

GREAT COXWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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

- 1 Attending:** Annabelle Zinovieff (Chair), Amanda Burns, Lauren Gale, William Selby-Lowndes, Richard May, Jo King (Parish Clerk), Ian Mason (RFO), Judith Heathcoat (C/Cllr), Elaine Ware (D/Cllr) and Simon Howell (D/Cllr)

Number of Parishioners: 2

Apologies: None

- 2. Declaration of Interest,**
None

- 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th Dec 2015**
Approved and signed

- 4. Planning Applications**

a. The Steeds– P13/V1102/O

b. Fernham Fields

The Parish Council are concerned about the design and layout of both the above developments and wish to be involved with the developers to ensure that the design of homes are more rural than urban. The Parish Council want to be involved in discussions for design and layout.

Action: - D/Cllr E Ware to contact VoWHDC planning department on behalf of Great Coxwell Parish Council regarding this matter.

c. Fernham Road

Parish Council returned an objection letter to this development, Received a letter regarding a covenant restriction on the development site, this was distributed to Parish Councillors

d. Fernham Fields – appeal meeting 19th January regarding section 106 monies.

- 5. County Councillor's Report**

Stanford in the Vale recycling centre has been saved for now.

Report on Noticeboard, with particular attention brought to local government settlement and devolution.

Next C/Cllr surgery 6th February 2016 Faringdon Library 10 – 11:30

- 6. District Councillor's Report**

Stage 2 local plan – 2nd February 2016

Contamination of Green bins still needs to be addressed, Action: - Place piece in newsletter to remind people not tout items such as nappies, food waste and animal food pouches for examples
Comments on Faringdon NP are due

The Beacon at Wantage is currently carrying out customer survey

Build register being created to identify land that would be suitable for development

D/Cllrs don't hold regular surgeries but can be contacted via phone or e-mail

7. Public Question time**8. Finances**

Current figures for the year to date had been circulated to Parish Councillors prior to meeting.

Bank reconciliation to the end of Dec due but the bank statements had not yet arrived in time for the meeting.

Action: - IM to send to ANZ on arrival.

Following payments approved/cheques signed for Reading Room:

RRExp28/15	19/12/15Electricity	56.51
RRExp29/15	14/12/15Mrs D Rounce - cleaning	30
RRExp30/15	13/01/16Gas	98.56

PC discussed the frequency with which the finances are posted on the village web-site. Whilst we are required to post minutes after the meetings, there is no absolute requirement regarding the financial data. Monthly seems to be a bit too frequent, quarterly, or even annually seems to be more sensible. W S-I proposed quarterly and all Parish Councillors were in agreement.

Minutes and Agendas to be sent directly to Peter Gale

Standing Order No 4, confusion over wording, misunderstanding that has now been resolved.

9. Footpath Warden Report

IM should be referred to in future as footpath monitor.

IM has been liaising with Landowners regarding footpaths and stiles.

Jez Webb has lowered stiles that are sited on his land – Parish Council send their thanks.

For the other stiles on other land there is a possibility of removing the stiles as there will be no livestock in the fields for 4 years. IM found out that a bridge which is of concern is the responsibility of County Council, Action IM to take photographs and send to County Council, also cc C/Cllr Heathcoat.

10. Great Coxwell Community Plan

Launch of CLP on 10th March in Reading Room – details to follow

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

ANZ has written to Thames water

b. Siberia Path

Grant application needs to be returned by March.

Action: - LG find out specification for path, contact County Council to discuss all aspects of the path, including outcome if Golf Course owner doesn't comply.

12. Park

Parish Councillor Richard May is to take over looking after the Park.

Village teas hold teas every 2nd Sunday to raise money for the Park

Park and village maintenance sent out tender to 4, 2 replies were received.

Action: - RM proposed Barry Barwell to be offered contract, LG seconded

Action: - LG to produce contract

Lease for Park needs reviewing.

Action: - ANZ write a letter finding out the position on the Park lease, D/Cllr Ware to find contact details for whom to address letter to within the Vale.

Action- Apply match funding grant – contact Carol Cummings – LG and RM

ROSPA Report

MUGA – kick wall rotten , Basketball surface mossy needs cleaning.

Wet pour-Agreement to test out various remedies to fill gaps. Seed, Turf lift concrete edging works.

Broken see-saw – Replace handle

Two benches in Park, one of which has a memorial plaque, “Alice Wickstead” are rotten in places and must be removed, repaired or replaced.

Cradle Swing, Repair/Replace. £600 to replace 1 rotten post, life of remaining 3 posts estimated 2/3 years with no guarantee. Cost for new Cradle Swing in S/steel 1959 , in Wood SGF £1849 incl. 20 yr guarantee. It was agreed wood more in keeping with the park.

Spinner – Removal cost £798, Replacement £2300 Repair awaiting requote from Playdale if work done with replacement of cradle swing. Otherwise remove it.

Noticeboard needs removing, repairing.

Picnic areas covered in moss and lichen

Picnic areas and equipment and MUGA floor need cleaning

Several dead fallen trees.

Willow house needs removing

Circular track needs repairs

Spinner cost £660 to repair, PC agreed to remove it

Basketball net has fallen down

Part of the Community Led Plan to ask who and why uses the Park.

Annabelle's Nursery has offered a £300 yearly donation towards upkeep of the Park. The Parish Council send huge thanks to Annabelle's Nursery for this generous offer.

13. Neighbourhood Watch (NAG)

No update

14. Other Business

a) Dog mess, it was noted by a lot of people at the meeting that this problem has increased in the last month – Action PC to contact Environmental Health, Colin Mars

15. Correspondence

16. Date of next meetings – Monday 08th February 2016.

Parish Councillor Mrs Amanda Burns has handed in her resignation, the Parish Council are hugely grateful to all the hard work, especially in overseeing the Park that she has carried out and will be missed.

There is now a vacancy for a Parish Councillor

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