

## Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019 at 7.30 pm at The Village Hall, Filkins	
82/19	<p><u>Present</u> Cllr Irwin-Singer (Chairman), Cllr Robbins, Cllr Jones, Cllr Ford, Cllr N Walsh Members of the Public: Emmaline and Jamie McConnell</p>
83/19	<p>Open Forum 83.1 Reports from District &amp; County Councillors None 83.2 Adjournment for Public Participation Jamie and Emmaline who have recently moved into the end house on Hazells Lane, Magnolia House, explained that the noise from the traffic on the B4477 was so extreme that big artics sometimes turned off their TV in the kitchen. It was felt that the speed signs were too near the village and particularly Hazells Lane, so vehicles didn't start slowing down until the crossroads. Councillor Ford said that highways designated where the flashing slow down sign is sited following evidence collected last year. She explained that Kencot had spent £15,000 on road signs and white gates recently. She also said that in order to have traffic calming measures, the village would have to have street lights and it is quite likely that individual villagers would be likely to contribute. The PC is very sympathetic to this problem and suggested the new residents join the traffic group and if the latter came up with any practical solutions, the PC would back those.</p>
84/19	<p>84.1 Apologies for Absence C Hoad, Cllr Tridgell 84.2 Declarations of Pecuniary, Personal and Prejudicial Interest None</p>
85/19	<p>Minutes 85.1 Minutes of the meeting 6<sup>th</sup> February were accepted and signed. 85.2 Matters arising: None</p>
86/19	<p>External Liaison 86.1 Cllr Irwin-Singer and Cllr Ford had attended a quarterly meeting organised by West Oxfordshire Council for Parish Councillors to update and network with other Parish Councillors and while nothing positive came out of this occasion, in the past such a meeting had led to the new bus route from Filkins to Witney and to meeting the responsible highways officers with whom we are now liaising re the B4477. The main issues with other local PCs were roads/transport and housing. Cllr Ford reported that 102 Brize families were moving back into Carterton shortly who were currently commuting so traffic should be reduced on the B4477. Cllr Irwin Singer thought the meetings were useful. 86.2 Cllr Ford reported that the new bus route, which would happen once a week on a Wednesday, dropping at Carterton and Witney and returning two hours later was to start on 3rd April at 9.40am from the village bus stop (although it can be flagged down en route, too). Cllr Ford and Cllr Walsh agreed to attend the launch service to take pictures, travel on it and report back. The bus needs 2/3 villagers a week to make it worthwhile. The Parish Council is making a donation towards the continuation of the bus service. Cllr Ford was thanked for her work on restoring this modest bus service. 86.3 The launch date for the Community Led Plan was agreed as 8th May at 7.30pm at the village hall. The PC anticipates that the CLP will be led by the village, reflecting</p>

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	<p>their concerns. The PC agreed to pay for refreshments at the meeting. We hope to have some help from Community First Oxfordshire and a plan organising committee may emerge following this meeting.</p> <p>86.4 The next PC surgery with Chair Jeremy Irwin-singer and Councillor Ford was taking place at the village hall on 4th April at 7.30pm Villagers can attend to discuss individual concerns.</p>	
87/19	<p>Planning &amp; Cemetery</p> <p>87.1 19/00065/HHD Walled Garden – approved</p> <p>87.2 18/03489/HHD Rectory Cottage – awaiting decision.</p> <p>87.3 18/03574/FUL Newstones – awaiting decision</p> <p>87.4 19/00139/HHD Broughton Hall – awaiting decision</p> <p>87.5 19/00317/FUL Pear Tree Farm – awaiting decision. Re Pear Tree Farm Councillor Roland Jones felt that access needed to be taken to the north instead of passing three properties and the PC agreed that if further developments were to take place on that site, the narrow access would be a problem and would need changing. Councillor Ford said that Amy Arkins of Robinson &amp; Hale had said access would be changed if further developments were planned. The PC were pleased to note that for the first time that we know of, an agent acting for a client asked the PC for their comments before putting in a planning application: Pear Tree Farm where some of the outbuildings are to be converted into a domestic dwelling.</p> <p>87.6 Cemetery walk round. Councillor Jones consulted a tree surgeon to discuss the possibility of taking out most of the trees at the front of the cemetery and planting four arched trees there, after consultation with the village. A quote had been received for that and pollarding the willows in Hardcastles Field of £1500. Councillor Ford was getting another quote before the next meeting. The PC welcomes suggestions about ideas to improve the look of the Cemetery.</p> <p>87.7 Chair Irwin-Singer had had communications from a resident about housing development on Clarks Field in particular and generally about future developments in the village and what the PC could do pro-actively. Cllr Irwin-Singer felt we were not in a position to have a settled policy on what parcels of land in the villages should or should not be developed and that this issue was an important one for the Community Led Plan. He will write to the King family to enquire if they had any housing development plans for Clarks Field and keep in touch with the various representatives of landowners about prospective plans. He urged villagers to let the PC know before putting in for planning.</p>	
88/19	<p>Finance</p> <p>88.1 List of cheques paid and to be signed since the last meeting and account balance was circulated prior to the meeting. Balance in Parish Council account is £35758.30 and Village Centre account £14480.13 as of end February 2019. The financial position is healthy and within budget but some capital expenditure planned for this year will now take place in next year. Ie the Village centre refurbishment.</p> <p>88.2 Income and Expenditure figure to end of February 2019 were circulated and agreed.</p> <p>88.3 Street Lighting - The chair and the clerk met SSE to discuss street lighting in the car park area by Bulls Close and had a quote of £1600. Unfortunately, SSE policy is that a new light cannot be fitted to an existing telegraph pole unless it already has a light on it. There is an existing light across the road outside Hazells Lane so that can be taken down and a new light positioned on a pole in Cllr Irwin Singers garden. Donations have been offered by villagers to improve the lighting in the village – more are welcome. Bulls Close residents are asked to let the PC know their views about lighting in the car park area. Someone had suggested spending the £1600 on giving every village a torch instead. PC opinion was divided on this.</p>	

	<p>88.4 Internal Auditor - The PC want to thank Gill Pagett for agreeing to be the PC internal auditor. Proposed by Cllr Irwin Singer, seconded Cllr Robbins.</p> <p>88.5 Bund - Lawrence King from WODC has offered the PC £1,000 to take over responsibility just for mowing and cutting back vegetation around the bund, something we do voluntarily. Cllr Irwin Singer to check our responsibility should we accept. PC agreed if satisfactory this will be accepted.</p>	
89/19	<p>Matters Relating to Parish Council and Village Centre matters</p> <p>89.1 War memorial. When Cllr Jones saw the tree surgeon about the tree roots from Abbeystones affecting the war memorial, the tree surgeon reassured him, contrary to our previous thought, that the roots were not a threat to the refurbished stones around the memorial. It was agreed no further work was necessary.</p> <p>89.2.1 Village centre plans have been sent to the architect who will draw up a building spec and we can then obtain quotes with the aim of starting the work in September when the pool closes.</p> <p>89.2.2 The guttering is satisfactorily finished. Cllr Robbins has inspected the works carried out.</p> <p>89.2.3 The roof work was about to start the following week at a cost of ~£500 which is below the budget suggested by the surveyor. PC agreed to jet wash the drain in the middle of the VC car park to clear the two drains there which have almost flooded recently.</p> <p>89.3 Swimming pool -The AGM is on 23rd April at which Cllr Irwin Singer will represent the PC. The PC's views are that there should be a greater membership fee differential between villagers and non-villagers and recommends villagers to buy season tickets early in the season.</p>	
90/19	<p>Matters raised by residents:</p> <p>90.1 Dog bins. Some residents felt we needed more dog bins; one offered to pay for an extra bin. The PC felt we had sufficient and they were emptied regularly but some dog owners could be more careful. Dog bins have to be bought and then there is a contract of £276 a year to empty them. The PC would request from the contractor that a black bin liner usage was re-instated.</p> <p>90.2 The Trees in Vale Wood need some work. The PC has a 25 year lease with the Woodland Trust re Vale Wood. Cllr Jones will ask the tree surgeon to quote and do the work when other tree jobs are being done in the village. Also the wall by the gate into Vale Wood needs some repair work. Clerk to ask Donald Puffitt to look at it and quote asap before the wall itself falls down.</p> <p>90.3 There had been a lot of correspondence about the recent accident on the B4477, which is not the responsibility of the PC, and whether speed was to blame. The Police said it had been caused by negligent driving.</p> <p>90.4 Another villager mentioned the step on D'arcy Dalton way being cracked. This is not PC responsibility but if any concerned villager wants to help, the PC would welcome that.</p>	Clerk
91/19	<p>Website</p> <p>91.1 All the agreed policies were now being migrated onto the website.</p> <p>91.2 Adjourned to next meeting as Cllr Tridgell not present</p> <p>91.3 Adjourned to next meeting as Cllr Tridgell not present</p>	
92/19	<p>Follow up on Action Plan</p> <p>Street signage is available at £170 each. It was suggested one be sited on the corner of Rouses Lane saying Rouses Lane leading to Saxons Close, a dead end. Also, one on Hazells Lane referring to its narrowness. Cllr Irwin Singer to ask Hazells Lane residents as to wording. Another sign coming off the A361 into Broughton Poggs saying to Drive Carefully and bearing in mind the public discussion at the beginning of the meeting</p>	Clerk

	about the noise and speed from the B4477 a sign about driving carefully to be placed before the stone Filkins village signs so that motorists had more time to slow down into the village.	
93/19	Elections All councillors indicated they would be willing to continue on the PC. 3 <sup>rd</sup> April at 4pm is the deadline for submitting nomination forms.	
94/19	Future Meetings Next meeting will take place after the APM 21st May 2019 at 7.30pm	

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