

DAGLINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 21st January 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 three parishioners.

1. No apologies.
2. No declarations of interest were made.
3. The minutes of the meetings held on November 16th and December 14th 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 tarmac resurfacing at the top of Dowers Lane had been completed and that Paul Hattersley had done an excellent job on trimming the High Path bank and hedge.

Cllrs Price and Elliott met with Richard Gray on January 14th to discuss additional work that was needed (i) dealing with potholes at the bottom of Dowers lane and near the telephone box on Overlay Road, (ii) clearing the silt trap at the bottom of Overlay Road, (iii) clearing the drain on the road to Stratton between Lower End and Daglingworth Place. Mr Gray agreed to initiate this work.

Concern was expressed about the general poor state of roads in the Parish and it was noted that a key criteria for action by Highways would be safety for all road users. It was agreed that the PC should not be required to contribute on a 50/50 basis for general road repairs.

Mr Gray indicated that further requests would be considered when his budget has been agreed for the new financial year, as had been agreed in 2015/6.

Action: chairman to contact Richard Gray in April.

(ii) Update on high speed broadband

There was nothing to report regarding Daglingworth. Progress was being made with the sites in the initial phases of the project. It was noted that some residents had been approached by Gigaclear with regard to future use of their broadband service.

(iii) Update on obstruction to bridle path at Grove Hill

Nothing to report.

Action: Chairman to contact Mike Barton for update.

- (iv) Update on Parish Council website

Nothing to report.

Action: Cllr keen to check progress with Sonia Pritchard.

- (v) Riparian Owners matters

It was reported that the course of the stream had been cleared completely downstream of the Village Hall.

In answer to a question the piece in the Wilts and Gloss Standard in the autumn appeared to be expressing concern about the stream downstream of the village, and in particular clearing of the stream below Stratton.

- (vi) Update on potential installation of a defibrillator

After further discussion on this proposal it was agreed that Cllr Elliott would arrange for Jonathan Hardwick-Smith from SW Ambulance Service Trust to attend a meeting of villagers immediately prior to the July PC meeting to assess the degree of interest amongst residents for the installation of a defibrillator.

- (vii) Update on Parish Clerk position

The Chairman reported that he was going to contact a potential candidate from outside the Parish.

- (viii) Review of statement on dog excrement fouling to be submitted to Parish Connections

It was agreed that the statement prepared by Cllr Elliott would be placed in the March issue of Parish Connections. Cllr Elliott was thanked for preparing the statement.

Action: the subject to be reviewed again in a few months time.

5. Questions from the public

There were no questions raised.

PLANNING

6. Planning Applications and Decisions since the last meeting

- (i) Ref: 15/04621/TCONR: no objection by CDC
- (ii) Ref: 15/04702/TCONR: no objection by CDC
- (iii) Ref: 15/04733/TCONR: no objection by CDC

(iv) Ref: 15/041894904/TCONR: no objection by CDC

(v) Ref: 15/05297/TCONR: no objection by CDC.

(vi) Ref: 15/05555/TCONR: no objection by CDC.

7. CDC consultation on Chesterton Development

The Parish Council had made extensive comments on the development insofar as it would impact on the parish. Parishioners were encouraged to make their own individual comments to CDC.

CORRESPONDENCE & GENERAL BUSINESS

8. Letter from Cllr John Bliss

The Chairman reported that Cllr Bliss had expressed his wish to retire as a councillor on May 1st 2016. The chairman explained that at this time a Notice of Election must be displayed. If ten or more parishioners want an election it must be held otherwise the vacant position may be filled by co-option.

9. Submission to GCC Local Transport Plan consultation

Following discussion of the GCC Local Transport Plan a submission was made as follows:

Overarching Strategy

Figure D - LTP challenges; in seeking to achieve the objectives - particularly enabling community connectivity and conserving the environment - there needs to be a greater recognition of the poor state of the infrastructure at the present time before seeking many of the specific metrics identified, e.g. air quality

Figure E – LTP policies: PD 1.4: we think that encouraging investment in the bus network is far too weak a commitment in the light of objectives that, e.g., seek to reduce the use of the private car – especially in relation to rural communities. The bus network has deteriorated dramatically over the last 50 years, with increasing use of the private car as a consequence. Furthermore, as the current housing policy is likely to increase travel to work distances, the need for a good transport network is likely to increase significantly.

Figure E – LTP policies: PD 3.5: we believe it is important to reduce or limit freight “corridors” (roads along which major freight transport) should be guided to use.

Figure E – LTP policies: PD 3.6: it is noticeable that there is little mention of developing a more integrated approach to rail and road freight transport. This should be considered as a valid means of reducing environmental harm.

Figure E - LTP policies: PD4.1: as mentioned previously there needs to be a far greater recognition of the appalling state of many of the roads in the county – especially of the roads in the more rural environments – which are now being increasingly used as “rat runs” to reduce time between major routes. In order for this policy to be delivered there needs to be a preceding policy that brings the roads up to a reasonable standard so that PD.1 has a reasonable chance of being delivered

Figure H - Medium term delivery priorities: can we be assured that the needs of Cirencester consequent upon the large number of house planned for the town will be considered. It would be helpful if this could be noted specifically

Figure L – LTP monitoring indicators; in view of fact that the road infrastructure is in such a poor state it would be helpful to have a measure that indicates the quality of the road infrastructure (fabric)

Draft Local Transport Plan: CPS 4

Short term capital priorities – Highways. If the environment is to be considered, as noted in one of the objectives there needs to be specific consideration giving the resurfacing all of the dual carriageway passing around Cirencester that are currently surfaced with concrete – A417 and A419.

Draft Local Transport Plan: CPS 4: Short term capital priorities – Highways. Ensure that road system for Cirencester has been upgraded to cater for the large number of houses being added to the town, so that residents can get to work, as well as being able to use the amenities that the town offers.

Policy document 3: freight

PD3: Freight

Paragraph 7. In the absence of a more integrated approach to freight deliveries that also restricted large lorries to certain "freight corridors" as a small village already suffering from "rat run usage" of our narrow roads at the beginning and the end of the day, we would strongly oppose extending the delivery of goods to the "shoulders" of the delivery profile.

Policy document 4: Highways

LTP PD 4.3 - Highway maintenance: we approve of the commitment to maintain a road system that is fit-for-purpose; however, to reiterate a point made earlier this can only be realistic if the baseline is also fit-for-purpose – which it is not.

10. Application for funding in 2016 to cover cost of environmental services work in the parish

It was reported that our ward councillor had funds (£2000) available to support environmental services in 2016.

Action: councillors were asked to consider potential works for funding.

FINANCE

11. Invoices and payments for the past two months

The following payments were agreed:

(i) January: £180.00 for work on high path bank and hedge to RT Contracting.

12. Precept payment for the year 2016/17

It was agreed that a £500 increase was needed to help fund work carried out by Highways under 50/50 arrangements. It was also noted that recruitment of a new Parish Clerk might incur additional expense and would impact on our recent monthly expenditure. The forms were completed and signed by the Chairman.

13. Bank reconciliation

Cllr Keen reported a total spend of £2232.70 for this financial year to date. The closing balance as of 21/01/16 was £ 10187.04. the current account is £10367.04.

14. Items for the next Agenda

Website
Defibrillator
Grass cutting arrangements for 2016.

15. To agree date of next meeting

Monday, March 14th 2016 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed: 9.05pm.