

GREAT COXWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Parish Reading Room at 7:30pm  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 in the Parish Reading Room.

PRESENT: Mrs. A Zinovieff in the Chair, Mr R May, Mrs L Gale, Mr S McNally, Mrs J Russell RFO  
Mr I Mason and the Clerk in attendance, D/Cllr Mrs E Ware and S Howell, C/Cllr Mrs J  
Heathcoat  
2 parishioners

**1. Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mrs Annabelle Zinovieff**

**2. To receive any apologies for absence**

RFO Mr I Mason

**3. To receive the minutes of the Parish Assembly 2015**

Agreed and signed

**4. Any matters arising**

None

**5. Parish Council Annual Report by Mrs Annabelle Zinovieff (Chairman)**

Please see attached

**6. Finance**

RFO Ian Mason is away

**7. Community Led Plan Report**

There has been a couple of meetings leading up to agreeing a village event on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
June in the Reading Room 10:00 to 5:00.

Displays/Activities for children/refreshment

Leaflets are ready to distribute

Display Poster on wall in Reading Room

**8. Report by County Councillor - Cllr Mrs Judith Heathcoat**

Circulated the month before and placed on noticeboard

**9. Report by District Councillors - Cllr Mrs Elaine Ware & Cllr Simon Howell**

Circulated and placed on noticeboard

C/Cllr Heathcoat, D/Cllr Ware and D/Cllr Howell were thanked by the Great Coxwell Parish  
Council for all their hard work carried out on behalf of the village in the last year, especially  
always being accessible.

**10. Any other business**

Distribution: All Parish Councillors, C/Cllr and D/Cllr, Notice Board

## Chairman's Report 2015 -2016

The Parish Council are so lucky have this friendly and cohesive community to work for. The last two weekends being such a great example when everyone pulled together to make art weeks such a brilliant village event. From that springs the Parish Councilors whose work is all voluntary and increasingly time consuming. Thank you to them and all their hard work. We are so well supported by our County Councillor Judy Heathcoat and our District Councillors Elaine Ware and Simon Howell.

This year we said goodbye to Mandy Burns. We are hugely grateful for all the hard work she put in to council matters, especially planning and the Park. And also huge thanks to Will Selby-Lowndes who has been invaluable on all things legal and planning.

The gap left by these two has been filled by Jacqui Russell and Steve McNally. Welcome to them both, and thank you for stepping forward to help. Also welcome to Richard May who has also joined the Parish Council.

2015/16 has again been dominated by major **planning applications**. The council is working with the developers of Fernham Fields to determine what the build will actually look like. The Steeds got outline planning permission for up to 200 houses. The VWHDC also agreed a planning application for 36 lodges/caravans on the Golf Course. And now we are objecting to 33 houses on what was Chowle Farm Industrial Estate. Added to that the National Trust and Cycle UK have applied, have withdrawn and are about to apply again, for cycle paths and competition cycling in Badbury Clump. It can feel the village is being attacked on all sides sometimes.

The Great Coxwell **Neighbourhood Plan** is in place and we continually refer to it in our considerations on planning applications. A new group has formed to take it forward in to the future in the shape of the **Community Led Plan**.

Our **finances** are in good order thanks to Ian Mason our responsible financial officer.

**Park** - The council continue to manage the park, its upkeep, its insurance and the ROSPA check. A number of repairs have been done over the year as well as maintenance, and the park is in good order. Thank you to Mike Durham and Tommy Thompson who continue to do regular inspections of the park. The Village Teas still raise most of the funds needed to support it, helped by the artweeks plant sale, Live at the Tithe and Lynette Stulting's concerts. We have contacted the Vale about extending the lease on the Park and have very positive response. Richard May has done a cost analysis on replacing the equipment in the play area so we have an idea what is needed in the future. Most of the play equipment has quite a number of years of life yet, but where it is failing we are replacing it.

**Reading Room** - the Parish Council continue to be the sole trustees of the Parish Room Charity and are responsible for it. The Parish Council agrees to make up any deficit in the parish room finances. We hold separate Parish Room meetings. The Parish Council Clerk is in charge of its bookings. There is a new fire escape and we have redecorated the room. Thank you to the Wednesday Coffee morning who have sorted out new curtain poles and re-hung the curtains.

We continue to keep in contact with the village through the **Newsletter** and Village emails. Increasingly we have used the Friday village email to keep parishioners up to date with local events. Everyone is encouraged to pass on information via the newsletter email. The Parish Councilors names and contacts are on the notice board. We encourage you to get in contact if you have any village issues.

A new **Village website** is up and running. Thank you to Peter Gale who has set this up and is regularly updating it. The parish Council minutes and agenda are on there as are the yearly accounts.

The village now have a **Footpath monitor** - Ian Mason. He has walked all the paths and is in contact with the land owners about access.

**Allotments** - are not organised by the Parish Council. Mandy Burns is in charge and reports all is fine and in good order.

**Neighbourhood Watch** - Lauren attends the local meeting chaired by Andi Cunningham and attended by Thames Valley Police. These meetings are very well attended and very effective.

I would like to mention two village events that add hugely to the village. The Drop in and artweeks. The Drop contributes very generously to the Reading room and thanks from us to Sylvia Athawes who is in charge of the weekly Wednesday coffee morning.

The artweeks cafe, plant sale and concerts have raised thousands of pounds for the Village over the years they have been organising it. Huge thanks to Pam Smith for running the Cafe Coxwell and to all her helpers; to the artists who make it happen; to Sylvia Athawes and Jane Holmes who run the plant sale and Lynette Stulting for her beautiful concerts.

Lastly a very special thank you to both our **Responsible Financial officer** Ian Mason, and Jo King our **clerk**. They both work very hard for the council and we are grateful for their guidance and expertise.

Annabelle Zinovieff 23 May 2016