



OLD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OLD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 12TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT
7.30PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, TOWNSON CLOSE, OLD.

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs R Bury (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs L Pilley

Cllr Mrs R Greenfield

Cllr Mrs S Dearden

Cllr A Withers

Cllr S Bocking

Cllr E Green

Clerk to the Meeting: Miss A Schofield

1/2/20

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

That apologies for absence be approved from Cllr D O'Connell.

2/2/20

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Other Interests

Cllr Mrs R Greenfield, item 45/1/20, Chair of ROAR.

Cllr Mrs L Pilley and Cllr S Dearden, item 45/1/20, Members of ROAR.

3/2/20

MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd January 2020 be signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

4/2/20

PUBLIC SESSION

No public present.

5/2/20

ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

That Cllr S Bocking be elected as the Vice-Chairman to the Parish Council.

6/2/20

PLANNING

1. **Application consultations received.** None to report.

2. **To receive and note planning permissions:**

RESOLVED:

That the following grant of planning permission be received and noted.

DA/2019/1034: Construction of a two storey rear extension and a first floor rear extension, The Poplars, Walgrave Road, Old

7/2/20

OLD PARISH CHARITIES

The Chair read out the email received from Annette Bardin, the Parish Council representative to Old Parish Charities.

RESOLVED:

That thanks be given by the Chairman to Annette for the email and that confirmation be provided to her that the Council are happy to accept her written email reports as proposed and that it be asked of her that if there is a month where there is nothing to report that she advise the Council to that effect.

8/2/20

GRASS CUTTING

To agree the requirements and contract terms for the grass cutting and to agree the process for taking forward.

RESOLVED:

That the Council tender for a one year contract for the grass cutting, 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021. That the cutting of the verge to the side of Vista House and that the cutting and grounds maintenance of the public open spaces of Cherry Hill be excluded from the contract. That Council support the use of volunteers to undertake the works to the Cherry Hill public open spaces for the same one year period. That an agenda item for the next meeting consider the best way for the Council to work with the volunteers.

9/2/20

HIGHWAY GRASS CUTTING GRANT 2020

RESOLVED:

That the Council enter into an agreement with the County Council for the cutting of highway grass within the village with County Council contribution payable £241.04 for the 2020 season.

10/2/20

FINANCE

1. **To approve payments between meetings and those payments presented to this meeting.**

RESOLVED:

That the following listed payments with a total of £377.43 be approved.

Date	Payee	Detail	Chq No.	Amount Ex. Vat	Vat	Total chq Amount
12/02/2020	SWALEC	Unmetered electricity supply	DD	£199.59	£38.82	£238.41
12/02/2020	E-ON	Lighting maintenance quarter to 31/12/19	987	£115.85	£23.17	£139.02

2. **To receive and note the bank balance.**

RESOLVED:

That the bank balance as at 28th January 2020 of £14,929.11 be received and noted.

3. **To approve the bank reconciliation.**

RESOLVED:

That the bank account reconciliation as at 28th January 2020 be approved and be signed by the Chairman.

11/2/20

PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

1. **To receive the playground inspection report and to consider any action required.**

The bird spikes on the junior swings have been properly fixed and the squeaks have been oiled. The seized number clocks on the climbing frame are still to be looked at. Vegetation and trees works are pending.

RESOLVED:

That the playground inspection report be received and noted. That the wood preservative works recommended be reviewed again in May. That Cllr Mrs L Pilley and Cllr E Green be thanked for their works undertaken at the playground.

2. **To receive report regarding the fence and to proceed with the works as agreed.**

The Clerk reminded of the Council decision from the November meeting to accept the quote from Mr N Brown.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk contact the insurers to clarify the position with regard to the email from the insurers dated 16th December 2019 and to chase the settlement payment.

12/2/20 CHERRY HILL COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR INSPECTION REPORT

RESOLVED:

That the Cherry Hill community defibrillator inspection report be received and noted with no actions arising.

13/2/20 PUBLICITY FOR THE ELECTIONS

RESOLVED:

That to promote candidacy at the May 2020 elections an article will be placed in the next village newsletter by the Chairman. That the article include links to further information regarding the elections and the Council's own website. That reference be made to the hours that a Councillor may put into their role.

14/2/20 THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2020

RESOLVED:

That Council undertake a parish clean-up in conjunction with the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean being held 20th March to 13th April 2020. That the clean-up be scheduled for the 28th March 2020.

15/2/20 ROAR

The Clerk reported having liaised further with the insurers regarding queries raised. The Clerk suggested she provide a written report for consideration at the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the item be deferred to the next meeting to allow the Clerk additional time to liaise with the insurers and provide a written report.

16/2/20 TRAINING

The Chairman confirmed the training date scheduled as 26th March 2020 from 7-9pm.

17/2/20 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the following items of business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting

18/2/20 STAFFING

1. Recruitment of a Clerk

RESOLVED:

That a working party of Cllr Mrs R Bury, Cllr A Withers and Cllr S Bocking be formed to take forward the recruitment process and interview of applicants. That the working party be delegated to appoint a new clerk if a candidate is considered acceptable.

2. Review of temporary cover during recruitment period

The temporary clerk provided an update with regard to the hours worked to date.

19/2/20 RE-OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

20/2/20

ITEMS TO REPORT

Cllr Mrs R Bury spoke of the forthcoming elections and the process for submitting nomination papers which should be hand delivered with appointment to Daventry District Council by 8th April at 4pm.

Cllr Mrs R Bury confirmed the date for the APM as 29th April 2020.

Cllr Mrs S Dearden spoke of the website and referenced Walgrave Parish Council and their obtaining quote for the work to make their website compliant. Website to be an item for consideration at the next meeting.

Cllr Mrs R Greenfield provided an update regarding Neighbourhood Watch. It transpires the that Old village is not registered as a scheme and that with data protection issues coming to light it essentially means that the scheme needs to be looked at afresh. There will be an article going into the next village newsletter to advise. Cllr Mrs R Greenfield referenced the Amazon Prime scam and that warning regarding this is being disseminated.

Cllr A Withers requested an agenda item to allow consideration of the lighting project.

DATE OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

11th March 2020

8th April 2020

29th April 2020 - Annual Parish Meeting

Chairman

Date