

GREAT COXWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Great Coxwell Parish Council held
In the Parish Reading Room on Monday 11th April 2016 at 7:30pm**

Present Annabelle Zinovieff (Chair), Lauren Gale, Will Selby-Lowndes, Richard May, Ian Mason (RFO), Jo King (Parish Clerk). C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat (OCC) D/Cllr Elaine Ware and D/Cllr Simon Howell (Vale) Members of public (9) New Councillors Steve McNally and Jacqui Russell

1. Apologies None

2. Declaration of Interest None

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 08th February 2016 were signed as an accurate record

The Parish Council received Will Selby-Lowndes resignation, he was thanked for his work on the Council. Steve McNally and Jacqui Russell was co-opted onto the Council after advertising for a new Parish Councillor after the resignation of Mandy Burns. ANZ proposed co-opting and Lauren Gale seconded. Will Selby-Lowndes left the meeting and Steve and Jacqui took up there position on the Council.

4. Planning Applications

a. The Steeds Design

b. Fernham Fields Design

Parish Council to keep in contact with the Vale

c. Fernham Road No news

d. Fernham Fields 106

Developer has won agreement to 0% affordable homes

e. Badbury Hill

Various meetings have taken place with interested parties including Village meeting on the 7th March, these minutes will be displayed on noticeboard.

Planning consultant has been appointed by the Badbury Hill group.

Main concern is overdevelopment.

Awaiting new planning application

f. Faringdon Golf Course

Awaiting conditions and reports

g. Chowle Farm Industrial Estate

33 new homes application

Parish Council to draft response letter, concerns regarding land contamination/waste, light pollution.

Consultees – National Trust not contacted.

Deadline 29th April

g. Badbury Hill House

Conversion stable into accommodation, no objections. Action Parish Clerk to send response

Attention was brought to the drainage/river network from Great Coxwell in that it seems quite a few of the approved/proposed planning applications seem to be using the same drain/pond for their surface water runoff and potentially treated effluent. D/Cllr Ware will take this matter of accumulative development and drainage from these sites further.

5. County Councillor's Report had been distributed and will be posted on noticeboard

6. District Councillors' Report D/Cllr Ware and Howell read out their District Councillors report. It will be placed on noticeboard.

7. Public Question Time

a. Due to the building of the 8,00 homes within Swindon/South Marston and Wanborough, it was felt that the A420 will be becoming increasingly congested and rat running through the village might become a problem. It was felt that a traffic survey in the village should be undertaken, over several periods 7am – 7pm. This would require a good amount of volunteers. Action – ask for volunteers in newsletter.

8. Finance

1/ Parks account stand at £7188.72. The Council are allowed to cross-subsidise between our three areas of activity and so could elect spend some of our general funds (c. £9.5k) for repairs and maintenance for park equipment (we part-funded the new Reading Room fire-escape in this manner).

2/ Noted and agreed the following items of expenditure:

PKExp01/16	05/04/16	Webbs - materials	130.48
PKExp02/16	05/04/16	Adam Durham - labour	560
PCExp01/16	05/04/16	Weebly internet	43.25

3/ the comparison between budget and actual income and expenditure for the quarter to 31st Jan '16 was distributed to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

4/ Mandate forms given to new Councillors to sign so that they can sign cheques on Parish Council bank account.

9. Footpath Monitor Report: bridge responsibility OCC Footpath Officer Arthur McEwan Jones inspected the footpath from Puddleduck to the Webbs, agreed that the bridge needed handrails

10. Great Coxwell's Community Led Plan

Been on hold whilst the Park has been sorted out.
Only one Parish Councillor may join the CLP team.

11. Matters arising from minutes

- a. **Puddleduck water quality** this has been rectified.
- b. **Siberia footpath** LG has walked Siberia with Arthur McEwan James OCC, he felt after looking at other footpaths that the footpath behind the stables would be more appropriate to upgrade
- c. **Chowle Farm** – RM contacted fix my street, to remove signs on A420, only a few have been removed. RM to pass all correspondence onto C/llr Heathcoat who will look into this matter.

12. Park

RM has spent extensive time looking into all aspects of the Park.
Couple of points to note, infill the soft pore with pea grit.
Hedges and fences are currently under review.

13. Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG1) Next meeting September

14. Website

Website Report was distributed to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. This will be displayed on Noticeboard. Thank you to Peter Gale for organising and maintaining the website.

15. Great Coxwell Street Party

11th June 3pm

Road will be close 1pm – 6pm from junction of Puddleduck/Holloway

Grant Form has been sent off

Families £6 or £2.50 an adult

Leaflets to be produced.

It was agreed to look into repainting the phone box.

16. Other Business:

Gigaclear Broadband Recently the BT exchange in Faringdon was upgraded to fibre. This means that residents within the immediate area, I.e. Faringdon, can now get a significantly faster broadband service than before from many different broadband suppliers. Unfortunately residents in Great Coxwell are too far away from the exchange to take advantage of this faster service.

The Faringdon exchange is connected to a street cabinet in Great Coxwell, and this is where we get our telephone and broadband service from. If BT were to upgrade this cabinet and connect it to the Faringdon exchange with fibre then we could also take advantage of significantly faster broadband from many different suppliers. Unfortunately BT have no plans to do this.

Gigaclear are looking to install fibre in Great Coxwell, Coleshill, Little Coxwell and Buscot Wick and to every home. This will mean significantly faster broadband than even the residents of Faringdon now get. Starting at 50MB and up to 1GB download speeds. Without the need of a phone line. You can also get your telephone calls delivered over this service and keep your existing telephone number. Approx. £39.99 Broadband £8.00 telephone per month. £100 sign up and approx. £100 installation (depending on ease/access of property)

However, in order for Gigaclear to invest in Great Coxwell and the other villages, they need orders. Please visit www.gigaclear.com for further information

17. Correspondence

- a. National Trust informed the PC that various weddings and film crews will be using the Barn throughout the summer.

18. Date of Next Meeting

Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meeting 23rd May

Steve McNally and Jacqui Russell signed declaration of office form, witnessed by Annabelle Zinovieff (Chairman). Lauren Gale, Richard May and Parish Clerk in attendance.