

**GREAT COXWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

Reading Room, Great Coxwell, Oxfordshire, SN7 7NB

Clerk: Joanna Farrant clerk@greatcoxwell.com

**Minutes of Great Coxwell Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 6:30pm.**

**Present:**

Cllr Jacqui Russell (Chair)

2 members of the public

Cllr Mike Harris

Joanna Farrant, Parish Clerk

Cllr Rory Gilmour

Daryoush Sharifi, RFO

Cllr Kym Macdonald

**1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from County Councillor Bethia Thomas and District Councillors Elaine Weare and Simon Howell.

**2) APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – minutes of 20.09.2021.**

**3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared.**

**4) CORRESPONDENCE –** There had been 9 matters of correspondence received. Dog mess (see item 9ii). Parking and traffic issues (see 9i). Gully clearance has been accepted by OCC to be addressed in the next programme of works. Missing 7.5T sign has been reported and added to OCC maintenance schedule. Obscured and damaged sign on the B4019 has been logged. OCC have removed the obstruction, but not yet fixed the sign. MH has reported this.

It was discussed that views expressed on any Whatsapp group could only be addressed by the Parish Council if formally brought to the Parish Council's attention via email or conversation with Councillors acting in that capacity.

**5) REPRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC –** one representation relating to give way markings on roundabout from A420 to Great Coxwell: vehicles often do not give way and query whether there could be clearer markings. KM will refer to Highways Officer attending on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

**6) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** C/Cllr Thomas' September report had been circulated.

**7) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:** October's report had been circulated.

**8) ADOPTION AND REVIEW OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:** updated Financial Regulations in draft form. To be considered at next meeting.

9) OTHER BUSINESS:

- i) PARKING and TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS: site visit with OCC's Traffic & Road Safety Officer on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Issues raised in newsletter and correspondence to be brought to his attention. Main points can be summarised as:
  - (1) Traffic calming arising from speed/volume of traffic driving through village and in particular a 20mph limit.
  - (2) Inconsiderate parking on Cherry Orchard and where road narrows beyond to the T-Junction. Consider double yellow lines. Not supported by all contributors.
  - (3) Speed of traffic on the S-bend into the village. Some contributors point out this is villagers, as well as delivery drivers.
  - (4) Closing Holloway Road up to Coleshill to all but emergency traffic or make one-way to stop use as 'rat-run'. Note this was not supported by all contributors.
  - (5) Frequent parking on pavement blocking use by wheelchair users.
  - (6) Curved mirror to improve visibility by the salt box (S-bend near church).
  - (7) Volume and unsuitability of traffic using village when crashes on the A420 close the road. Clearer signs that not a suitable diversion/dead end sign.A traffic survey had been carried out in 2018, KM to follow up on whether these responses are still valid.  
Any positive action would likely be in excess of £5,000 and would likely require a raised precept, so consultation would be important. Clerk to follow up with Little Coxwell on how they had funded their 20mph limit and whether any grants available.
- ii) DOG MESS: Environmental Protection was supportive of signs being placed around the village with a competition for a design by children from Annabelle's Nursery. However, OCC Traffic & Road Safety Officer had stated signs could not be placed on OCC's infrastructure or the highway and only on private fences/land limited to A4 size. KM to pursue this point.
- iii) SOCIAL/WELFARE: OCC's property department taking legal advice on replanting of 5 replacement trees in the Park, but approve the mix suggested. Parish council will consider funding towards a community event in its budget for 2022.
- iv) VERGES/MOWING: MH to chase wildflower and hedge cut and scheduled cut.
- v) COBBLED PATH: Cllr Thomas had visited the site and would bring the concrete infills and lack of handrail to the attention of OCC. JR confirmed that the footpath is OCC's responsibility. OCC has historically inspected it and did not consider any works were required. OCC had previously said there was a risk that OCC would close path if not safe. Member of public had asked about weeding and moss clearance on an annual basis. MH has asked for this to be included in BGG's work programme.
- vi) WAR MEMORIAL: BCG yet to weed, although parishioner had kindly been carrying out some weeding.
- vii) FATAC: KM attended on 17.09.21. OCC's Highways' Technical Officer has agreed to attend a site visit to discuss options in relation to traffic calming measures and likely costs.
- viii) DEEP CLEANSE SERVICE: scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October.
- ix) CONSULTATION ON FUTURE LEISURE NEEDS: JR had put notice in newsletter, to which there had been no response. JR would respond to feedback session with notice posted in newsletter.
- x) UPDATE GARDEN WASTE: meeting scheduled for 21.09.21.
- xi) GREENER GREAT COXWELL SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INITIATIVE: legal advice had been sought as to whether the Parish Council could be the legal entity

to apply for a grant for a feasibility study. The Parish Council has no legal powers to do so, save under s.137 Local Government Act 1972. The limits placed on spending powers under this section would be insufficient. Clerk to formally communicate this to the Group.

- xii) LEISURE SURVEY: JR had attended meeting. Information was being gathered with a wider survey anticipated in the future.

10) PARK

- i) PLAYGROUND REPAIRS: repairs have been ordered. Delivery and installation in 10-12 weeks. JR to check there is not pre-payment invoice and RFO to be noted as addressee of invoice.  
ii) S.106 APPLICATION: in progress, but nothing further heard from internal review process.

- 11) UP-DATE ON CO-OPT NEW MEMBER – there had been no expressions of interest. Clerk to prepare up to date advert for inside/outside Reading Room and on village newsletter.

- 12) FINANCE: it was **proposed, seconded and resolved** to approve the following payments, with JR abstaining from (f) due to personal interest:

*Payments:*

- a. SLCC Local Council Administration Book: £119.00 (29.09.21) and delivery £4.80 (29.09.21)  
b. BCG Garden & Tree Care: £96 (30.09.21) & £30.00 (30.09.21)  
c. Octopus Energy: £10.30 (10.09.21)  
d. Everflow Ltd: £7.61 (20.09.21)  
e. UK Spring Cleaning: deep clean of Reading Room £395.00 (05.10.21)  
f. Garden Game Ltd (25.08.21) £65.99, basketball hoop  
g. DJ Philips Heating (02.10.21) £1956 boiler replacement

Online banking had not been set up because of issue of access by all signatories to the payments system. DS to confirm with bank if this can be addressed.

- 13) PLANNING: P21/V2861/LB National Trust painting on listed property. No objections.

- 14) ANY OTHER BUSINESS/MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Consider support of Climate Bill.

- 15) NEXT MEETING: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 6:30pm.

Meeting closed: 7.40pm