

# *Over Parish Council*

**Minutes of a meeting of Over Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

## **PRESENT**

Chair: Mr G Twiss

Councillors : Mr S Friend, Mr J Lewis, Mr R Robinson, Mr T Sutton, Mr B Sutton, Mrs P Scrivener, Mr S Couper and Mr B Burling.

Clerk : Mrs L Poulter

## In attendance

Parishioners : 6 members of the public were in attendance

County Councillor: Cllr Hudson

District Councillors: Cllr Burling

## **Item**

### **1 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Mr Fenn.

### **2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Mr Couper declared a possible interest should there be discussions in relation to the Over Day Centre.

### **3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Visiting speaker from the District Council**-Jemma Barron and Kirstin Donaldson from the District Council were in attendance to give a short presentation on the procedure which will now take place in relation to the boundary review. A handout was distributed and Kirstin Donaldson talked Councillors through this. Mr T Sutton asked how responses would be dealt with given the larger number of residents in Willingham as compared to Over, the officers assured Council this would be taken into account. Mr Couper asked if responses from those most affected by the proposed change would be viewed more significantly than other responses and would they be informed of the fact that the Willingham council tax is significantly higher than Over's. Ms Donaldson noted that the comments from those affected would be considered fully but the District will not divulge such financial issues however there is nothing to stop this being publicised in an article for the village magazine. The Chair thanked the officers who then left the meeting at 7.50pm. It was agreed that Mr Twiss should submit an article on the matter for publication in Over News.

**Fen End planning application**-The applicants were in attendance along with the planning consultant and developer. The planning consultant gave a brief presentation. It was noted that the application included an area of public play space and the consultant was asked if the Parish Council would be expected to take on the maintenance of this in the future, it was noted that this would not necessarily be the case. Mr Burling asked how flexible the applicants would be as to the use of any section 106 funds, as the receipt of funds would not be for some time would they be open to it perhaps being used for a project which was not foreseen at the time of the application, the applicants stated they would probably be quite flexible as long as the funds would be used to benefit the village. There were some discrepancies which were drawn to the attention of the consultant including drainage issues, the impact of a path on the width of Fen End, sizing of one of the garages and several inconsistencies within the documentation, the consultant took note of these and will look to address the issues raised. The Council then debated the application and Mr T Sutton proposed "no objections" seconded by Mr Robinson, 8 for, Mr Burling abstaining. The applicant, developer and consultant then left the meeting.

### **4 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**

Duly signed.

**Broadband**-we have received a quote for the ongoing costs of this but are now having issues with registering the Town Hall with the Post Office, the Clerk is currently making enquiries about how this can be addressed.

LJP

### **5 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR**

Mr Carr has sent an email notifying us of his resignation as Councillor, we will advise the District Council and advertise in the usual manner.

LJP

### **6 VISITING SPEAKER-KIRSTIN DONALDSON FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

This item was taken under Public Participation.

### **7 VILLAGE MATTERS**

#### **7.1 To receive update relating to the Green and Village issues**-Mr Bridgman's notes had been circulated and he had also obtained a quote for the work needed to level and re-turf the areas around the goalmouths, this totalled £1100.00 plus VAT and Mr Robinson proposed this be accepted, seconded by Mr Twiss, 8 for, 1 abstention. We will provide a copy of the drainage map to the contractor. The Green hedge cutting is in hand and the other comments raised by Mr Bridgman were noted.

**Signage on the Green**-Mr Fenn has inspected the signs on the Green and now the foliage has been cut back is satisfied they are visible and we do not need to order replacements.

**Pavilion Roof repairs**- On hold at present.

**Skate park litter bin**- Anne has been working on this area and will put in her bill soon. Dave is still pursuing the siting of the eurobin at the Primary School.

**Long Furlong Bus shelter**-Hedge replanting has now taken place but BSSR have invoiced a large amount for this work which had not been subject to the usual authorisations. This matter was discussed and it was noted that the urgency of the work to the shelter on public safety grounds had meant abbreviating the usual formalities on this occasion, but the expenditure was agreed and Councillors were reminded of the Council's procedure for commissioning works.

### **8 MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

- 8.1 County Council-** Cllr Hudson's update had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr Hudson informed Councillors that the County had voted to maintain the current council tax levels but had voted to increase the adult and social care budget by 2%. It is anticipated that other services will be maintained at current levels. Mr Couper queried this pledge and Cllr Hudson told him he was pursuing other ways of cutting costs. He will be meeting Mr Robinson and the rights of way officer to look at the issues in The Doles, Ouse Fen Bank and Randalls Lane. Mr Couper asked if we could address item 12 at this point as Cllr Hudson may be able to assist with this. The speed activated sign in New Road is not working and Mr Couper has been told that there is no one who can mend these at present. Cllr Hudson will look into this as there are many of these signs around the county. It is possible we could replace this with a mobile sign although we would have to fund this. We will await the results of Cllr Hudson's enquiries.
- 8.2 District Council-** Cllr Burling reported that the re-structuring of the refuse arrangements will result in significant cost reductions however he does expect there will be some initial issues whilst crews familiarise themselves with the routes.
- 8.3 PCSO-**Nothing to report. The liaison role will need to be re-assigned now that Mr Carr has resigned.
- 9 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**
- 9.1 To approve payment of outstanding accounts**  
**It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the invoices and cheques as listed:**
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| Clerk's Salary-February  | 572.97   |
| Dave Bridgman-Green etc  | 434.99   |
| RS Groundcare-Verti-draining                                   | 420.00   |
| SLCC subs  | 108.00   |
| Atlas Tree Surgery   | 144.00   |
| BSSR   | 1,724.87 |
| Edwin Parish-tree planting to rear of Long Furlong bus shelter | 330.00   |
| Greenwoods Solicitors-first registrations                      | 2,803.00 |
| Sorrell Electrical-Christmas lights                            | 60.00    |
| CCC-streetlighting energy costs                                | 295.11   |
- It was noted that Sorrell Electrical do a very good job putting up and taking down the lights and do not charge very much for this so a vote of thanks for this was proposed. **LJP**
- 9.2 Receipts-**None received
- 10 PLANNING**
- 10.1 S/3367/16/LD-**Certificate of lawful development for ground floor extension at 23 High Street for Mr & Mrs Eastman. This was noted.  
**S/3647/16/FL-**Erection of residential development containing 18 dwellings on land off Fen End for M Day. Some letters of concern have also been received. This matter had been considered earlier in the meeting.  
**S/0137/17/FL-**Extend existing drop kerb at 16 Willingham Road for N Utteridge There were no objections to this.  
**S/2244/16/FL-**Erection of new building(retrospective) at Riverview Farm, for B Arliss. Several letters had been received from neighbours opposing the application, but after discussion it was agreed that the Council had no objection to the application.  
**S/0210/17/TC-**Tree works at 20 Long Furlong for P Haworth. No comments were made.
- 10.2 Permissions-** The District Council have granted permission for the erection of a dwelling adj to 17 Overcote Road
- 10.3 Refusals-**The District Council have refused permission for the erection of a dwelling at 20 Mill Road.
- 10.4 Appeals-**The appeal in relation to the development at Mill Road has been granted.
- 11 PLAY EQUIPMENT AT THE RECREATION GROUND**  
 It was agreed this be held over until a site meeting can be convened.
- 12 SPEED ACTIVTED SIGNS ON NEW ROAD**  
 This issue had been addressed earlier in the meeting.
- 13 MERIDIAN LINE**  
 This is ongoing.
- 14 PARISH BOUNDARY**  
**Celebrations-**Are on hold at present pending the outcome of the boundary review.
- 15 REGISTRATION OF LAND UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH**  
 All submissions have been made to the Land registry.
- 16 VILLAGE BEACON**  
 Mr Robinson will get the plaque renovated. **RR**
- 17 CHURCH END POND SITE**  
 It was agreed we should erect some signage, it was felt that an aluminium backed A4 sized sign with the wording of "This land belongs to Over Parish Council" **LJP**
- 18 UPDATES FROM PC REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**  
**Fishing-**It was noted that the access road to Overcote is badly worn although it is not an ideal time to fill this, it is possible we could request planings from the A14 works be deposited here. The grass are is also very rutted and it was agreed we should ask if the spoil from the goalmouth work could be spread here. **LJP**  
**OCA-**Mr Burling reported that the Centre is continuing in the usual vein and he has asked once again for copies of the accounts. Some of the committee are looking at possible joint projects and these will be brought to Council once proposals have been finalised. Mr Burling is pursuing the legal issues with the District Council as there is now possible development monies to be allocated. **BB**  
**Barrier breach-**Mr Twiss reported that arrangements for the event on 17<sup>th</sup> March are firmed up and he ran through the programme for the evening. **GT**

**19 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

**Community Fund**-We have received an email from a parishioner asking us to consider looking to improve the play facilities at the Green especially for younger children-the Clerk has responded to inform the resident that we are currently looking at refurbishing the play area at the Recreation Ground and that this is the area where more priority has been given to younger children given the other facilities here.

**Parish Council elections**-The District Council have informed us that the next elections will be held in 2018.

**Anglian Water**-notify us that the provision of water and wastewater will from April 2017 will be transferred to Anglian Water Business as the market is being opened to other providers.

**20 REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR COMING MEETING**

Review of standing orders, Financial regulations and code of conduct, Play equipment.

**Next meeting dates: Full Council – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

The meeting closed at 10.10pm  
Chairman