

GREAT COXWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Reading Room, Great Coxwell, Oxfordshire, SN7 7NB

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Minutes of Great Coxwell Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th July 2022, 6:30pm.

Present	Cllr Jacqui Russell (Chair) Cllr Mike Harris Cllr Rory Gilmour Cllr Richard Hankinson Joanna Farrant, Parish Clerk Daryoush Sharifi, RFO
In Attendance	District Cllr Simon Howell County Cllr Bethia Thomas 1 member of the public

Item	Minute	Action
1.	Apologies for Absence Cllr Kym MacDonald District Cllr Elaine Weare	
2.	Approval and Signing of Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of 30.05.2022 were signed.	
3.	Declarations of Interest None declared	
4.	Representations by Members of the Public Representations were deferred to New Business item 8(iii).	
5.	County Councillor's Report An updated Report will be circulated shortly.	
6.	District Councillor's Report A Report had been circulated. SH noted the award recently made to Greener Great Coxwell (GGC) from the Vale Climate Action Fund.	
7.	Correspondence: i. National Trust had raised the issue of grass-cutting at the front of the Barn before the Jubilee Event. The Parish Council had replied apologising for the mis-communication. The Parish Council will ask the National Trust if there is a grass-cutting policy that can be communicated to the community prior to events in future, failing which users should check for up to date instructions before any event. ii. Verges / No Mow May: Striking a balance between biodiversity and not leaving grass to grow too long was not easy. But 'No Mow May' had generally been popular, although not with all members of the community.	JF/MH
8.	New Business: i. Community Christmas Procession: deferred to next Meeting. ii. Faringdon Grange Open Day: KM and RG had attended. 4 lots have been sold. Planning recommendation had been for a maximum 6 weeks occupation per 3 months, but the Parish Council had not seen the final legal agreement to know what the	KM

	<p>actual maximum occupation periods are. KM to circulate summary of visit.</p> <p>iii. Large Verge Management: correspondence had been received and a representation made by a member of the public about the length of cut to the large verge area belonging to the Church and OCC adjacent to Toban. JR explained that homeowners adjacent to verges are given the option whether to mow the area themselves or leave to the Parish Council contractor, BGG, for a minimum once or twice yearly cut. Some years ago the area had been over-grown and now it had been cleared, nettles thrived, which when cut down, exposed bare ground. JR will liaise with GGC as to whether they would be interested in developing the area in a biodiverse friendly way.</p> <p>iv. Salt Bins: MH had checked salt bins and explained that there is an option between a bulk bag delivery or to have 36 bags delivered on a pallet. It was agreed that a pallet delivery should be made to the Reading Room. MH would oversee distribution of salt bags and remainder could be stored in the Reading Room cellar.</p>	<p>JR</p> <p>MH/JF</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Ongoing Business</p> <p>i. Dog Mess: Deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>ii. Social/Welfare: Tree Planting: District Council has still not progressed matters. JR/JF will chase again for the legal agreement.</p> <p>iii. Verges/Mowing: see above.</p> <p>iv. 20mph Application: OCC will contact the Parish Council to progress matters in Phase 2, which will be in approximately April to October 2023.</p> <p>v. Litter Bug Detective Trail: Great Cowell is participating and details of the trail and competition will be circulated shortly by email.</p> <p>vi. Training: It was agreed that RH could be booked onto the OALC training Councillor Fundamentals course.</p>	<p>KM</p> <p>JR/JF</p> <p>JF</p> <p>JF</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>The Park</p> <p>S.106 Application: Legal Agreement had been signed and 90% of funds received. It was proposed, resolved and agreed that any VAT shortfall in meeting the order invoice could be met from reserves, pending reimbursement of VAT. It was further proposed, resolved and agreed that JR should sign the soil condition report required for the contractor to undertake works.</p> <p>ROSPA Safety Inspection: JR had previously filled the hole at the entrance to the MUGA identified in the Report with sand, but some of it had come out/been removed. JR will fill again. JR had tried to remedy the shrinkage identified on several occasions with gravel and soil and grass seed. JR will try again in the Autumn. JR will also try and locate a spare clip for the rocker online. JR will remove the rabbit fence at the gate, which is not making any difference.</p>	<p>JR</p>

11.	Review of Policies: It was agreed that the Parish Council Code of Conduct should be updated to align with OCC's. JF will circulate an updated version for resolution at the next meeting.	JF
12.	Finances Approval of all payments since 16.05.2022: Honorarium and annual expenses: £570 (05/06/22) Community Fund Toilet Hire: £264 (13/05/22) Cleaning Materials for Reading Room: £7.78 (20/05/22) Octopus Energy: £58.28 (06.06.22) Opus Gas: £66.08 (01.06.22) Everflow Ltd Water: £30.21 (20.06.22) BGG: £330; £108; £60 (30/06.22) Cardius Risk Management: £156 (16.07.22) ROSPA: £100.80 (13.07.22)	
13.	Insurance Policy Confirmation: Insurance was in place. JR had received a lower quote from another insurer, also without subsidence cover, but after the 30 day cancellation period for current insurance. JR will retain quote for next year for an alternative provider, if Gallagher does not provide a choice of insurers.	
14.	Planning i. P22/V0948/LDP: Comments upon certificate of lawful developments (not planning merits) of single storey side extension to Chowle Farm. Withdrawn. ii. P22/V0996/RM: Reserved Matters relating to planning for 125 dwellings on land to south of Steeds Farm: objection submitted (23.05.22)	
15.	Any other business/announcements to be added to next agenda None	
17.	Date of Next Meeting: Monday 26th September 2022, 6:30pm	

Meeting Closed: 7:25pm