

GREAT COXWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Great Coxwell Parish Council held
In the Parish Reading Room on Monday 16th July 2018 at 7:30pm

- 1 Apologies
2. Declaration of Interest
3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th Jun 2018
4. Public question time
5. Planning Applications

P18/V0259/O The Steeds South – application for 125 houses awaiting update
P16/V2751/Fernham Fields 89 houses P17/V0043/ Fernham Fields 111 houses
Section 106 monies – S106 application from Buscot Park and Faringdon Cricket Club
Letter of recommendation for both applications sent

P17/V0118/RM The Steeds – nothing to report

P16/V0775/O Land South of Highworth Road

Reserved matters approved

P16/V1285/FUL Badbury Hill

Appeal dismissed

P18/V0887/FUL The Steeds – barn conversion

Parish Council responded – no objections, still under review

P18/V1362/O Land North Fernham Gate 65 houses

Correspondence received from resident, awaiting FTC response, Cllr Russell to respond, deadline 19th July

P18/V1443/O – Lorry Park, Chowle Estate

Parish Council has submitted response

Received response from C/Cllr Heathcoat

Action:- Parish Council requests D/Cllr Howell bring this application to committee, if the planner officer seeks approval.

P18/V1503 Oakfield Riding School/Annabelle's Nursery

Parish Councillors agreed they would support this application as it's plans maintain the "rural aspect" of the site, the Parish Council would like the hedge running along the footpath to be maintained and for the field to retain its open aspect apart from footpath side

6. Boundary Change/Governance Review

Meeting 21st June

Cllr Russell along with Parish Clerk attended this meeting and spoke on behalf of the Parish. As agreed at the last meeting our initial request and preferred option was to make the proposed change to the boundary contingent on the outcome of the steeds south planning application. This as we feared was not possible with a definition position of the boundary needing to be decided now, for implementation in 2019. Changes not included now would need to wait until 2024 to be reviewed. Given these options as we agreed in council meeting, I stated we felt that I said that Great Coxwell agreed to the proposed boundary including all of the land allocated in the local plan part 1 and thus including both the existing steeds and the proposed land south of steeds. It was noted that due to the timing of the change it should not prejudice our ability to object to the proposed application.

7. County Councillor's Report

Received, on noticeboard

8. District Councillor's Report

9. Finance

1/ Report items:

- a) Income and expenditure spread-sheets for 2017-8 circulated to the Parish Council.

Current bank balances are approximately:

Council £14,735

Parish Room £1,830

Park £6,000

TOTAL: £22,565

- b) Audit: It appears that the rules for External Audit have changed for 2017-8 and we now fall outside the criteria for review. I applied for, and was granted, a 'Certificate of Exemption'. The auditor needed to know the dates of Notice of Public Rights which I let her have some weeks ago. Apparently, they will not carry out a review of our supporting documents. I'm not sure what, if anything, happens next.

2/ Outstanding tasks for RFO:

- a) Year-end adjustments to 'correct' the balances for the three bank accounts will be calculated and applied.
- b) Parish Room audit
- c) VAT reclaim for 2017-8
- d) Circulation of 'governance' documents for review (to be done annually) for discussion, revision and approval.
- e) Preparation of discussion document concerning the process and amount of funding we will ring-fence as a reserve for Parish Room repairs and maintenance

3/ Payments for approval:

PCExp05/18	04/06/2018	Parish Clerk Expenses	£40.00
PCExp06/18	27/06/2018	BGG Garden and Tree Care	£204.00
PkExp01/18	27/06/2018	Barry Barwell	£200.00
PkExp02/18	27/06/2018	Barry Barwell	£100.00

10. Neighbourhood Plan update from Cllr Gale

Met the Vale's Neighbourhood Plan officer and Local Plan officer on the 13th June. There are now Guidelines for updating NPs which will be useful, and we now have a rough timetable. The work of updating could be relatively simple if no 'material changes' are made to our plan, but in the light of events since 2013, that could leave our plan weaker than we would like. Major material changes might involve repeating the Referendum process, but more minor material changes not instigated by ourselves (e.g. responding to a boundary change; strengthening protection for our natural and historic environment; and strengthening standards for brownfield development along the A420) may not require repeating the whole process. These are some of the issues we'll need to consider when the new group convenes hopefully on the 3rd or 10th September. (It hasn't proved possible to find a mutually available date during July/August.)

11. S106 Funding

MUGA

Following the boundary change meeting with Jo I met the Faringdon Clerk to discuss the possibility of using the Fernham Fields and Steeds S106 money towards a MUGA for the development of a new MUGA in Faringdon (FTC preferred site is Tuckers Park), and refurbishment of our MUGA. The response was positive.

I've asked several companies to quote for the replacement of the fencing around the existing MUGA and also to give an idea of what a full MUGA elsewhere would cost. I am awaiting further comeback but initial indications are that both should be possible.

Path

Have been in contact with both OCC and Vale regarding S106 funds towards path improvements. OCC have agreed to appoint an officer to make a business case. Vale (now a different officer than we previously spoke with on this matter) have requested full details of estimates and evidence of OCC involvement. We have sent what we have and are awaiting instructions.

Action:- copy C/Cllr Heathcoat and D/Cllr Howell

12. Park**Additional ground jobs::**

Yearly strimming of wildflower area (£145) and spraying path and associated parts 3 times a year (3x£40) was part of the original regular jobs for the park although the later is only been irregularly implemented. Plan to implement this this year and going forward and standard – for approval.

Also the 'wild' area has extended beyond the actual wildflower meadow, which runs behind the houses leaving the area which backs Dark Lane upto the gate there also unmown, but not so flowery due to lack of sun. Propose to include this in the regular mow whilst retaining the actual wild flower area. Barry suggests this would mean Grass cutting would increase to £145 per mow including this area. I note that it hasn't increases for several years but also that this is a large percentage increase that we need to consider and agree.

Also asked for several one off jobs to be costed with results as follows:

Spray tarmac edge of MUGA and remove large vegetation. £30

Strim areas to hedge edge in SW corner and then mow to edge (no charge)

Remove posts that are treeless (no charge)

Strim back area just outside the dark lane park entrance just to improve access the gate.

No charge

Only cost implication here is the MUGA work.

Summary proposed work has following expense implications:

Wildflower cut as usual at end of August cost £145

Implement week spray 3x per growing season £120

Increase regularly cut area leading to per mow increase to £145 (from £100?)

Also asked for cost to renovate path, this would be costed on a per day rate with 2 people at £220 but need to investigate gravel required and likely time to get a firm cost for this.

Play equipment replacement

Asked for playdale to replace several pieces under guarantee, is will cost £990 labour and delivery which I agree is quite a lot but would still recommend going ahead. This quote expires at the end of this week so need decision. We are close to the end of guarantee period of wood. I can go back and and investigate cost of delivery of parts only and request a breakdown of labour costs and time but consider some risk in going down this route. Parish Councillors agreed to carry out the repairs, the parts are under guarantee, so would be sensible for insurance purposes to have them installed by Playdale. Cllr Russell given maximum budget £1000.

Signage changes

As discussed we were going add signs to note not parking in front of gate and that the park was 'open from dawn to dusk'. A simple white painted aluminum sign 3mm thick with drilled holes is available from online suppliers at £54 (ex. Vat) for 900x600 (vistaprint) or £18 (ex vat) 800x600 (helloprint). Could consider one on the main gate or one for each gate to replace the existing signs which have been partly defaced. Or I could investigate changes to the existing signs. Parish Council agreed Cllr Russell order the £54 sign.

13. Matters arising from minutes**a. Traffic Survey**

Installed week commencing 09th July, Cllr May to look at data once received from OCC

b. Culvert repairs, road to be closed, 06th August – Householders will be leafleted.

c. Memorial hedge

Chair Zinovieff gave contractors till 29th June to get quotes in and had one back and one says they are still keen just busy and will get quote in asap. Have asked a new person to quote (no 4).

I spoke to neighbour (Richard opposite) and he is willing to help with the upkeep of the memorial once the major work has been done.

Cllr McNally to speak to neighbours

d. Parishioner regarding grass cutting

Carried out

e. Parishioner concerns about Park

Update on Park usage

f. Landowners clear hedge cut – Cllr May wrote to them

g. Cobbled/Church Path

14. NAG – report Cllr – Gale

NAG Faringdon and western villages, 12.7.18 Faringdon Community College 7pm

Area Commander Supt Rory Freeman attended the NAG to update us regarding the new TVP Police model that started last year on June 1st. NAG members have noted many changes and the apparently reduced capability locally. 3 PSCOs have recently left, two new ones will join in September but the Neighbourhood will be one less. It is not expected that the Team will be cut further, but it may be relocated when the Faringdon police station closes, although this will not be for at least six months. Overall TVP have greatly reduced neighbourhood policing, half the previous force are now in larger places where they concentrate on solving crimes and be available for emergencies in hotspots around the County.

The big issues for the police in this area are drugs, house burglary, car crime, ASB, violent crime and Chowle (a place they are keeping an eye on). They can no longer prioritise eg hare-coursing, parking, or speeding in villages, councils and local groups should do that themselves, for example by originating large warning stickers for car windscreens that are difficult to remove, and by joining the Speedwatch group to share special speed cameras.

In summary, collective understanding by the public is needed, that times have changed.

15. Correspondence

16. Any other business

a. Meeting with Faringdon Town Council – MUGA

b. County Councillors application grant – Cllr Gale to produce application for the memorial hedge and Reading Room

17. Date of next meeting

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