

DAGLINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2016 in Daglingworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Chair Cllr Chris Price, Cllr Liz Keen, Cllr Geoff Elliott, Cllr Roger Giles, and Cllr John Bliss together with two parishioners.

1. No apologies.
2. No declarations of interest were made.
3. The minutes of the meetings held on January 21st 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

(i) Highways and traffic matters

It was reported that the Overley Road silt trap had recently been cleared but was already full at the time of the meeting. Furthermore the CDC road sweepers had responded quickly to a request to sweep Overley Road, the Wains Road junction and the Dowers Lane / Street / Church Lane junction after recent heavy rain left the roads littered with stones and debris. It was also noted that the poor quality of pothole filling had been discussed (having been raised by other villages) at the Neighbourhood Coordination Group meeting on 9th March.

The bad condition of road alongside Chantry house was discussed and the Chairman reported on the opportunity he had taken to raise the issue with Mr Clifton Brown. The latter raised the issue with Gloucestershire Highways and the response from Mr Gray is appended to these minutes. The Parish Council is now awaiting the outcome of the promised safety inspection.

Action: Chairman to contact Richard Gray in April.

(ii) Update on Parish Council website

It was reported that www.daglingworth.org.uk was now up and running. It was agreed that all village related organisations (e.g. Parochial Church Council, Village Hall Committee and Neighbourhood Watch) should ensure that they are linked in through liaison with Sonia Pritchard.

The Parish Council extended grateful thanks to Sonia Pritchard and Cllr Keen for their hard work.

Action: Chairman to contact relevant representatives to liaise with Sonia Pritchard.

- (iii) Update on Parish Clerk position

The Chairman reported that he wanted to consider further potential candidates; if this did not prove successful then CDC would be asked to advertise on the parish's behalf.

5. Questions from the public

The status of the ultrafast broadband was raised and it was reported that installation was on track – which for Daglingworth was the end of 2016/early 2017. Reports from other sites where installation had taken place were positive.

The issue of the Grove Hill bridle path was raised; reported that there had been no response from GCC.

Action: Chairman to contact legal department at GCC

It was reported that the gate post at the entrance to Bathurst Estate land on the Grove Hill bridle path was unstable and dangerous.

Action: Chairman to contact Stewart Batchelor from Bathurst Estate.

Concerns were expressed concerning children playing amongst the bales stored in the barn at Lower End, with respect to (i) the danger to children, and (ii) the damage to a valuable resource.

Action: Chairman to seek guidance from PCSO Andrea Shutt.

PLANNING

6. Planning Applications and Decisions since the last meeting

- (i) Ref: 16/00065/TCONR: no objection by CDC
- (ii) Ref: 16/00114/TCONR: no objection by CDC
- (iii) Ref: 16/00494/TCONR: no objection by CDC.
- (iv) Ref: 15/04623/FUL: application withdrawn

New application 16/00537/FUL: erection of single story side extension at High Gables, The Street. The application was reviewed: there were no objections to the extension; however, objections were raised to the use of render instead of reconstructed stone, an opinion consistent with views expressed in other applications in the parish.

Action: **Chairman** to transmit these views to CDC.

CORRESPONDENCE & GENERAL BUSINESS

7. CDC proposal to create a unitary authority with West Oxfordshire.

During initial discussions it was noted that there was already considerable opposition to this proposal. It was agreed to consider the matter in greater detail during the formal consultation period which was likely to commence in June.

8. Application for funding for environmental services in the parish

It was noted that our application for funding last year had been successful and a litter bin had been installed at the top of Dowers Lane. It was agreed that funding should be sought to support the clearing of the stream in Millennium Green, as well as to meet additional needs in the parish, e.g. removing materials washed down in the centre of the village by heavy rainfall. A sum of £500 was agreed.

9. Grass cutting contract for 2016.

It was agreed to continue with Jim's mowing for the coming year, with the schedule adopted in 2015, together with two strimmings of the High Path.

10. Annual Village Clean up and related matters

The Village clean Up was agreed for the weekend of April 9th and 10th. It was agreed that this would not be associated with the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. However, it was agreed that the council should offer support to the village hall committee with their intention to organise a street party in June.

Action: Chairman to speak to Wendy McCormick.

Cllr Elliott the matter of the barbed wire around part of Millennium Green.

Action: Chairman to speak Geraint Richards from the Duchy..

FINANCE

11. Invoices and payments for the past two months

The following payments were agreed:

- (i) Tim Donohoe £42.45 Tree work MG
- (ii) Sonia Pritchard £ 32.87 Website Smart hosting
- (iii) Duchy of Cornwall £ £183.20 MG Rent
- (iv) Jims Mowing £430.00 (invoice re issued)

In addition, a GAPTC cheque signed for 1st April to cover the GAPTC subscription for 2016 £69.20

12. Bank reconciliation

Cllr Keen reported a total spend of £2491.22 for this financial year to date. The closing balance as of 14/03/16 was £9588.52. the current account being £10187.04.

13. Items for the next Agenda

Internal audit and accounts

Website progress

14. To agree date of next meeting

Monday, May 9th 2016 at 6.30pm, to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting closed: 8.45pm.