

## KIRTLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Present: JAB Charlesworth, Miss A Kennedy, Dr H Macbeth, Mrs R M Powles (Clerk), Mr D R Pratt (Chairman), S Tylor  
In attendance: Mr S Dickinson, Mr M Harrison  
Apologies: Miss S van Loen, R Sadler, Cllr S Holland (Cherwell DC)

#### 1. Minutes of the meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015

These were signed as a correct record.

#### 2. Matters arising from the minutes

Footpaths and pavements: Cllr Macbeth offered to report the uneven pavement outside the Oxford Arms to Highways. Cllr Pratt said lack of time and poor weather had prevented any work in Betty Bulls lane.

Tipping at proposed commercial fruit-farm site, west of Golf Course: the Clerk was asked to make enquiries about progress.

#### 3. Declarations of interest

None.

#### 4. Reports

See agenda items.

#### 5. (i) Village Hall

KVHMC were applying for grants to fund the final insulation work and sound management improvements for the Hall and had forwarded details to Cllr Pratt. The Parish Council agreed it supported KVHMC's grant application to Viridor Credits for the insulation work and sound management improvement, and any other grant applications KVHMC needed to make for these works.

#### (ii) Sports Field and Play Area

A delivery vehicle attempting to access private property via the grassed area to the side of the car park had caused damage to the sports field fence by the Village Hall. It was agreed prior requests should be made for the key to the gate and Mr Mark Harrison confirmed he was happy for his mobile phone details to be published in the Village News for such requests.

Sports field mowing: the Council approved Ady Podbury's written quotation for this season's work.

Play Area fundraising: Cllr Pratt said Cllrs van Loen and Kennedy were to be congratulated for their popular and successful chocolate-making demonstration on 5<sup>th</sup> March. The event had made a profit of about £450. Mr and Mrs Waterhouse had kindly run the bar, Mr Burley had also worked very hard. Cllr Kennedy would write an article for the Village News and advertise the next events.

Play Area slide: it was agreed this should be checked to establish whether stabilizing work was needed in the short term and a carpenter with an understanding of timber structures would be able to advise. It was agreed the Clerk should approach Matt Giles for advice.

Grant applications for the Play Area: Cllrs Kennedy and van Loen were preparing grant applications for the climbing equipment to replace the slide - the Council stated its support for the proposed applications.

Tennis court grant applications: Cllr Pratt suggested engaging the Oxford Sports Partnership to assist with a grant application to Sports England, as an adjunct to the grant application to Viridor Credits. A fee of £75 would

be charged for this assistance, plus 1.5% of the funding if received. It was agreed assistance from Oxford Sports Partnership would be worthwhile and the fees were a reasonable expense. Cllr Pratt was due to meet an assessor from Viridor Credits on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

## **6. Village Greens**

Most of the no parking signs had been installed. The Parish Council noted again that the installation of the signs had full Council support. It was agreed to ask Greenscape Inspires to provide the same mowing service as last year and Cllr Pratt would contact Mr Greenslade.

## **7. Planning**

- (i) Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan – subject to confirmation a working group meeting would be held on 24<sup>th</sup> March.
- (ii) Gladman Developments, Applic. 14/01531/OUT (Cherwell DC reference 14/00046/NONDET, Planning Inspectorate reference APP/C3105/W/14/3001612): the appeal would be held by Public Inquiry, provisionally scheduled for the second half of July. Interested parties should submit comments by 8<sup>th</sup> April.
- (iii) Gladman Developments, Applic. 14/02139/OUT, for up to 75 new homes on land at Corner Farm. The application would be determined by Cherwell DC's Planning Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> March.
- (iv) Monthly planning application update: see schedule, to be attached to the approved minutes.

## **8. Correspondence**

The Village News had contacted Cllr Charlesworth with concerns that use of the website by businesses would potentially divert advertising revenue from the Village News. The Council noted that it did not charge any village business or organisation for use of the website as the website was intended for community use and benefit, but neither did it consider the website to be in competition with the Village News. The Village News was thought to be a more effective vehicle for advertising and for that reason it was agreed that any requests from businesses outside the parish for advertising would be passed on to the Village News. Cllr Charlesworth also felt that new businesses based in the parish should be supported via posts on the website while starting up.

Mrs Hawkesworth with members of KVHMC had written to ask if the Council had any objection to the creation of a wild flower section in the verge of the Village Hall between the car park and the play area. The Council agreed it supported the proposal.

Burial space provision – the PCC had requested meeting dates after Easter (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April) to discuss this; Cllr Sadler had confirmed he would be able to attend and the Clerk would ask the PCC to suggest specific dates.

Weaveley Arboretum (south of Tackley) had provided details of the natural burial cemetery which would be open from later in the year.

Mrs Andre had written on 20<sup>th</sup> February to request permission for a skip on South Green for building works at Padbury House from 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The Clerk had been abroad at the time would enquire when the skips were due to be removed.

A resident of Kidlington had written to request permission to carry out metal detecting on parish council-owned land. It was agreed that there was no suitable site.

Mr Rob Cooke had written to ask if the Council would consider making a donation to the Youth Club. Cllrs Pratt and Charlesworth would contact Mr Cooke.

**10. Finance**

Payments approved since the last meeting and new payments for approval: listed in separate schedule to be filed with the approved minutes.

**11. AOB**

Cllr Macbeth referred to Cherwell DC's annual Big Spring Clean initiative. Cllr Kennedy said health and safety concerns made participation inadvisable.

Cllr Kennedy requested assistance for the Parish Council's stand (advertising its fundraising initiative for the Play Area) at the Easter Bazaar on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Cllr Tylor said it had not been possible to arrange hedge trimming at the Quarry Pit field.

Signed ***D R Pratt*** Chairman

Date ***14<sup>th</sup> April 2015***

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### Agenda Item 7 - Planning report

#### **NEW INFORMATION FOR MARCH 2015 MEETING**

Name Mr Tom Dingwall, Application no 15/00013/TCA  
Location Kirkstone House, Church Lane  
Proposal 1st Leyland cypress screen - fell and remove stumps  
2nd Leyland cypress screen – remove (previous app - reduce height by 2 1/2 meters).  
*Parish Council* (Ref (12/00300/TCA, permission granted 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012 - Email comments sent 15 Nov 012: suggests phased removal of H1 and phased reduction of H2, both in conjunction with replanting.)  
*CDC* Permission granted 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Name Mr N Fry, Application 15/00027/TCA  
Location Stonehaven Troy Lane  
Proposal T1 x Plane – remove large low branch back to main stem, reduce secondary branch mid crown overhanging neighbouring garden by 50%. Upper canopy – reduce two main limbs high in crown and leaning over neighbouring property reduce by one third.  
*Parish Council* No objection  
*CDC* Decision awaited

Name Mr and Mrs Chapman, Applications 15/00127/F & 15/00128/LB; 15/00134/F & 15/00135/LB  
Location Foxtownsend Farmhouse, Heyford Rd  
Proposal Replacement extensions, alterations and repairs including 3 no. new windows  
*Parish Council* no objection  
*CDC* Decision awaited

Name Mr Gavin Jones, Application 15/00037/TCA  
Location Rose Mount, Station Road  
Proposal 1 x Eucalyptus - fell  
*Parish Council* Comments due by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

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### Agenda Item 9 - Financial report

#### 1. ACCOUNTS STATUS

Current a/c at 27 Feb2015	£27,535.28	Includes New Homes Bonus payment, CDC second half of precept, VAT reclaim incl larger Village Hall refurb bills
Subtract unbanked chqs	£274	KVHMC x 2, goal posts donation, OCV
	<u>£27,261.28</u>	
Saver a/c at 27 Feb 2015 (statements only quarterly)	<u>£3,433.51</u>	Unchanged on previous month.

#### 2. PAYMENTS / RECEIPTS

##### Payments post February meeting (already approved)

Spratt Endicott	£40	LR fees (chq raised 17 Feb)
Spratt Endicott	£600	Fees ref completion of Cottage on the Green easement

##### March 2015 – new payments

JAB Charlesworth	£37.74	Reimburse cost of village website hosting
KVHMC	£9.60	Room hire 3rd Feb
Cherwell DC	£87.17	Clear dog bins over winter
R M Bone	£275	Overtime, 12th Jan - 6th Feb inclusive (33 hrs at £8.428 / hr)
OALC	£84	Booking fee, Village Greens course (already approved)
J P Draper	£360.54	Reimburse - chain saw, oil, 8 x bags postcrete for Molly Minns fence
<u>Total</u>	<u>£854.05</u>	