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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Wootton (Abingdon) Parish Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 3rd July 2018 at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre**

Present: Councillors Ludlow (Chair), Bristow, Langley, Parker, Rayner, Shaw, Brockliss, Westell & White

- **1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- **a) To receive any representations from any member of the public present**

Ted brought to the councils attention the recent concern over public rights of way and produced 2 copies of notices displayed which in essence could compromise existing historical rights which the parish ought to respond to and protect the existing rights. The example showed details of land to the South West of Whitecross and Cllr Ludlow suggested he look in to this in conjunction with George (Retired Clerk) who will have knowledge regarding the village map. The clerk apologised to Ted for the unfortunate mistake regarding the advertisement in the newsletter regarding the name of the Parish Council and the details being missing regarding the next meeting.

- **b) District/County Councillor Reports**

- County Cllr Bob Johnston reported:

New 'superuser' facility is now in use on Fix my Street. The Parishes are invited to nominate a councillor who with training will have the ability and authority to contact Skanska direct for the repairs to potholes in the parish. Contact Paul Fermer ([paul.fermer@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:paul.fermer@oxfordshire.gov.uk)) This has also brought about their new policy of repairing 2 x 2 metre squares to try and make road repair more efficient and reduce claims by motorists for damage suspension etc. The street lighting policy has now been agreed that all future replacements will be LED rather than the former Sodium or Metal Halide particularly as this technology has now matured. On another matter Cllr BJ explained recent moves to amalgamate Cherwell District Council with OCC following their financial woes where a former involvement with Northamptonshire has not proved successful. There has been some difficulty with transfer of officers and it appears the new CEO will be the former CEO of Cherwell whether solely or as a Joint CEO. To be Advised. The final subject being the NP and the expressway debate. The corridor whether North or South has still not been decided as many factors such as Otmoor nature reserve have to be avoided. Moving to the Vale and their current problems discovered recently regarding the delineation of the green belt areas have been incorrectly presented. This has caused considerable controversy as planners and their agents seek to take advantage.

- **2. ELECTED TO OFFICE - 2 NEW COUNCILLORS**

Councillors welcomed the 2 new councillors to office. Vanessa Manning and John Smith duly signed the acceptance of office documents countersigned by the clerk and chairman

- **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Werrell

- **4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

None

- **5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5th June 2018**

The minutes of the meeting of 5th June were approved & signed with amendment by the Chairman

- **6. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Community Centre**

No report other than the clerk attended a management meeting and felt their attendees were motivated and involved. The bookings clerk reported a number of changes were in the pipeline regarding revenue generation and that discussions took place to meet the PC request for management accounts to be made available on a regular basis, which the bookings clerk will address with the management.

**b) Hedges & Footpaths**

Cllrs Langley and Shaw reported that, a number of hedges had been attended to with enthusiasm by the owners/residents who clearly use and appreciate the paths. Our new councillors expressed interest in being involved in this area which was welcomed by the Cllrs involved. Cllr Shaw highlighted the path between Sandleigh Lane and Matthew Arnold Field was now difficult to negotiate since previous owners of Orchard Farm are no longer there who had previously maintained it. The new

owners will be approached to address this. Another footpath along the bottom of Matthew Arnolds field was in a poor state as a result of mountain bikes having damaged the path. The Oxford Preservation Trust have already addressed this and commenced repair work.

## **c) Highways**

Cllr Westell reported that the police had conducted a test of 97 cars of which 74 were over 30mph - can there be a speed sign as in Whitecross. Cost of these is prohibitive as it was thought a figure of £15000 had been spent. The survey usually results in warnings issued and on the basis that prosecution can follow 3 instances of speeding. Cllr Langley felt that the refurbishment budget may well be a route to funding this. The roundabout flooding issue has not been addressed yet as other matters had been pressing. Cllr Langley said she would contact the responsible company and find out what is going to be done.

Resolved the Chairman will investigate possible options

## **d) Playgrounds**

Cllr Bristow and Parker reported on the progress situation at the new playground. The contractors whilst in delay had made some progress and the hedgerow growth will be monitored carefully. Cllr Parker asked for a consensus to proceed with sourcing the gates from a new supplier as a number of issues have arisen from the contractors and we must ensure the requirements for funding are not jeopardised further by them. The various options were explained with the cost implications and discussions prevailed to the choice of a temporary fence. Councillors took a view on the temporary fence verses a wooden fence. This was generally agreed and that the least cost/ burden option be chosen. The funding principle was detailed by Cllr Parker & Bristow with the latest updated cost/budget figures presented at the meeting. Cllr Ludlow suggested the hedgerow protection be agreed as per the CC netting to protect the saplings. Cllrs agreed a watering rota during this phase of very dry weather. Deed of Variation was signed to extend the time limit on the funding timing from WREN

## **f) Joint Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Brockliss reported that with the parish council approval he submitted a document outlining the NP position to the Inspector in readiness for the examination of the NP and the Vale position together with other interested parties. There have been further developments by Pye Builders regarding their interest in developing land to the North of Honeybottom Lane at the Junction with Whitecross and Fox Lane. Cllr Brockliss further explained for the benefit of our 2 new councillors as well, what the impact would be regarding the development plans and the increased burden on transport and proposed Park & Ride at Lodge Hill together with the access to it and all that it entails. It would appear that little consideration has been given to what arrangements will be made to cope with the massive increase in traffic particularly heading North and through the village. Objections will be emphasised against this with particular regard to the safety of cyclists, especially children who use the route for school. In rounding up there had been reference by the VWHDC inviting all parties to discuss their SPD and to clarify, no official communication has been made by them to ourselves in this respect.

## **g) Emergency Plan**

Cllr Langley requested approval of the revised emergency plan and it was accepted, as is, with Cllr Manning asking to be included as a respondent.

Resolved as accepted and approved

## **h) Notice Boards**

The previous discussion regarding the replacement of dilapidated notice boards was agreed to be deferred until the next meeting, by which time some costings will be available.

## **i) Bench Seats**

Cllr Westell reported that the initial investigation into re-varnishing of the bench seats had proved unfruitful, but he will continue to search for someone appropriate to entertain this work.

## **6. DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

### **a) Applications received from the District Council for consultation and consideration by the Planning Committee**

P18/V1359/FUL	Erection of a replacement dwelling with associated garage and summerhouse.  Ashcroft House Lincombe Lane Boars Hill OXFORD OX1 5DX	Mrs Dawn Brodie Edgars Limited The Old Bank 39 Market Square Witney OX28 6AD Phone: 01865731700 Email: <a href="mailto:dawn@edgarslimited.co.uk">dawn@edgarslimited.co.uk</a>
P18/V1373/FUL	Proposed New Access and Driveway  Elm Close Cottage 1 Old Boars Hill Wootton OX1 5JJ	WALLtd Ptolemy House Lower Wharf Wallingford OX10 9DN Phone: 01491825434 Email: <a href="mailto:info@walltd.org.uk">info@walltd.org.uk</a>

It was Resolved to confirm the Planning Committee's action.

**b) Decisions of the Local Planning Authority**

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It was Resolved to note the Planning Authority's decisions.

• **7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

None

• **8. FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**a) Payments made between meetings**

NONE

**b) June accounts for approval**

May/June Accounts	
SSE Electricity Cricket club feb-June	£232.24
Prices Stationary	£16.00
ST Ground Maintenance	£466.59
WADSCC NP Newsletter Insert	£105.00
Post Office Ltd Stamps Clerk paid	£13.92
OALC Training	£96.00
Georgie Clarke (Minutes)	£45.00
Clerk Salary June	£839.08
Clerk Expenses June JLO NP	£167.82
Clerk Expenses General	£100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2081.65</b>

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## d) Application for grants

None

- **9. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED**

None

- **10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None

- **11. FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the council will be on Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 7.30 pm at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre

Chairman..... Date.....