

CROWMARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 9th April 2015
Starting at 7:30pm

Present:

Mr N Hannigan	Mr S Soames
Prof A Johnson	Mr S Sherbourne
Mrs F Jones	

Attending: Ms C M Malcolm (Finance Officer)

Apologies: Received from Cllr J Griffin, Mrs F Cheeseman, Mrs F Stevenson and Mrs S Rance (Clerk).

Declarations of interest: None.

The meeting was quorate.

Prior to the meeting the Chairman reminded members that because of the upcoming parish, district and parliamentary elections that a state of purdah existed and members should be mindful that any new or controversial initiatives (such as modernisation initiatives or administrative changes) which could be seen to be advantageous to any candidates or parties in the forthcoming election. Where actual advantage to candidates is proven in law to have been given this amounts to a breach of Section 2 of the Local Government Act 1986.

NO.		ACTION
4319	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 th March were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
4320	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES <u>Item 4298 (a)</u> Cllr Sherborne reported that the water leak on the allotments had been fixed. <u>Item 4308</u> Cllr Hannigan advised that the revised publications scheme information had been posted by the Clerk. <u>Item 4309</u> Cllr Hannigan reported that the Clerk has booked the school hall for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 19 th May. <u>Item 4298 (a)</u> Cllr Sherborne advised that he has drafted a letter to Supt Andy Boyd and has sent it to Cllr Griffin for comment	

NO.		ACTION
4321	<p>FINANCE</p> <p><u>a) Payments made in March</u></p> <p>A schedule of payments made in March was presented.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Hannigan and seconded by Cllr Sherbourne that the payments be approved and this was agreed.</p> <p><u>b) Accounts Status at 31st March 2015</u></p> <p>The accounts status report was presented.</p> <p><u>c) Update on contracts for grass cutting</u></p> <p>The Finance Officer advised that the main grass cutting contract for the 2015-16 financial year had been awarded to Scofell. Scofell will also be responsible for cutting North Stoke Rec Ground. Tom Cottrell will be cutting Newnham Churchyard.</p> <p>The Finance Officer reported that Scofell had asked for contacts should they have any questions or issues. Cllr Hannigan advised that he would be the contact for Crowmarsh village. Cllr Soames agreed that he would be the contact for North Stoke. Cllr Johnson advised that he will be meeting with Scofell regarding work needed on the Nature Reserve.</p> <p><u>d) Other Matters</u></p> <p>The Finance Officer advised that she had received invoices from the ORCC and OALC for renewal of annual membership. Cllr's approved renewal of membership of these affiliated organisations as in previous years.</p> <p>The British Gas Fixed Price Plan is due for renewal in May. After discussion Council agreed to renew the fixed price contract for 1 year.</p>	

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4322	<p data-bbox="252 271 975 304">CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p data-bbox="252 342 1118 416">Cllr Hannigan advised that he would combine Correspondence with the Chairman's report.</p> <ul data-bbox="252 450 1145 734" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="252 450 1145 629">• Over 50 people attended SODC's Local Plan 2031 consultation held in Crowmarsh Gifford on 14th March. SODC are collating the responses and feedback from all consultations prior to posting on their website and announcing the next stage of the consultation process. <li data-bbox="252 629 1145 734">• Wallingford is to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and are currently consulting on the area to be covered by the plan which follows the new parish boundary of Wallingford. <p data-bbox="252 772 501 806">Correspondence</p> <ul data-bbox="252 844 1139 1084" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="252 844 1139 913">• Invitation to Thames Chiltern District Scouts St Georges Day Parade & Service at Dorchester Abbey - Sunday 26th April. <li data-bbox="252 913 1139 949">• ROAR - Invitation to rally in Wantage 12th April <li data-bbox="252 949 1139 1019">• Thames Valley Police - Invitation to nominate police officers, staff and volunteers for 2015 Community Policing Awards. <li data-bbox="252 1019 1139 1055">• Notification of VE day (8th May) - nationwide beacon events. <li data-bbox="252 1055 1139 1084">• 	

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PLANNING

Decisions: The Council noted the following decision from SODC.

P15/S0059/HH (Householder): Application proposal, including any amendments: Three storey rear extension with third storey in roof space. 10 Jethro Tull Gardens, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8DS: PERMISSION GRANTED.

Applications: The Council was asked to agree its response to SODC on the following application's:

P15/S0625/FUL (Full Application): Erection of 2 x 2 bed semi-detached dwellings together with associated parking. Land adjacent to The Old Coach House, The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8EJ: RECOMMEND REFUSAL for the following reason.

The erection of 2 x 2 bedroom semi-detached dwellings is over-development of this site and has the possibility to cause problem's for the adjacent properties which share the access road.

P15/S0704/HH (Householder): Demolition of existing garage and erection of a double garage with home office over. 1 Park View, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8BJ: NO STRONG VIEWS.

P15/S0868/LB (Listed Building Consent): Removal of modern paint and cement-based renders from the interior and exterior of the building and replacement with breathable lime-based materials. Kimberley Cottage, The Street, North Stoke (in the parish of Crowmarsh), OX10 6BL: RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

Appeal Decision

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Appeal Ref: APP/Q3115/A/14/2218449

SODC Ref: P11/W1965

Applicant: Lister Wilder Limited

Land at Betts Farm, Old Reading Road, Crowmarsh Gifford, Oxon, OX10 8EW

The applicant appealed against a decision by South Oxfordshire District Council to refuse to remove condition 2 which stated: That the development should be carried out in accordance with details shown on approved plan 364-PL02A, soft and hard landscaping.

THE APPEAL WAS DISMISSED.

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4324	<p>REPORTS OF COMMITTEES</p> <p><u>Environment & Recreation Ground</u></p> <p>Cllr Johnson advised that the Rec Ground committee are looking for a new contractor to work with on the Nature Reserve and as mentioned earlier in the meeting he will be meeting with Scofell. The next Rec Ground Committee is to be held in May.</p> <p>Cllr Johnson reported that there seemed to be a large amount of rubbish alongside the roads in areas of the parish particularly on Clacks Lane. Councillors discussed the possibility of having a “litter pick” but no conclusion was reached.</p> <p>Cllr Jones advised that a car and caravan have been parked on the A4074 opposite the turning to Mongewell. Cllrs agreed to note the situation and should the vehicles still be there at the next meeting to raise the issue with OCC Highways Dept.</p> <p><u>Traffic and Transport</u></p> <p>Cllr Jones advised that she will be unable to attend the next meeting of the Travel and Transport Representatives meeting on 20th May. She asked if any other councillor would like to attend and advised that she will produce a summary of the minutes of the meeting for Council.</p>	
4325	<p>UPDATE ON WEBSITE</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson was not present to provide an update.</p>	
4326	<p>REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES</p> <p>There were no reports from representatives on outside bodies</p>	

4327	<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT</p> <p>District Cllr Crabbe submitted the following written report:</p> <p>Riverside/Stephens Rd Update</p> <p>Monson have carried out a flood risk assessment, as required, and have consulted with the Environment Agency regarding the proposal. The previous issue for the delay was due to the trees and the current issue is the necessity to remove some of the soil from elsewhere in the flood plain in order to compensate for will now be put into Riverside.</p> <p>The next step is to submit a planning application, which should normally take 8 weeks to determine. If approved the aim is to carry out the work this summer, before the school holidays.</p> <p>Thames Water</p> <p>Update from Thames Water below regarding cleaning of the system and work in Winters Field, now complete. We are still waiting on the reports of the flow survey due mid April from Thames Water which are a precursor to Thames Water returning to Crowmarsh to update the residents.</p> <p>Development at Mongewell/Carmel</p> <p>Still no outcome at the time of writing from the NPCU on whether or not the Secretary of State will “call in” the application. I understand that the proposal for the number of houses on the CABI site following their consultation has fallen to circa 80.</p> <p>Cllr Hannigan advised that this would be the last report from District Councillor Crabbe as she will not be standing for re-election.</p>	
4328	<p>REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR</p> <p>Cllr Gray was not present to provide a report.</p>	
4329	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held at North Stoke Village Hall on Thursday 14th May, starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p>The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at Crowmarsh Gifford School on Tuesday 19th May, starting at 7.30pm.</p>	

<p>4330</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Cllr Johnson asked if all other councillors were standing for re-election. Cllr Hannigan advised he understood all councillors were, other than Cllr Brown who was working abroad and had therefore resigned from Council and Cllr Lowes.</p> <p>Cllr Sherbourne asked if Council should hold a strategic spending review with a view to formulating a spending plan and investment plan. Cllr Hannigan suggested that he raise this at the next meeting. In the meantime Cllr Hannigan will check with the Clerk whether Standing orders allow for such a meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Soames raised the problem of North Stoke and the existing Mongewell residences not being connected to mains sewerage, and whether as a result of the proposed development of Mongewell this situation will change. Cllr Hannigan suggested this should be added to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting. Mr Hannigan advised that he will talk to Cllr Griffin about contacts at Thames Water and the process to take this forward.</p> <p>Cllr Soames reported that North Stoke parents are having problems with school transport for their children. North Stoke falls into the catchment area for Langtree School. However, County won't pay for transport to Langtree as Wallingford School is nearer. Cllr Jones suggested Cllr Soames contact Alan Field OCC Bus Service Manager and provided Cllr Soames with contact details. She also advised that School Transport will be covered in the next Transport and Travel representatives meeting should Cllr Soames wish to attend.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 9pm.</p>	