

Oxhill Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 8pm in the Village Hall

The meeting, chaired by Grenville Moore was attended by Cllr's Duncan Harper and Derek Harbour. Apologies were received from Sue Hunt. Councillor John Feilding and Councillor Chris Williams, members for Kineton and Red Horse Division also attended.

Minutes – The minutes of the previous meeting were read, agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

New Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) draft for consultation – Having read the document the Parish Council feels that the document is comprehensive and therefore will not submit comments for the consultation. Proposed by Derek Harbour and seconded by Duncan Harper.

Data Protection Fee – This has been introduced and will need to be paid annually in May. The fee for Oxhill Parish Council will be £40 due to the number of employees and turnover. The registration process will be completed in due course. Due to the changes in legislation the Parish Council will no longer be able to use Mike Collins as a conduit for information. Therefore, residents will be asked if they would like to be added to the Parish Council contact list. Proposed by Duncan Harper and seconded by Grenville Moore.

Road name on Green Lane for houses at the rear of Stablecroft – The Parish Council have proposed that the name Groves be included in the name due to the long family connection with the village and this piece of land in particular.

Clerks Position – A new Clerk for the village has been appointed and will start over the next few months. WALC congratulated the Parish Council on the quality and professionalism of their advert.

Phone Box – Over the next few months the phone will be removed, the electricity disconnected and the box removed – no date as yet has been set. The Parish Council will then look to erect a bus shelter in this location.

Leys Field – Problems with flooding have been reported along the Main Street. The Parish Council has spoken to the planning officer who have stated that they are not happy with the planning application and that they will approach the developer before it goes to consultation. It has been requested that the planning officer liaise closely with the Parish Council so that they can make the appropriate response. Cllr J Feilding will also liaise with the appropriate people in this matter.

Planning

Permission has been approved for the following:-

Position of dwellings on Plot 3 Green Lane, Repainting the timber on Church Leaze Barn and a vary of permission at Applegrove.

Planning pending:

Land adjacent to Oxbourne House, Land at Short Meadow, Oak Woods House Green Lane, Trees at the Old Rectory, Re-roofing at the Manor and Reserved matters on the Leys Field

Finance

The following payments were approved:

£19.76 to Freeola (website and quarterly charge)

£324.00 to Tysoe Children's Group Ltd (for the printing of the Oxhill News from October to February)

£200.00 to Oxhill Village Hall Committee (mowing of the village hall)

£600.00 to St Lawrence PCC (mowing of the churchyard)

£526.80 to The Defib Pad (purchase of cabinet for the defibrillator)

Audit – Due to the size of the Parish Council and precept amount the Parish Council can apply for an exemption from the external audit which would cost £200.00. The usual internal audit will take place and accounts will be posted on the website in line with the transparency code. Proposed by Grenville Moore and seconded by Derek Harbour.

Defibrillator - The defibrillator code will be held by the landlord of the pub, residents in the immediate area and those residents who attend the training on its use. The Parish Council will need to allocate funds for replacement pads should the need arise for it after use. Proposed by Derek Harbour and seconded by Grenville Moore.

Any Other Business

Gilkes Lane – It has been reported that the road surface on Gilkes Lane is in a very poor condition. Cllr Chris Williams will pursue the matter.

Footpath Bridge – Further damage to the bridge has been reported, and the area taped off. The landowner has been contacted to rectify the situation.

Footpath behind the houses on Main Street – As this is impassable the Parish Council will investigate re-opening this so that it can be included in the manor walks.

Report by Councillor John Fielding – A full report was distributed to all Councillors. A summary of the main points included:

- In Warwickshire there were many GP's reaching retirement, leading to vacancies which is a concern.
- South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group will focus on 3 main areas – Out of Hospital, Personalisation and Specialist Provision.
- A report given by the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner stated that prevention of crime was crucial, as was the Gypsy and Traveller Protocol.

Report by Councillor Chris Williams – A full report was distributed to all Councillors. A summary of the main points included:

- The council tax will increase by 4.99% this year.
- This year there will be no reduction in front line services.
- Highways – some roads have deteriorated significantly due to the recent bad weather. Please use the pothole hotline areas requiring repair.
- Well-Being and health remain a priority for Warwickshire Health and Well-being Board.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The date of the next meeting is 8th May at 8pm in the Village Hall.

