

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF YARNTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 18th JULY 2018 at 6.15pm in the VILLAGE HALL, YARNTON**

Present: John Burford (JB), Michael Gibbard (MG), Robin Hearn (RH), Anna Isles (AI), Keith Johnston (KJ), Fred Jones (FJ) (Chairman), Fiona Mawson (FM), Graham Thompson (GT) (Vice-Chairman), Lynne Whitley (LW) (Parish Clerk), Maurice Billington (MB) (County Councillor) {part of meeting} Nigel Simpson (NS) and two residents.

- 1) **Apologies:** Nathan Shelton (NSh), Alaric Rose (AR) (CDC Councillor)
- 2) **Declaration of Interests:** The Register of Interests was tabled and members were asked to declare any personal interests and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the agenda items under discussion at this meeting. There were none declared.
- 3) **Minutes:** The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 13th June 2018 having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record, proposed GT, seconded RH.
- 4) **Matters Arising:** To be included in relevant agenda items.
- 5) **Report of District Councillors:** (Report received from AR by email):
The CEO of Cherwell DC, Yvonne Rees, has been appointed the joint CEO of Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell DC for an interim period of six months, when Oxfordshire CC will decide whether to continue with the arrangement. This has had to be agreed quickly as the joint working arrangement with South Northamptonshire Council has had to come to an end following the dissolution of Northamptonshire County Council, who became effectively bankrupt. The end of the agreement with SNC left an estimated £2million pa shortfall in Cherwell's budget.
At Full Council on Monday, the Leader, Barry Wood responded positively to my written question concerning parking enforcement, and decriminalising parking so it can be enforced by appointed wardens. This means illegal and dangerous parking would be more readily dealt with in our towns and villages. He said Cherwell are keen to pursue the decriminalisation of parking in the district, and will have a report prepared for the Council's Executive. {MB said the joint working with OCC might help with the parking problem}.
I have a meeting with Mind the week after next, and hope that they will agree to provide Mental Health support both to the Hub at St John's, and possibly to Yarnton village hall, subject to the Health Visitors also being able to come to Yarnton.
I will be attending a working group meeting on 28th September addressing the withdrawal of the school bus service to Marlborough School from September 2019.
- 6) **Report of County Councillor:** See attached (47a+b/2018)
- 7) **Police Liaison:** The VAS equipment held in store by YPC was handed over to PC Rob Webb of Thames Valley Police on 21st June for deployment in other areas. The five metal posts have been retained for possible future use.

- 8) Highway Matters & Public Rights of Way:** Broken surface in alleyway between A44 and Aysgarth Road not done yet, has been reported to OCC. Quotes for various tree and shrub work around the village were obtained and considered by parish councillors by email, with the contract being offered to Treescape who started the work today. Trees at rear of 18, 19, and 20 Merton Way still need looking at. FJ suggested we ask Treescape to look at these and other trees that side of ditch.

A resident visited PC office saying the tree laid across Frogwell Down Lane makes it impossible to drive to the farm and it shouldn't be there as Frogwell Down Lane is a bridleway. LW/FJ checked map which confirmed the lane is actually a public footpath.

KJ had not been able to contact Matthew Rudge about cutting grass to boundary of the village on North side of A44 – LW will contact him by email to remind him of responsibilities including notifying YPC of areas not able to be cut due to trees/shrubs being overgrown. OCC have recently cut grass alongside A44.

Overgrowth on roundabout at Turnpike has now been cut.

All alleyways have been re-inspected and contractors are being invited to tender for the work required. Silver Birch tree on corner of Rutten Lane and The Garth overgrown – FJ will look. Layla Moran has forwarded a reply from Paul Wilson, OCC, which says that they have added The Garth to their programme for Micro Asphalt for later in the summer; this should resolve the pothole issues going forward. All agreed this will be satisfactory if it's done.

Highway Maintenance factsheet received from OCC.

9) Planning Applications:

None received.

Planning Decisions:

18/00851/HPA 37 Aysgarth Road – Single storey rear extension Depth 5m, Height to Eaves 2.675m and overall height 2.95m – “Household Prior Approval” application permitted 21.6.18 (YPC didn't need to be consulted).

- 10) Village Hall:** AGM held 3rd July 2018, total cash/bank balance 31st March £72,521.42. One new person agreed to go on the committee.

Almost all of the trees at back of car park (bridge side) have been felled, contractor said a lot of them were rotten and needed felling.

Work for more storage in old committee room starting at end of July.

Car park re-surfacing beginning on 20th August.

- 11) Environmental Matters:** Litter bin for layby near Bottle Banks has been ordered.

Flytipping still evident near bins at side of Turnpike – KJ will report to CDC.

OCC have been asked to clear the ditch opposite Paternosters Farm.

KJ/FM looked at maps to see where services are in relation to areas suggested for orchard – it will need to be several small areas. KJ will do plan, FM will contact Andrew for advice/cost.

KJ/FM looked at areas for wildflowers and agreed that two areas between service road and A44 (south of Rutten Lane) would be suitable. FM will ask Matthew Rudge for a quote.

- 12) Playing Fields:** Cleaning and remarking of MUGA in park has been completed. Monthly cutting of mounds and all boundaries in the park has begun. Glass has recently been found in the park.

Work on telephone line near Little Marsh has started.

Zip wire no longer meets requirements – grant request to be made to CDC.

13) Youth Provision: Sports Activators will be in Rutten Lane Park for 4 Mondays starting from 30th July.

NS reported that Kidlington Hub at St John's church is getting very busy. Kidlington PC haven recently opened new play area and open gym

NS is doing a request for Tesco Bag token scheme for children's' group at St Bartholomew's church.

14) Burial Ground/St Bartholomew's Churchyard: Trees in St Bartholomew's churchyard and mound in cemetery require a survey carried out which will be arranged for September. A number of trees at both sites have produced large overhangs and may well require "Crown lifting". advice to be sought, Oxford Diocese will be informed of work assessed as being necessary.

Quotes to be obtained to clear bridleway leading to cemetery, owner of Kings Retreat says that he will arrange for brambles to be cut back when the bridleway is clear.

15) Schools/Pre-school: As OFSTED report in February was good WFS is not currently being pressured to go to an Academy but are looking at options for the future if it becomes necessary.

Despite months of trying to get OCC to change the decision, from September 2018 there will be no school transport paid for to take pupils to Marlborough School unless they're on certain benefits. Buses will be running but seats will have to be paid for at £650 each per year. If pupils choose to go to Gosford Hill school free transport will be provided as that's the closest school. Because OCC hadn't notified parents WFS have now sent out a letter to pupils starting in September. The whole situation is difficult for WFS who although they're not responsible feel they have a moral obligation.

Rights Respecting school group held a conference and invited local school children and staff; Layla Moran and Alaric Rose also attended.

16) Finance and General Purpose: The monthly financial report for June as page 46/2018 previously circulated was proposed FJ, seconded KJ, agreed by all to be a true record and signed by the Chairman, together with Bank statements for Community acct 26th May- 26th June, Business acct 30th May – 29th June and NS&I account dated 22nd June 2018.

NS&I account closed with balance transferred to Business account.

All old papers were shredded on 25th June.

Cheque received for £375.52 for Pixey Meadow 2014 subsidy payment.

NSh says YPC website is nearly ready for people to look at and comment.

VAT reclaim form sent 16th July.

Copy of SLCC's reply to "unauthorized development and encampments consultation" received. As travellers had recently unlawfully entered a playing field at Kidlington FJ asked TVP for advice, NS said it needs support from TVP and OCC.

Bernie Connors has stepped down as Secretary for the Care Committee, new secretary is Carol McNamara.

17) Risk Assessment and Management: Risk Assessment for Finance Matters is currently in draft form.

18) Recent Correspondence: Invitation to the Investiture of Rev Oliver Petter on 23rd July, MG will attend as Parish Council representative.

OALC update training session on 17th October, LW to book two places.

{Nigel Simpson and residents left before next item was discussed}

A resident has asked YPC to consider paying for damage caused by a lorry hitting a branch of a tree then hitting his car in The Paddocks, 2 quotes had been submitted by email. After discussion it was agreed by all to seek advice from CDC/OALC.

19) Accounts: The following accounts were agreed for payment. BACS payments authorised by FJ, GT, FM and RH.

M Rudge (Grass cuts June)	1575.00	BACS
Castle Water (Cemetery standpipe)	3.40	DD
Ady Podbery (YPF)	955.20	BACS
British Gas (YPF)	303.35	BACS
M Rudge (Pollard willow tree in The Paddocks)	582.00	BACS
R Smith (Grass cut St Bartholomew's June)	250.00	BACS
Shredpro (shredding confidential papers)	72.00	BACS
D Poulton	162.78	BACS
J Gardner (YPF)	203.58	BACS
J Ramsay (YPF)	673.59	BACS
L Whitley	567.18	BACS
M Fallows (YPF)	213.47	BACS
R Evans (YPF)	115.86	BACS
T W Flooring (YPF)	710.40	BACS
Soft Surfaces (chemically treat/line mark MUGA)	2705.52	BACS
Meadhams (YPF)	283.20	BACS
Ady Podbery (YPF)	393.60	BACS
GLR Contracts Ltd (part payment village hall car park)	<u>9600.00</u>	BACS
	£19370.13	

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8th August 2018.

Lynne Whitley
Clerk to the Council

Signed as a correct record

Date: