

GREAT COXWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Great Coxwell Parish Council held
In the Parish Reading Room on Monday 09th Nov 2015 at 8:00pm**

1 Attending: Annabelle Zinovieff (Chair), Amanda Burns, Lauren Gale, William Selby-Lowndes, Richard May, Jo King (Parish Clerk), Ian Mason (RFO)

Number of Parishioners: 3

Apologies Judith Heathcoat (C/Cllr), Elaine Ware (D/Cllr), Simon Howell (D/Cllr)

2. Declaration of Interest,

None

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th Oct 2015

Amendments from D/Cllr Ware

D/Cllr Ware was recorded within the Apologies section and actually was in attendance, apologies to D/Cllr Ware for this clerical error as D/Cllr Ware took on several actions within meeting!

4. Planning Applications

a. The Steeds– P13/V1102/O

Amendment received relating to highways has been received.

Date for return 04th Dec

Summary of changes to plans

1. Removal of allotments
2. New Car Park
3. 50 houses instead of business Park

Developer is citing Fernham Fields development as ruining views already thus building The Steeds won't be harmful on views. The roundabout on the A420 has been deemed as a necessity by Highways, the little one is under scrutiny. Developers are using the urban guide to design the houses/development.

Action:- Write to Vale requesting evidence as to why in the 2008 landscape report the site is referred to as high landscape and low building capacity and then the 2014 report reclassifies the site as suitable for development.

Action: - Write to the Vale about landscape restrictions if permission is given i.e. Heights of buildings, planting, retention of existing hedges etc.

Action: - Prepare for planning committee meeting

b. Faringdon Golf Course

Went in front of Planning Committee 28th October

12 members planning committee voted yes, 0 members planning committee voted no

Permission granted

Parish Councillor W S-L and D/Cllr S. Howell spoke on behalf of the Parish.

Action: - Parish Council to keep in touch with the Vale regarding the reports that were requested and any design decisions.

c. Fernham Fields

Section 106 appeal on going, Affordable houses 40%-0%

5. District Councillor's Report

Sent Parish Council short update of matters from the Vale

Town and Parish Forum 16th November, Wantage

Graft funding next round 14th March – 6th May 2016

Waste and Recycling – Grey bin days small electrical put out, Green bin days old textiles etc.

Please report to waste team if collections not collected.

Local Plan part one has now passed

Christmas free parking Faringdon/Abingdon 28th November

6. County Councillor's Report

On noticeboard

7. Public Question time

Parishioner requested to keep footpaths and pavements clear of plants to make it easier to walk around the village.

Parishioner raised question about implementing the Neighbourhood Plan as effectively as possible, PC's LG and RM had meeting with an expert in this field and will sent Parishioner the notes from the meeting.

8. Finances**Precept**

Discussion by Parish Councillors on the level to set the precept for next financial year.

MB proposed and RM seconded the proposal to raise the precept by 3%, take precept from £4,500 to £4,800. Parish Councillors voted yes 5-0

RFO REPORT**1. Budget and Precept**

Draft Budget for 2016-7 attached. In summary:

PC Inc	5300
PC Exp	3055
Surplus/Deficit	2245

Park Inc	1500	
Park Exp	2400	
Surplus/Deficit		-900
RR Inc	2150	
RR Exp	2190	
Surplus/Deficit		-40
TOTAL		1305

This is based on a Precept of £4500 (the same as 2015-6). This assumes no extra-ordinary expenditure such as fighting funds to oppose planning applications or replacement/repairs in park. My recommendation would be to freeze the Precept for the coming year.

2. Future Park funding

Last year we did quite a bit of remedial work to the park. Total cost was £5413.07. Income was only £1366.40. The deficit was £4046.67

1. So far this year we have spent rather less: £942.40; this is against an income of £1576.91. A surplus so far for year of £634.51.
2. For the 2016-7 budget, I have projected a total spend of £2190 income of £2140 and deficit of £40

Current park funds now stand at £6368.20

Items to approve

3. Expenditure since last meeting:

PCExp10/15	09/11/15	The Poppy Appeal (Royal Br Legion)	£25
RRExp23/15	02/11/15	AMR Fabrications	£3000
RR Exp24/15	09/11/15	R. May - light bulbs	£39.98
RRExp25/15	14/11/15DD	Thames Water	£21.02

4. Income/Expenditure/Bank balances spread-sheet since last meeting (see attached)

Items to note**5. Footpath Warden's report**

As you know, I have made contact with local land-owners. I've also collected quite a bit of information on our footpaths (maps, a list of paths and a copy of the OCC guidance on 'Gaps, Gates and Stiles' - a useful read!). A meeting with one of the local farmers will take place soon

6. New internal auditor: Two quotes so far: £100 and £150. Currently I favour the lower quote, but need to do more investigation. I will report again next month

9. Great Coxwell Community Plan

Shortly the Community team will be distributing questionnaires asking parishioner their thoughts/suggestions for the village and surrounding areas. RM requested a flip chart to collate information when the questionnaires are completed.

Action: - Request in newsletter if anyone can donate one or cost is £50

10. Matters arising from minutes**a. Puddleduck water quality**

Water is supplied to Puddleduck via Coleshill, flushing the pipes is carried out regularly and for a long period, residents and Parish Councillors are concerned that this isn't a sustainable solution.

Action: - ANZ to write to Thames water

11. Park**a) ROSPA report repairs**

Meeting with Playdale 16th November – AB

AB and RM to review all play equipment and create a maintenance schedule/costs in conjunction with looking at original lease agreement.

b) Park maintenance schedule/tender

Tender sent out to four companies, awaiting responses – AB

c) Noticeboard to be removed

d) Parish Councillors voted 5-0 in favour of removing the willow house within Park.

12. Neighbourhood Watch (NAG)

No update

13. Other Business**a. RM to attend Conduct training course**

b. Thank you from Parish Council to Adam Durham for cutting the memorial hedge prior to Remembrance Day.

c. Parish Council has received grass cutting schedule from the Vale and it seems to show that Siberia should be include in the Vales maintenance schedule – AB to investigate

14. Correspondence

a) Parish Council has received the Footpath Wardens report.

15. Reading Room**a) Fire Escape**

Installed

b. Berco de-scaled – thanks to Richard May

c. Fire Door – ANZ to contact SF to repair now fire escape is installed

d. Moss on pavement needs clearing.

16. Date of next meetings – Monday 14th December 2015.

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