



Lassington Oak

Highnam Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting of Highnam Parish Council held in The Old School on Tuesday 10 October 2017

Present: Cllrs: M Welch, M Moir, C Coats, T Talbot, Y Watkins and V Tustin Smith

In Attendance: R Hicks (Clerk), Cllr. P Awford and 9 members of the public

Public Forum:

Q asked again when issues regarding a fallen tree and a broken gate at Lassington Wood will be dealt with; Q asked about availability of minutes on website; Q asked whether it had been possible to get more daffodil bulbs for planting; Q asked about Oakridge Open Space, and its use as a Recreation Park; Q asked about excessive speed on A40

1. To receive apologies for absence

None received, although it is known that Cllr Davies has been overseas

2. To Coopt Councillor

Mr Kelvin Ashby has submitted a resume which has been circulated to Councillors; a proposal that Mr Ashby be coopted to Council was made by Cllr Moir, seconded by Cllr Coats, all in favour. Mr Ashby was duly invited to join the Parish Council

3. To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2017

The minutes were received by the Chairman. It was proposed by Cllr. Moir, seconded by Cllr.Coats, all in favour, that they be approved and signed as an accurate record.

4. Members of the Council are invited to declare any interest they may have in the business set out below

None

5. To allow dispensations

None required

6. To receive County Councillor's Report

Cllr Awford reported that concerns over the Ofsted report on GCC childcare has been discussed with a view to bringing improvements about; over 600 children are in care and need guaranteed protection. A40 has been remarked, but the issue of speeding is a matter for the Police; will try to get some monitoring done. In future, GCC will be using 3 contractors for their work, not just Amey. The JCS Inspector has indicated that there will not be significant changes to the report. Efforts are being made to ensure the adoption of the cycle path.

7. To receive District Councillor's Report

In Cllr Davies absence there was no report.

8. To receive Clerks Report -

Clerk reported on matters arising from September minutes; with regard to Mrs P Toveys retirement, it had been pointed out that other long serving members of the Scouting movement were also retiring i.e. Mr D Eggleton and Mrs N Haines; suggestion had been made that Council planted 3 trees to mark their service; costs to be obtained and location discussed. External Audit had been returned approved with one comment, referring to sum outstanding in 2016 on PWLB loan for Gambier Parry Hall. Clerk had spoken with TBC Planning Enforcement regarding their lack of action at Over Farm, and will report fully at item 16 on the agenda. A complaint has been raised with our new Bank over charges; account should be free of charges. Highnam Heritage are holding an event on 25 November 2017 between 2 and 5pm in Gambier Parry Hall; Council have been invited to exhibit.

9. Finance - to approve invoices for payment

Lloyds Bank a/c			Power	Amount
14 September 2017	Mainstream Digital	DD	59	£ 40.08
28 September 2017	Admin Costs	S/o	13	£ 376.23
10 October 2017	HCCT	000003	40	£ 265.00

10. To consider and adopt revised Standing Orders

These are still being discussed

11. To discuss HCCT Legal Issues

Cllr. Watkins reported that a draft agreement had been sent out; this would be discussed at Trustees

meeting 11 October 2017. A problem has been identified on Parish Rooms; a structural engineer is to assess and report.

12. To discuss Highnam Parish Plan Refresh

Cllr. Coats reported that the meeting on 4 October 2017 was well attended with around 35 present, and around 18 volunteers putting their names forward. Progress is being reviewed and another meeting arranged for 23 October 2017. Details for arrangements for drawdown of S106 monies are being checked, and the conditions attached. Three key areas are identified as Environment, Community and Leisure; the plan continues to be worked on to present to Council for approval. Any further volunteers will be welcomed.

13. To discuss Communications

Cllr. Talbot reported that details of the new noticeboard are available; Proposed by Cllr Coats, seconded by Cllr Moir, all in favour that this goes ahead; Cllr Ashby offered to get involved with Communications.

14.1 To receive and comment on Planning Applications:

17/00694/FUL	Mr/Mrs Eagle	Newlands, Lassington Lane, GL2 8DH	Single storey extension to provide enlarged bedroom with ensuite.garden room and utility
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Council have concerns over the proximity of this extension to the footpath alongside the property; this concern to be communicated to TBC

14.2 To receive information related to application for development on land south of Oakridge (16/00486/FUL)

An appeal has been lodged with Sec.of State; TBC have asked for this to be determined by written application; the detailed grounds for the appeal are not yet known. Provisional work has been done to fight the appeal should that be necessary. An explanation was provided of the difference between a public hearing and a written appeal. This is now one of three appeals lodged in Highnam Parish.

15. To discuss need for a Flood Warden

A volunteer is required to take on this role; an explanation of the role was given, which is not demanding, and is more a point of contact should the need arise. Cllr Coats said he would take on the role if no other volunteer was forthcoming, *Clerk to ask again for a volunteer in next Link article.*

16. To discuss Over Farm activities

A letter has been sent to TBC listing concerns and requesting a meeting. Highnam NDP supports limited activity at Over Farm, and the area is clearly identified in the NDP; this should be used to support objection to over development. Clerk reported that in a telecom with Planning Enforcement he asked how much longer TBC were going to delay taking action, when their previous warnings have been clearly ignored, and suggested that TBC should visit again to see the scale of latest Nightmare event. There appears to be a reluctance to take action. At this point, Standing Orders were suspended for 5 mins, with agreement of all Councillors; It was pointed out that there must be strong enforcement, and developers should not be underestimated. Cllr Awford said that he would speak with Planning Enforcement tomorrow.

17. Bank Reconcilliation

Has been supplied to all Councillors; there were no questions

18. Residual Items

1. It was reported that all non-urgent appointments at Highnam Surgery have been suspended
2. HCCT have a defibrillator which is being fitted to Gambier Parry Hall
3. Request was made that Bus Shelters are added to November agenda
4. Volunteers are sought to help collect information on speeding in Highnam
5. Question was asked about a dead tree between Oakridge and Long Field; this has been reported to TBC for replacement

Meeting closed at 8.37pm

Next meeting : 14 November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Old School Room

Signed _____

Date _____

