- Cllr Willmott provided a verbal update from the WPFT. Electrical work has been undertaken. The trust has been in talks with governing bodies to mitigate the closure of the OBU facilities and with LTA on improving the court surfaces.
- Cllr Gregory raised the correspondence from R Eden and the commitment of the parish council. Clerk confirmed that all information will be circulated to new councillors.
- Cllr Lamont confirmed that without the trust the responsibility and management of the facilities would return to the parish council.
- Cllr Wilmott confirmed that the pavilions are the sticking point in the lease and to be discussed at the EGM.
- 154. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM PAVILION PROJECT WORKING GROUP – no meeting has taken place**
- 155. TO CONSIDER PARK HILL CARE HOME PLANNING APPLICATION**
- RB**
- General views sought on whether this project will benefit to the village.
- Cllr Shields declared an interest as a resident of Park Hill.
- A vote was undertaken and the results were 7 in favour, with 2 against, 3 abstentions.
- This will be covered at the next planning committee on Wednesday 8th November.
- 156. TO DISCUSS LITTLEWORTH PLAYING FIELDS**
- PHo**
- A brief summary was provided by Cllr Hood for the benefit of the new councillors, supported by the minutes from the recent meeting.
- Cllr Hood made a proposal to support the ODST/school/WPC in forming a lease (in principle) to manage the land, seconded by Cllr Wilmott.
- Cllr Lamont questioned the costs involved. Cllr Hood and Willmott could not confirm the full costs, although legal fees of £2,500 was anticipated, with all other costs being incurred by the ODST/school.
- A vote ensued, 9 voted in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions.
- 157. TO CONSIDER TRAFFIC PROPOSALS TO CHURCH ROAD**
- Clerk**
- Clerk had circulated a briefing note from a recent meeting with OCC Cllrs and officers. Cllr Lamont asked for identification of the complainant. It was agreed to receive and note this with no action to be taken.
- 158. TO CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO THE SODC LOCAL PLAN PROPOSALS**
- Cllr Lamont asked for WPC to respond to the proposals.
- A discussion took place on OBU development, infrastructure (A40), schools and doctors provision.
- Cllr Lamont urged everyone to attend the consultation event on Thu 9th November, Cllr Roberts asked that responses should be as factual as possible.
- Councillors asked to feed comments into the Clerk by 13th November, before they are reviewed and compiled by a group of councillors.**
- ALL**

159. TO RECEIVE UPDATE/MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM

- i) Open Spaces Committee –previously circulated, next meeting 20th November
 - ii) Finance Committee – previously circulated, next meeting 18th December
- All chairs reminded to look at their budget proposal for 2018-19 ready for the meeting with the chairs.
- iii) Planning Committee – previously circulated next meeting on 8th November

160. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM EXTERNAL BODIES

- i) Merry Bells Committee – Cllr Foster **Clerk to circulate Kate Fosters response re Wheatley Archives.** Clerk
- ii) The Howe Trust – Cllrs Gregory reported that routine maintenance continues. A trust meeting will be take place later in November. The trust will be represented at tonight's allotment meeting
- iii) Wheatley Windmill Preservation Society – no update available
- iv) Neighbourhood Action Group –no update.
- v) Maple Tree Centre – Cllr Tully written report by the Maple Tree circulated.

161. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Proposed by Cllr Wilmott and seconded by Cllr Lamont to propose that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, public be excluded on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph X of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, namely private contractual and employment matters

162. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE/MINUTES AND ACTIONS The chair of the committee provided a verbal update from the Staffing Committee. Cllr Shields agreed to join the committee.

Cllr Cooper has opted to joining Planning and Open Spaces and Cllr Shields to join Finance.

163. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Wheatley Archives letters re grant
- ii. Plans for Remembrance Services
- iii. Approval for tree works for Church Road Rec
- iv. OALC October update
- v. Ox-Cambridge expressway
- vi. Various parish newsletters and journals

164. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- i. Illegal platform installed on Wheatley playing fields.
Clerk to write to the club and ask for it to be removed
- ii. Councillors invited to attend the CCG – email previously circulated.

Clerk

165. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4th December 2017

Meeting closed 21:55