

Over Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Over Parish Council held on 11th April 2017

PRESENT

Chair: Mr G Fenn

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

Clerk : Mrs L Poulter

In attendance

Parishioners : No members of the public were present

County Councillor: None

District Councillors: Cllr Burling

Item

- 1 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Received from Mr S Friend and Cllr Hudson.
- 2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**
Mr Burling informed Councillors that he had an interest in one of the planning applications being considered later in the meeting.
- 3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
No members of the public were in attendance
- 4 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14th MARCH 2017**
Duly signed.
- 5 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**
No applications have been received at present. This will be advertised in the Over News and on the website with a deadline for submissions of 2nd May. **GT/PS**
- 6 VILLAGE MATTERS**
 - 6.1 Pavilion Roof repairs-** On hold at present.
 - Sign for Church End pond site-**Quote has been requested. **LJP**
 - Pavilion Drains-**The Chairman had obtained two quotes for the work needed on the Pavilion drains, Mr Burling asked if another could be sought. This will be done. **GF**
 - Play Equipment at the Recreation Ground-**Work will start here during the week commencing 22 May. Quotes for metal powdered coated fencing and gates have been sought for the area but these are very costly and other alternative types will be researched.
- 7 MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**
 - 7.1 County Council-** Cllr Hudson's update had been circulated to Councillors.
 - 7.2 District Council-** Cllr Burling reported that the bins at Overcote are full, he had contacted the District Council and they had agreed to empty these. The grass at Overcote has been cut. Cllr Burling continues to be concerned about the state of Dockerill Brook and raises this at each planning meeting as any significant developments will put more strain on this watercourse. He asked if the Parish Council could write to both Anglian Water and the Environment Agency to express concerns, this was agreed. **LJP**
The Community Chest grant appeal has now been opened for the new fiscal year, this will be advertised in the Over News.
The shared legal team at the District Council are going to look into the issue of how the Parish Council may be able to assist OCA financially and they have requested a copy of the advice we had received from CAPALC, Mr Burling will provide the Clerk with the email address this needs to be sent to. **BB/LJP**
- 7.3 PCSO-**Nothing to report.
- 8 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**
 - 8.1 To approve payment of outstanding accounts**
It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the invoices and cheques as listed:

Clerk's Salary-April	584.48
Clerk's expenses to 31 st March 2017	106.80
Dave Bridgman-Green etc-	
SCDC-Trade waste disposal 1/4/17-31/3/18	325.00
It was agreed this be paid by direct debit and the form was completed.	
Approved between meetings:	
M Petty-re 1947 Barrier Bank Breach event	50.00
S Whitfield-refreshments for 1947 Barrier Bank Breach event	12.61
This event had been very well attended.	
 - 8.2 Receipts-**£20 Donation from Barrier bank breach presentation
- 9 PLANNING**
 - S/0931/17/LB-**Replacement windows at 36 Longstanton Road for P Warrington. Mr Lewis proposed "no objections" seconded by Mr Robinson, unan.
 - S/0964/17/LD-**Lawful development certificate for the construction of a single storey rear extension at the Old Manse, 31 Glover Street for Mr & Mrs Jones for information only.
 - S/0920/17/FL-**Proposed new dwelling to replace piggery at Haden Way for J Rooney. Mr T Sutton proposed "refusal" on the grounds that the application site is outside the village framework, seconded by Mr Lewis, unan.
 - S/0860/17/FL-**Two storey side extension at 70 Cox's End for Mr & Mrs Cook. Mr Lewis proposed "no objections" seconded by Mr Robinson, unan.

- S/1059/17/FL**-Erection of two houses on land adj to 79 Willingham Road for Burling Bros Ltd. Mr Burling declared an interest and left the meeting. This application was discussed and it was felt that this application would detract from the open vista between Over and Willingham. The existing three dwellings are in an exposed position and visible from a considerable distance. Ironically, the lie of the land in the immediate vicinity conceals the entrance to the proposed new dwellings from traffic approaching from Over, and would create a significant hazard on a narrow road without a footpath or cycleway.
- It was felt that additional dwellings in this location would have a detrimental impact of the open countryside at this point, and that this would “significantly and demonstrably outweigh any benefits” from the development. It is noted repeatedly within the planning statement that the application can be justified due to the lack of a five year housing supply however there are also a number of other more significant housing developments in the pipeline, so this application is **not** needed to meet local demand and the argument that they are needed to meet any local shortage (e.g. Planning Statement #3.7) has little merit.
- On the grounds of the above Mr Lewis proposed “refusal” seconded by Mr B Sutton, 7 for, 1 abstention and 1 absentee. In addition Mr Fenn proposed we ask that this application be referred to the planning committee and that Mr Twiss be authorised to attend and speak on our behalf, seconded by Mr Lewis, 7 for, 1 abstention, 1 absentee. Mr Burling was invited to re-join the meeting.
- We have also received an updated plan in relation to the possible development off Longstanton Road, this was viewed briefly.
- 9.2 Permissions-** The District Council have granted permission for the demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new single storey rear flat roof and pitched roof extensions plus internal alterations at 50 Coxs End for Mrs Joanne Westbrook. We have received notification that the application for the development on land off Fen End has been withdrawn.
- 9.3 Refusals-**None received.
- 9.4 Appeals-**None received
- 10 MERIDIAN LINE**
Nothing to report.
- 11 PARISH BOUNDARY**
We had received a letter from Ms Donaldson from the District Council in relation to our article which had been published in the Over News, this will be responded to. It was noted that the consultation process had, by virtue of the documents only being accessible on line, precluded many people from being able to comment, in addition the link to the website was incorrect, there was no deadline date and a hard copy of the documentation was not offered. It was unanimously agreed that these issues should be drawn to the attention of the committee when they meet to consider the review. Mr Fenn proposed Mr Twiss be appointed to address this meeting and speak on our behalf, seconded by MR Robinson, unan.
- 12 REGISTRATION OF LAND UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH**
Nothing to report at present. We will contact the Solicitors to try to get finalisation on this issue.
- 13 VILLAGE BEACON**
Mr Robinson has found a solution to the painting of this and this will now be progressed. GF/RR
- 14 PARISH COUNCIL SOCIAL MEDIA**
This will be held over pending co-option of a new Councillor.
- 15 UPDATES FROM PC REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**
Hanson-Mr Robinson and Mr Lewis had attending this meeting and the RSPB had asked if the Parish Council could get the concrete roads into the Fen repaired as the state of the roads here made access difficult for their members. It was noted that highway maintenance is a County Council matter and in addition the agreed access is from the Needingworth end of the reserve, access was never supposed to be from the Over end of the reserve. We will respond to the RSPB and point this out to them. It was noted that we had been offered resources whilst the A14 works are ongoing and Mr Twiss will find the contact details to see if we can get any planings for Overcote. LJP
OCA-had been broken into and cash and gaming machines had been stolen. They also need some assistance with marketing.
Northstowe-Mr Twiss is now only attending meetings which may have an impact on us, most matters being covered at the meetings are now internal Northstowe issues.
- 16 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**
We have received a Parish Council copy of our Village Tree toolkit.
- 17 REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR COMING MEETING**
Approval of 2017 accounts etc, Road signs around the Fen.
Next meeting dates: Full Council – Tuesday 9th May 2017. Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 20th April.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm
Chairman