

**GREAT COXWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Great Coxwell Parish Council held  
In the Parish Reading Room on Monday 12th September 2016 at 7:30pm**

**Present** Annabelle Zinovieff (Chair), Steve McNally, Richard May, Lauren Gale, Jacqui Russell, Ian Mason (RFO), Jo King (Parish Clerk). Members of public (4)

**1. Apologies**

C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat (OCC)D/Cllr Elaine Ware and D/Cllr Simon Howell (Vale)

**2. Declaration of Interest**

Parish Councillor – Steve McNally. Agenda Item 4. Winterbourne – Owner and applicant

**3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

were signed as an accurate record

**4. Planning Applications**

**P16/V0727/O**

Chowle Farm Estate

30.7.16 PC response objecting on grounds of sustainability, plus conditions.

Deadline 22.6.16

**P16/V1258/FSH**

Chowle Cottage conversion of barn to domestic.

Approved 16.8.16

**P16/V1323/FR**

Badbury Hill cycling hub.

PC response, with concerns and conditions, submitted 22.6.16

Deadline 17.8.2016 – Highways have put in a holding objection

**P16/V1458**

Radcombe House. Permitted 11.8.16

**P16/V1791/RM**

Fernham Fields

Reserve matters application for landscape and building design and materials for approved development. LG and RM met with developers Crest Nicholson on

8.8.16 and learned that their proposed sale of the southwestern half of the site

had fallen through. This application is for the northeastern half (111) houses

only. As built, a wall of all-red-brick three-storey apartment housing would face

the countryside and GC. One of us not unhappy, the other extremely concerned.

Response with concerns and conditions submitted 16.8.10.

NB FTC's strong objection on similar grounds to our concerns raised based on GCNP and DS.

**P16/V2039/FUL**

Chowle Cottage – New House

Identical to and replacing P16/V1271/FUL so response edited with greater emphasis on drainage issues and continued emphasis on too great proximity to A420, unsustainable noise and pollution levels, failure to respect ancient woodland and habitats, cumulative impact with string of small unmarketable properties in this position with no pedestrian or cycle access to Great or Little Coxwell or Faringdon.

**P14/V2888/FUL**

Faringdon Golf Course. Change of use and development of 36 holiday chalets and parking. No new information.

**P16/V2277/HH**

**Winterbourne**

Parish Councillor Steve Mcally declared an interest at start of meeting, in line with Great Coxwell Parish Council guidelines. Mr McNally was given time to outline his extension plans. Mr McNally then left the room for the Parish Councillors to discuss. The extension is smaller than a previous application that was agreed but had now lapsed. Parish Councillors voted 4 to approve.

**5. County Councillors' Report** C/Cllr Heathcoat sent her County Councillors report prior to meeting. It's placed on noticeboard.

**6. District Councillors' Report** D/Cllr Ware and Howell sent their District Councillors report prior to meeting. It will be placed on noticeboard.

**7. Public Question Time**

**8. Finance**

1. There has been very little financial activity since we last met as a Council. (Current income and expenditure records are attached for info). Subsequent to the meeting the bank reconciliation for the first quarter of this year along with an analysis of performance vs budget was sent to the Parish Councillors. These documents are now on the Parish web-site.

2. The following expenditure is for approval:

PKExp11/16	Barry Barwell - maintenance	200
PKExp12/16	Playsafety	96.6

3. According to the external auditors, they are minded to approve our accounts for last year and the RFO expects to receive conformation of this within the next few days.

4. Last week Parish Councillors met to discuss medium-term financial strategy and notes of this meeting and a draft OpEx budget have been submitted to Councillors for discussion. Initially Parish Councillors need to give comments and ideas by email to the RFO and, if necessary arrange a further face-to-face meeting to finalise the plans.

6. RFO main outstanding task is to address the Governance issues identified by the internal auditor earlier this summer. I hope to do this shortly and soon will also have to do the Charity Commission's annual return.

### **9. Footpaths and Grass Verges**

Problems of access to Faringdon due to overgrown footpath

Discussed taking on cutting of Rural and Urban Grass Cutting Excluding. A420

Discussed taking on cutting of the two main pathways out of the village and path to Faringdon.

Richard May outlined the Transitional Offer of Highways Services, this process is still ongoing.

### **10. Great Coxwells Community Plan team**

Still on going

### **11. Grants**

TOE2 grant offer for ROW crossing Golf Course has now lapsed. We were advised in a meeting with the Chair that grant will not be approved for projects on land subject to development decisions/for projects covered by planning approval conditions.

The behind-the-riding-stables footpath (not a ROW) could be the subject of a new application pending the involvement of the landowner.

Landowner was in attendance at the meeting and agreed to be contacted regarding this matter. Action LG.

### **12. Matters arising from minutes**

#### **a. Telephone Box**

Shelves have been put in and books have arrived.

### **13. Park**

- Playdale have carried out repairs we booked in response to last year's ROSPA Report

- ROSPA report this year identified several more rotting timbers including another swing leg, the base of the slide net (on wet pour) and several adventure trail components.

- Materials are under guarantee, cost of labour from Playdale to replace them is £500 all in, including the wet pour repair required to replace the slide component. (Parish Council agrees to move forward on this quote)

- A fallen tree has been moved to the side of the park and will be cleared over the next few weeks.

- Still waiting quotes for hedging, but the hedge behind wild flower area bordering properties is a priority that must be done very soon. (Barry Barwell already asked for quote, Ben Gristwood to be asked)

- Vale have said that would not be able to provide a public bin, but haven't explained why. (Speak to D/Cllr Ware)

**14. Neighbourhood Watch (NAG)**

Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> October

**15. Meetings attended**

VoWHDC planning workshop – Information circulated to Parish Councillors

**16. Other Business**

Archive Boxes – It was agreed to look into improving storage within Reading Room to provide correct storage for both items and documents

**17. Correspondence**

E-mail received via website regarding paths – RM replied

Town and Parish Forum 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – RM and JR

At 8:00 Christian Walker – General Manager of West Oxfordshire National Trust Attended the meeting, after introducing himself and giving an overall view of his responsibilities. Parishioners and Parish Councillors brought up a few key issues that have occurred in the last year i.e. Cars/Youths in Great Barn, overhanging hedges from National Trust properties. The Parish Council stressed that they wanted to work alongside the National Trust

26<sup>th</sup> November Reading Room – (time to be confirmed) a greet/meet/listen with Christian to discuss the village and its relationship with the National Trust

**18. Date of next meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> November**