

MINUTES of the meeting of North Leigh Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 9th January at 7.30 pm.

Present: G. Matthews (Chairman), S. Cusick (Vice Chair), Councillors David Fettes (DF), I. Hogg (IH), J. Nicholson (JN), District Councillor H. St John (HSJ) and County Councillor Liam Walker (LW)

In attendance : Allison Leigh (Clerk) (AL)

154/19. Apologies for absence: A. Clements (AC), C. Frost (CF) and J. Minch (JM)

155/19. Declarations of interest: None

156/19. Minutes of meeting held 12th December 2019: The minutes were approved and signed with one deletion.

157/19. Public Forum: No members of the public were in attendance.

158/19. District and County Councillors' Reports:

West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC)

HSJ reported he has been in contact with the conservation officer regarding the planning application for the Windmill. The officer is planning a site visit.

HSJ reported that he had been told the road works on New Yatt Road will be done by the end of February, but no date has been set yet.

HSJ reported he is working on the issue of access for all to the pathway that links the 40 houses on the Bellway site to Green Lane. The current issue is that there are steps which are not accessible for all, i.e. the disabled/those with a pushchair.

HSJ reported there is still a concern with the flooding on Green Lane.

HSJ reported he has wheelie bin speed stickers for anyone who would like one.

HSJ will look into how many properties have been sold at the Bellway site.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC).

It was reported that LW will look into the flooding at Black Alley.

LW reported that the budget will be approved in February. There is a consultation on the budget open until the end of January. At this stage, no cuts have been made. There has been investment in child and adult social care, road sign cleaning, vegetation clearing and roads. In the budget is also funding for the North Cotswold Line Taskforce group supporting them as they work to secure more investment and improvements to the line including a dual line from Wolvercote to Hanborough and 4 trans per hour from Hanborough to Oxford.

LW reported that OCC will be resurfacing the A4095 from Boddington Lane to Park Road.

LW reported that he will have funding in his Councillor's Priority Fund in 2020/2021. The council may look to the fund for assistance with speed equipment.

LW reported that Oxford is working on a 0 emissions zone in the city centre.

LW asked for residents to continue to report potholes on Fix My Street.

160/19. Finance

- **2020/21 budget:** The council reviewed and approved the 2021/2020 budget with a precept of £41,000. The council will publish some of the new budget items in the March issue of the Nor'Lye News.
- **Finance report:**

<i>Payments authorised</i>						
<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cheque number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Date</u>
Allison Leigh	Clerk salary - January	102972	466.37	0.00	466.37	31/01/2020
Allison Leigh	Clerk expenses - January	102973	63.00	0.00	63.00	09/01/2020
North Leigh Youth Project	Room hire	102974	20.00	0.00	20.00	09/01/2020
WODC	Adventure Playground cleaning	102975	117.22	23.44	140.66	09/01/2020
Grundon	Cemetery bin emptying	DD	57.05	11.41	68.46	30/11/2019
<i>Receipts</i>						
<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>		<u>Amount</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Date</u>
HSBC	Bank Interest		27.44		27.44	06/12/2019

Bank reconciliation

Cash in Hand 1/4/19	65408.37
Add total receipts as of 30/11/19	39417.65
Suttract Total payments as of 30/11/19	34587.29
Cash in Hand 30/11/19	70238.73
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Communit Account balance 31/12/19	15612.89
Business Money Manager Account Balance 31/12/19	55553.21
Less unrepresented cheques:	
North Leigh Youth Project	20.00
Allison Leigh	466.37
NPJ Green	441.00
Total	927.37
Plus unrepresented receipts	0.00
Adjusted Bank Balance	70238.73

161/19. Website: It was reported that Vision ICT has been appointed to work on the project. Progress is developing. The website may have a logo in the shape of a windmill.

162/19. Planning Applications: To discuss the following planning applications and determine the Parish Council's response to them

<u>Planning number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Comments</u>
19/03369/HHD	Walnut Tree House 2 Ladywell Close North Leigh	Erection of single storey rear extension	North Leigh Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.
19/03225/LBC	Land at North Leigh Windmill Common Road North Leigh	Internal and external alterations to weather-proof Windmill including repair works and making good existing roof	North Leigh Parish Council welcomes the proposals to carry out the works and notes that the applicant is considering future plans for the Windmill.

JN will write a letter to the owner of the Windmill indicating the Parish Council's willingness to meet and discuss future plans.

163/19. Open Spaces Report

- **School Playground lease:** IH reported there has been no further information from OCC. LW will follow up.
- **Playground Inspection/ reports:** IH reported that the play areas look good.
- **Cuckamus Green report:**
 - There was no report. The council asked AL to ask BGG for a quote on the planning of the Hawthorne tree.
- **Bus shelters:** DF reported that Bob Allsworth will let the council know once the concrete seat is moved so that the new shelter can be installed.

LW reported that he will ask Paul Wilson of OCC to send a letter to a resident who has written regarding the bus shelter at Park Road.

- **Salt:** AL reported she has attempted to contact BGG several times regarding the salt, but has not heard back. She will follow up via phone.

It was noted that the salt bins at Green Lane and New Yatt Road had not been filled. LW will look into this.

164/19. Cemetery/Churchyard

- **Activity:** AL reported there had been a burial at the beginning of January and there is to be another burial mid-January.

165/19. Traffic/ Highway matters/Speedwatch: HSJ reported he had attended a Community Resilience Forum where it was reported the handheld speed device can now legally be used. HSJ reported that there are currently 14 enforcement vanes for Thames alley Police and 7 north of the River.

The council will look to ask LW for funding for additional; speed equipment.

166/19: Nor'Lye News: AL will craft a draft of the council's submission to the Nor'Lye News for the council.

167/19. Correspondence: HSJ asked about a street light which has been removed from Windmill Road. LW confirmed that a light is not planned at that location in the new plan.

168/19. Matters for report: There were no matters for report.

Date and time of next meeting: The date of the next meeting as Thursday the 13th February at 7:30pm.