



Lassington Oak

Highnam Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting of Highnam Parish Council held in The Old School on Tuesday 9 July 2019

Present: Cllrs: M Welch, D Davies, C Coats, Y Watkins, K Emmerson and W Badham

In Attendance: R Hicks (Clerk), Cllr P Awford, and 4 members of the public

Public Forum:

A report was made of overgrown hedges impeding pavements on B4215 towards the A40, and traffic signs overgrown; also of 30mph painted road signs being worn and obliterated by patching works; some concern was expressed regarding the Over Farm planning application at Item10; Parent and Toddler group reported that they are currently financially challenged and asked whether the Parish Council may be able to provide some support.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Tustin Smith - Family, Cllr Jill Smith - Away

2. To approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 June 2019

The minutes were received by the Chairman and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

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

None declared

4. To allow dispensations

None requested or necessary

5. To receive County Councillor's Report

Cllr Awford started his report by advising that he had inspected recent Highways patching in the village, and was to meet with Glos Highways the following morning. Outstanding work may be carried out at a weekend to reduce interruption to traffic. He will also raise issues from the Public Forum. He went on to update the Pc on a recent County Council meeting and his role in Scrutiny for Adult Care.

6. To receive District Councillor's Report

Cllrs Jill Smith and McLain had provided a report which Clerk read to meeting; reference was made again to the insufficiency of TBC Housing Land Supply at only 4.33yrs and the application for 800 houses at Fiddington which has been rejected, leading to a challenge of that decision, and to the award of £750 TBC have received by TBC to carry out a detailed analysis of the development of a 10,000 home Garden Town at Ashchurch. A further analysis is to be carried out for a potential Garden Village of over 3,000 homes west of Cheltenham. Funding is still available through the Disabled Facilities Grant to provide home adaptations. Concerns regarding dog fouling and flytipping have been discussed, as has vehicle no-idling zones outside schools. Help is also available for fledgling businesses.

7. To receive Clerks Report and Correspondence

Clerk reported that the Audit has been sent for External audit, and receipt confirmed; He is still trying to establish responsibility for grass cutting at The Green; We are waiting a response from Bellway Homes regarding restitution of the grass areas on the island at Maidenhall; TBC have finally responded that the fence at 6 Cottage Field is a permitted development, and the nails in the top are not a matter for Planning; A notice has been received of a Temporary speed restriction to 30mph for 110yds prior to the A40 traffic lights on B4215.

8. Finance - to approve invoices for payment

Lloyds Bank a/c			Power	Amount
14 June 2019	Mainstream Digital	DD	12	£ 40.79
28 June 2019	Admin Costs	S/o	17	£ 418.82
1 July 2019	PWLB	DD	14	£ 10,524.63
9 July 2019	M White	Online	17	£ 12.50
9 July2019	HCCT	Online	19	£ 16.50
9 July2019	M Stock	Online	4	£ 143.00
9 July 2019	Estcourt Planning	Online	31	£ 297,20
9 July 2019	One Man Went to Mow	Online	4	£ 45.50

Approved unanimously

9. To receive update on Highnam Parish Plan Refresh, and decide on forward action

A meeting is to be arranged with TBC where to discuss details of moving the projects forward, so that quotes can be sought and work begun.

10.1 To receive and comment on Planning Applications:

1. 19/00547/FUL	35 Brimsome Meadow, GL2 8EW	Erection of single storey front porch
2. 19/00461/FUL	Over Farm, GL2 8DB	Change of use of land at Over Farm for seasonal events with continued agricultural use
3. 19/00607/FUL	84 Maidenhall, GL2 8DL	Erection of single storey side link and side/rear extension. Erection of replacement car port
4. 19/00571/FUL	Alney Practice, GL2 8DH	Single storey side extension to existing surgery

1 & 3 No objection

2. Comment made that this application was lacking in detail, given the huge expanse of land included in the application, which far exceeds the area identified in NDP as being supported for expansion. It was suggested that a meeting of all parties should be requested. There was no basic objection to the application, provided issues can be resolved.

4. No objection; question asked how the £40+K S106 monies were being used, and whether there were plans to improve car parking

10.2 Application for street trading licence

This was an application for a Gluten Free fish and chip van, sited at the Cottage Field layby. Some slight reservation was voiced regarding noise, smell, rubbish and parking nuisance to neighbouring properties

11. To receive update on NDP Review

Nothing to report.

12. Weeds in Highnam

Concern was voiced that weeds are not being dealt with, particularly in closes. Weed spraying is to be increased, and TBC gutter sweeping schedule requested to try to coordinate in order to clear dead weeds

13. Crime in Highnam

A request was made to both NHW and Police for reported crime figures for last 12 months; neither organisation responded with information

14. Bank Reconciliation

Bank Reconciliation June 2019			
Lloyds Account			
Bank Balance at 31 May 2019	£54,771.10	Payments June 2019	£1,356.41
		Outstanding Payments	£0.00
Receipts June 2019	£0.00	Restricted funds	£12,432.55
		Available Balance	£40,987.02
		Bank Balance 30 June 2019	£53,414.69
		Petty Cash on hand	£4.88
		Total Balance	£53,419.57

Restricted Funds

Project Reserves £4,496.07

Council Reserves £7,555.21

NDP Reserves £286.21

Fun Day Proceeds £95.06

£12,432.55

15. Residual Items

1. Complaints have been received regarding condition of footpaths, Hill Crest to school

2. An unsafe fence at 3 The Range was reported
3. Footpath from The Green to Two Mile Lane junction is overgrown - report to Glos Highways
4. Pavement parking is creating problems, with pedestrians having to walk in the road – report to Police and request some presence

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Next meeting : 10 September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Old School Room

Signed _____

Date _____