

Over Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Over Parish Council held on 11th July 2017

PRESENT

Chair: Mr G Fenn

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

Clerk : Mrs L Poulter

In attendance

Parishioners : Two members of the public were in attendance

County Councillor: None

District Councillors: Cllr Burling

Item

1 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr Hudson and Mr Robinson

2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Mr T Sutton in respect of OCA funding and Mr Couper in respect of ODC grant

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Leyshon and Mr Sibthorpe were both in attendance. Mr Sibthorpe did not wish to address the meeting but Mr Leyshon requested the opportunity to address the meeting in respect of the planning application for 16 Mill Road. He outlined his concerns which focused on the fact that the proposed dwelling did not follow the built up development of either Whines Lane or Mill Road and noted the fact that in the inspector's report for the previous application the access had been flagged as being suitable for a single dwelling. He was concerned that the intentions of the applicant was to develop the whole site. He noted that the current dwelling also seemed to be in use as a business with a significant number of vehicles accessing the site. He felt this was an example of creeping development and set a dangerous precedent.

4 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13th JUNE 2017

Duly signed following a minor amendment, there were no matters of action arising.

5 VILLAGE MATTERS

- 5.1 To receive update relating to the Green and Village issues.** The update from Mr Bridgman had been sent to Mr Fenn and he highlighted the salient points. Mr Bridgman has requested agreement to spray weed killer at Giffords Way, this was agreed. Atlas will be approached to price up the flailing of the Doles Green Lane hedge. No issues had been raised by Mr Bridgman in relation to the use of the Green for the Carnival. The goal mouths have now been re-seeded. Cllr Burling will once again contact the District Council about collecting the rubbish from Overcote, he has also seen people having fires at Overcote. There are some concerns over the making good of the surfacing around the new play equipment and we will request a site visit with FLP to address this. A sign will be made up to flag the age limit for the equipment and the possibility of anti-climb paint being applied where necessary was discussed. This will be researched further.

LJP/GF

5.2 Pavilion roof repairs-on hold

- 5.3 Request for wayleave at The Green by Virgin-Virgin** have surveyed the alternative option and have concluded this is not viable. They ask if we will re-consider the original proposal. It was agreed this would not be possible and we will inform them accordingly.

LJP

6 MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- 6.1 County Council-** Cllr Hudson's update had been circulated to Councillors.

- 6.2 District Council-** Cllr Burling reported that the District Council that the County Council have repaired and improved part of Overcote road. As a result of this work a pile of road plannings had been left at Overcote, this could be spread around Overcote of perhaps be used elsewhere in the Village. The Ermine Street housing society set up by the District Council has performed above expectations, the Council is also 6th nationally in respect of rate collections and the introduction of shared services has resulted in a reduction in response times. A new Chief Executive has now been appointed.

- 6.3 PCSO-** Nothing to report.

7 REVIEW OF OVER TOWN LANDS CHARITY ACCOUNTS

These had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and were noted.

8 REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

- 8.1 Over Day Centre-** Mr Couper addressed the meeting in relation to this agenda item. He informed Councillors that the Day Centre appreciated the level of grant given by Over PC and the Committee have pledged to make a concerted effort to obtain funds from other Parishes who also use the Centre before approaching Over for any additional funding. Mr Twiss proposed the grant of £3,000 for 2016/17 together with the grant of £3,000 for 2017/18 be released, seconded by Mr Fenn, 9 for, Mr Couper abstaining. A cheque was drawn for this.

LJP

- 8.2 Over Community Centre-** A request for the release of the previously precepted funds in relation to capital projects had been received and this was discussed in some detail. Some concern was expressed over the legality of the Parish Council giving funds to OCA, Mr Twiss noted that the funds were in respect of capital projects in respect of a building which was vested in the Parish Council and these items would be outside the scope of the tenant's repairing lease. Following further discussions Mr Twiss proposed that we agree in principle to release funds up to £15,000 in respect of the three capital projects ie the upgrade of the lighting, CCTV and the replacement of stage and other hall curtains. The funds could be released once quotes have been agreed by OCA, and the Parish Council would then need to see these and the grant would be contingent on the satisfactory presentation of the latest OCA and OCE Ltd accounts to the Parish Council. Seconded by Mr Fenn. 8 for, Mr Burling and Mr T Sutton abstaining. Mr Robinson was not present.

- It was also agreed that the pledge of £1,000 for the fireworks should be paid over once the event has taken place. We will contact Martin Dixon and confirm this. LJP
- 8.3 **Cambridgeshire Lowland search and rescue**-Our general policy is to donate only to local charities and it was agreed we should continue to apply this policy in this situation. We will inform them accordingly. LJP
- 9 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS AND REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS TO 30TH JUNE 2017**
- 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-July | 584.48 |
| D Bridgman-June | 797.19 |
| FLP-new equipment at the Recreation Ground | 27,955.64 |
| Atlas Tree Surgery-Willow at Unwins Lane | 168.00 |
| Anne Beavis-Litter picking at the Skate Park | 52.50 |
- 9.2 **Receipts**-None received
- 9.3 **Accounts to 30th June**-These had been circulated to Councillors. There were no comments.
- 10 PLANNING**
- 10.1 **S/2113/17/FL**-Single Storey extension at 31 Glover Street for R & J Jones. Mr Lewis proposed "no objections" seconded by Mr Couper, unan.
S/3469/16/FL-Amendment to application at 59 High Street for D Carman, for information only, noted.
S/1484/17/LB-Repairs to soffit and guttering at 28 Hilton Street for P & A Fletcher. Mr Lewis proposed "no objections" seconded by Mr Fenn, unan.
S/2341/17/FL-Erection of single dwelling at 16 Mill Road for Corney. Mr Leyshon's concerns were considered at the point in the meeting and it was noted that the application had not changed from the outline proposal. Mr Twiss had contacted the planning department to ask for clarification on why this application had been received so soon after the outline application and he had also relayed concerns which he had received from some residents although he had received no response as yet. Mr Twiss proposed "refusal" on the same grounds as those submitted in respect of the outline application, seconded by Mrs Davies, 8 for, 2 abstentions including Mr Burling. Mr Fenn also proposed we request this application be referred to the planning committee and if so Mr Twiss be nominated to speak at that meeting on behalf of the Parish Council, and this was seconded and unanimously agreed.
 Pre-application information regarding the proposed development on land adjacent to the Recreation Ground. Although Parish Council policy has always been to defer making any comments on pre-application proposals, this is encouraged by the District Council so this matter was discussed. It was felt that it would be advantageous to have the proposed shop and that the ideal compromise would be to ask for part of the land for recreation and the rest be set aside for housing. A possible offer of the transfer of ownership of the land at Mill Pitts was discussed but Councillors did not feel this would be an appropriate addition to Parish Land, there is also already public access around the edges of this area. Mr Burling will relay. BB
 Pre-application information regarding the proposed development at Longstanton Road. It was noted that the ditch from Sandpit Pond which runs along part of this land is currently maintained by Mr Aves and it was agreed we should ask what arrangements will be put in place for the future in relation to this. LJP
- 10.2 **Permissions**- The District Council have granted permission for the erection of a dwelling on land adjacent to Highgate Farm. We have also been notified that the outline application for the erection of a dwelling adjacent to 16 Mill Road has now been withdrawn.
- 10.3 **Refusals**-None received
- 10.4 **Appeals**-None received
- 11 PARISH BOUNDARY**
 Mr Twiss had lodged a formal complaint over the handling of this consultation and is waiting to hear back.
- 12 REGISTRATION OF LAND UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH**
 Following a period of intense action, statements and supporting documentation has now all been submitted to the Solicitors.
- 13 VILLAGE BEACON**
 This is in hand.
- 14 ROAD SIGNS IN AND AROUND OVER FEN**
 Mr Burling had identified 15 or so signs and it was agreed we should proceed with this. Mr Twiss proposed we fund up to £1,000 and apply for funding to go towards this from the District Council Community Chest fund if possible, seconded by Mr Fenn, 9 for, 1 against. Mr Burling will look into the possibility of applying to the Community Chest. BB
- 15 UPDATES FROM PC REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**
 Nothing to report
- 16 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**
 None received
- 17 REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR COMING MEETING**
 Village wish list.
Next meeting dates: Full Council – Tuesday 12TH September 2017.

The meeting closed at 10pm
 Chairman

