MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF PIDDINGTON, HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, PIDDINGTON ON 21st FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30pm

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|  | Present: Cllr F Darby (Chairman) Cllr P Feltbower, Cllr K Howard, Cllr M Terzino, Cllr L Willis, and Cllr A Coleman.Apologies: Cllr M Nixon, David Hughes (CDC)Also Present: Cllr T Hallchurch (CDC,OCC) Cllr S Holland (CDC) Kevin Jessop (MOD Garrison Adjutant) Vice Chairman and Councillor from Blackthorn Parish Council **Public participation**  12 members of the public. | Action | By date |
| 145 | The meeting opened with a public discussion about the planning application Planning Application 17/00145/F  Residential Caravan Site for 16 Gypsy/Traveller families, on which the Parish Council has recently been consulted. The Parish Council had facilitated a Village meeting on 10th February which was attended by about 130 residents. The meeting had outlined the key issues and agreed almost unanimously that the Parish Council should lodged an objection to the application in the strongest possible terms. To facilitate this the meeting also agreed to ask the Parish Council to obtain advice from a specialist lawyer to ensure that any response covered all the issues and was the best the village could produce in the circumstances. As a result of this the Parish Council has taken advice from John Hobson QC, a barrister specialising in planning at Landmark Chambers London. This advice has now been received and the Parish Council will be meeting shortly to finalise its response before its consultation period ends.  Cllrs Hallchurch and Holland explained the planning process, and in particular the arrangements for public speaking at the planning Committee. Members f the public wishing to attend and speak at the planning committee will have a maximum of 3 minutes to make their case, but councillors speaking on behalf of their constituents have unlimited time, and therefore, have the opportunity to make strengthen or add to the points made by the public.  Cllr Holland reported that he had promoted a site in Islip, which was operating smoothly under the management and control of the owner of the site, but his experience was that the sites only worked locally with on site management. The Parish Council had already noted that the applicants were not local residents, and were expected to sell the pitches should planning permission be granted.  The Clerk explained that she understood that the application would be considered by Committee on either 16th March or 13th April, and it was agreed that Cllr Holland would attend and speak on the village’s behalf if appropriate. The procedure will be finalised with Cllr Holland at a later date. Kevin Jessop then updated the Parish Council on MOD views concerning the site. The application is being dealt with by the MOD’s property experts, but the MOD have already expressed concern to Cherwell Dc that they were not consulted at an earlier stage of the planning application.  Representatives of Blackthorn Parish Council confirmed that, although the consultation period ended before their next Parish Council meeting, they had agreed to lodge an objection, and many of their residents were also objecting to the proposals. The Vice Chairman had particular concerns about the safety of the B4011, as both he and his wife had sustained serious injuries in accidents at the Widnell Lane turning, when cars pulling out from the lane did not see traffic proceeding along the B4011.  The Chairman explained that she would be showing Cllr Barry Wood , Leader of Cherwell District Council, around Piddington shortly. |  |  |
| 146 | Declarations of Interest Cllrs F Darby, P Feltbower , K Howard, and M Terzino declared personal interests as members of the Village CLP group and Cllr Howard declared a personal interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee and the Church fund raising committee. |  |  |
| 147 | Minutes The Minutes of the meeting of 17th January 2017 were agreed as drawn. | Clerk/FD |  |
| 148 | Finance The Council noted the financial report given by the Clerk and agreed the payment of the following invoices:-  OALC (Social media course) 100228 £84.00  Piddington Village Hall (Hall hire) 100229 £ 15.00  J Hobson QC (advice) 100230 £2400.00  HMRC ( Clerk tax) 100231 £ 45.80  Mrs A Davies (Clerk salary and expenses) 100232 £256.70  F Darby (land registry fees) 100233 £42.60 |  |  |
| 149 | **Community Led Plan (CLP)**  The results of the CLP are being analysed and the results circulated around the village in the next few weeks. | CLP Group |  |
| 150/1 | **Resilience.**  Ongoing. The Clerk has received leaflets from SSE about the Priority needs register, which will be circulated around the village. | all |  |
| 150/2 | **Spring Clean (Litter Blitz)**  The Parish Council agreed to take part in CDC’s Spring Clean for 2017. There will also be a WidnellBlitz ( to tidy up Widnell Lane) on 25th February. | All. |  |
| 150/3 | **Allotments**  The Parish Council were pleased to note that there was a new tenant for the empty allotment. |  |  |
| 150/4 | **Jubilee Reserve/Widnell Park**  The Parish Council agreed to use the balance of the Greggs grant to carry out hedge improvement/tidying up of the ditch surrounding Widnell Park. This is at an estimated cost of £800 + VAT and would include work to tidy and cut the boundary hedge. After discussion, when it was noted that if hedge cutting was not completed in the very near future it would need to be left until after the nesting season, the Parish Council agreed that the work should proceed. |  |  |
| 151 | Planning Applications. [Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 16 gypsy/ traveller families, each with two caravans, including improvement of access and laying of hardstanding](http://www.publicaccess.cherwell.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=OK2VELEM0L000)  ; OS Parcel 9635 North East Of HM Bullingdon Prison Widnell Lane Piddington  Ref. No: 17/00145/F  Discussed during public participation.  The Parish Council will be finalising the consultation response which will be submitted to Cherwell District Council with photographs. The Council resolved to authorise the Clerk to submit the Parish Council’s response to Cherwell District Council after consultation on the final draft with the Chairman, Vice chairman and all other Councillors available to do so. | AD |  |
| **152** | Planning decisionsNone |  |  |
| **153** | PoliceNothing to report. |  |  |
| **154** | **Highways**  Nothing to report | Clerk |  |
| 155 | **Circulated between meetings:**  Unitary Council for Oxfordshire - consultation. | For Info |  |
| 156 | Any Other Business:none |  |  |
| 157 | The meeting closed at 11.00pm. |  |  |
| 158 | Date of Next Meeting  21st March 2017. | AD |  |

