



Lassington Oak

Highnam Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting of Highnam Parish Council held in The Old School on Tuesday 14 March 2017

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

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

Public Forum:

Question was asked whether there was to be a fun day this year; Congratulations were offered to Parish Council in the success of having the Oakridge building proposal refused. Chairman in turn congratulated Jo Storey on the display of daffodils, and Newent Rotary Club on the new show of crocuses. Q was asked whether cycle path can be trimmed back before it gets out of hand; further question was asked about the monies due from Lassington Reach development; information on this matter will be available at the public drop in event to be held in Parish Room on 8 April 2017. Further thanks were offered to Parish Council for all the work put in towards making representations on Oakridge development

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr S Adcock, who has since resigned due to work and family commitments

2. To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 February 2017

The minutes were received by the Chair and signed as an accurate record.

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

None

4.. To allow dispensations

None required

5.. To receive County Councillor's Report

Cllr Awford reported that the County budget had been agreed; there was an extra £9m for Highways, and the £30K local Highways money will be available; also the Lengthman scheme is now budgeted; work continues to get more support for Highways, and information has been sought regarding traffic management when work starts in 2018 on the further improvements to Over roundabout

6. To receive District Councillor's Report

Cllr Davies had nothing to report; his time had been taken up in trying to prevent 'loose' developments, but he added that Highnam must be prepared for an appeal to be made on the Oakridge development

7.1 To receive Clerks Report -

Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Ecotricity in relation to a proposed Green Gasmill near Fiddington, for our information only; also that his availability would be limited until 27 March 2017 due to Jury service

7.2 To consider request from NHW for support

Clerk explained that Highnam NHW had asked whether PC could offer some financial support to help in the continuation of production of their newsletter. It was proposed by Cllr Watkins, seconded Cllr Moir that Parish Council grant Highnam NHW £100 pa, grant to be reviewed annually; all agreed

8. To discuss HCCT Legal Issues

Cllr Watkins, as HCCT Trustee, asked PC whether Trustees could be given permission, together maybe with previous Clerk, to search Council papers for legal documents being sought to resolve this situation; Clerk explained that he had advised HCCT that he had found numerous documents which he needed to go through with Trustees, but had not yet been able to arrange a convenient time; he will continue to progress this issue. Chair asked Cllr Watkins to explain HCCT for the benefit of public present.

9.1 To discuss Capital Projects – Recreation Park

9.2 and to consider Highnam Parish Plan

Sub group has put in a lot of work on this matter, aided by A Goode from TBC. A drop-in event to explain will be held between 10am and 4.00pm on Saturday 8 April 2017 in Parish Room; this will be publicised to ensure best turn out and feedback will be correlated to produce a questionnaire to be delivered to every house in Highnam Parish

10. To discuss Communications

Cllr Talbot reported that Sally Adcock will be missed; she had done a lot of work on this project, and it would be helpful if more help was forthcoming; Cllr Watkins offered to help with technical input. The draft new web site was currently being worked on, and other ideas, such as noticeboards and Link are

being considered

11. To discuss Footpaths

Cllr Talbot reported that there are now 3 'footpath champions'; he advised that all should 'watch this space'

12.1 To receive and comment on Planning Applications

17/00176/FUL	Mr R Daldry	Timberyard, GL2 8DW	Change of use to residential curtilage and retention of open sided storage barn
17/00190/FUL	Mr R Keene	Over Farm, GL2 8DB	Erection of new farm shop & visitor/education centre
17/00047/FUL	Mr M Trigg-Hogarth	1 Gordon Close, GL2 8LL	Proposed porch
17/00200/APP	Mrs A Oldham	Over, GL2 8DB	Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline permission for the erection of 4 detached dwellings on 13/00891/OUT

1. - no objection

2 - question should be asked what is planned for old farm shop building

3. – object, proposed Cllr Coats, seconded Cllr Tustin Smith, all agreed based on street appearance and building line

4. – no comment

12.2. To discuss forward action on application for development on land south of Oakridge

This application was refused by TBC at the Planning Committee meeting today. Parish Council needs to be proactive now, and prepared to act in the event of an appeal. The reasons for refusal need to be examined, and an action plan agreed. It is likely that there will be a need to engage some expert help, on Planning, Highways and possibly Landscape; this is likely to be a real test of the Highnam NDP

13. Finance 1. to approve invoices for payment

RBS a/c			Power	Amount
15 February 2017	Glebe Gardening	000250	4	£ 119.00
28 February 2017	Admin.Costs	S/o	13	£ 376.23
14 March 2017	GAPTC	000253	16	£ 95.00
14 March 2017	HCCT	000254	12	£ 15.00
14 March 2017	Mainstream Digital	DD	23	£ 42.08
14 March 2017	Glebe Gardening	000255	4	£ 114.75

Approved

14. Bank Reconciliation

Bank reconciliation February 2017			
RBS Account			
Bank Balance at 1 February 2017	£49,918.52	Payments February 2017	£592.38
		Outstanding Cheques	£212.00
Receipts February 2017	£0.00	Restricted funds	£18,954.12
		Available Balance	£30,348.87
		Bank Balance 1 February 2017	£49,326.14
		Petty Cash on hand	£188.85
		Total Balance	£49,514.99

Restricted funds in RBS a/c

Project Reserves	£8,269.25
Council Reserves	£10,000.00
NDP Reserves	£393.81
Fun Day Proceeds	£300.06
	<u>£18,954.12</u>

15. Residual Items

1. It was reported that Bellway Homes are considering a request for involvement in the naming of the streets on the Lassington Reach development
2. Matters were invited for a meeting of the Highnam Surgery Patient Participation Group
3. Clerk pointed out that there are now two vacancies for Parish Councillor

Meeting closed at 8.36pm

Next meeting : 11 April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Old School Room

Signed _____

Date _____

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