

GREAT COXWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Great Coxwell Parish Council held
In the Parish Reading Room on Monday 14th November 2016 at 7:30pm**

Present Annabelle Zinovieff (Chair), Steve McNally, Richard May, Lauren Gale, Jacqui Russell, Ian Mason (RFO), Jo King (Parish Clerk). C/Cllr Judith Heathcoat and (OCC)D/Cllr Elaine Ware. Members of public (3)

1. Apologies

D/Cllr Simon Howell (Vale)

2. Declaration of Interest

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th September 2016 were signed as an accurate record

4. Planning Applications

P16/V2039/FUL - Chowle Cottage - New House

Withdrawn

P16/V2277/HH - Winterbourne

Approved

P16/V0727/O - GCO Chowle Farm Estate. Transport amendment.

Deadline for responses, 10 November – extended 14th November

The transport amendment does not seriously address the issues of non-existent communication with the village except by car and no provision for walkers or cyclists. It suggests exposed bus-stops and darting across dangerous carriageways to make any bus journey. It ignores the request for a 15m green barrier with the countryside (GC Neighbourhood Plan) and the ancient woodland. LG to produce response with objection, PC to submit response.

N.B. Highways have placed a holding objection to this application.

P16/V0775/O Land south of Highworth Road, 200 houses.

Deadline 17 November.

The site is in Faringdon but shares a short border with GC. Comments relating to the location and height of buildings along this shared border, where the level is almost 40m higher than at the Great Barn. Our Neighbourhood Plan commits us to retaining an appropriate environment in the vicinity of the Barn. This can be further discussed at council meeting. LG produce response with conditions, PC to submit response.

P16/V2582 Fernham Fields, southwestern part of site, 89 houses.

Deadline 18 November

The original plan has been retained and there appears to be no loss of quality in layout or building materials. Appropriate rural-edge housing fringe the estate to south and west which is satisfactory. There are new details of board fencing and railings so we should re-iterate our concerns for maximum retention of hedging and design of naturalistic green spaces. LG to produce response, PC to submit response.

P16/V2644/RM – Fernham Gate – Reserved matters

Deadline 25th November, LG to produce response, PC to submit response.

P16/V1285/FUL – Badbury Hill

Parish Council discussed this new application, LG to produce response that reiterates Great Coxwell Parish Council and parishioners views on this development. PC to submit response.

5. County Councillors’ Report C/Cllr Heathcoat sent her County Councillors report prior to meeting. It’s placed on noticeboard.

6. District Councillors’ Report D/Cllr Ware and Howell sent their District Councillors report prior to meeting. It will be placed on noticeboard.

7. Public Question Time

8. Finance

1. Items requiring decisions:

- a) Draft budget for 2017-8 for discussion and approval. It is based on historical data; the OpEx budget produced in September and information received from Parish Councillors. Still needs approval.
- b) Fixed term contract with British Gas is due to end soon. Offered a number of fixed price tariffs for terms ranging from 1 to 3 years. IM to obtain quotes
- c) Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2016-7. Parish Councillors agreed to continue with Arrow Accounting, letter of engagement signed at meeting.

2. Report Items:

- a) Current income and expenditure spread-sheet up to end Oct ’16 and the analysis of actual performance vs budget for Q2
- b) Annual return to the Charity Commission in relation to the Reading/Parish Room Charity.

3. Approved by Councillors:

a) Following payments were approved:

PCExp06/16	04/10/16	BDO Audit	£156.00
PCExp07/16	26/10/16	Phone box paint (via Annabelle Z)	£100.00
PCExp08/16	26/10/16	Royal British Legion	£25.00
PKExp11/16	05/08/16	Barry Barwell - Lawns	£200.00
PKExp12/16	09/08/16	Playsafety	£96.60
PkExp13/16	04/10/16	Barry Barwell - Lawns	£180.00
PkExp14/16	06/11/16	Playdale	£652.46
PkExp15/16	06/11/16	Keys (Faringdon Cobbler via R. May)	£6.75

b) Minute that the annual audit has been completed by BDO.

9. Footpaths and Grass Verges

Discussion took place on cutting of Rural and Urban Grass Cutting excluding A420.

Discussion took place on cutting of the two main pathways out of the village and path to Faringdon.

RM to obtain quotes from contractors.

10. Great Coxwells Community Plan team

There is now a timetable for the adoption of the Vale Local Plan - no earlier than late next year 2017. The Great Coxwell Neighbourhood Plan will require to be edited appropriately to remain in force. This work can begin about this time next year.

11. Grants

The landowner, Andrew Lydiard, has written kindly agreeing in principle to an upgrade for the Behind-the-Stables footpath, enabling schoolchildren to use this route safely and conveniently. Richard is in pursuance of costed specifications for the build from OCC Countryside, and Lauren is in communication with an appropriate funder, the TOE2 Trust.

12. Matters arising from minutes

a. Councillor Gale has still to complete the reduction of the archives. Realistically this will be after Christmas. Boxing of standardised sizes will be purchased for the retained material and a design drawn

13. Park

a. Playdale repairs have been carried out.
b. Hedge quotes

14. Neighbourhood Watch (NAG)

A short report of relevant matters arising at the last NAG meeting 17 October. Contact has been made with the Neighbourhood Watch organiser for the county who would like to come talk to us at our January meeting.

15. Meetings attended

Vale and Town Forum 10th November

16. Other Business

a. V16/0000166 – New Street Names 7, 111 dwellings North A420 and East of Coxwell Road

Action:- Parish Council to return a list of names

17. Correspondence

a. National Trust meeting Reading Room 26th November
b. Idea of summer village fete.

18. Date of next meeting

9th January 2017

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