MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF PIDDINGTON, HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, PIDDINGTON ON 16th APRIL 2019 AT 7.30pm

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|  | Present: Cllr F Darby (Chairman) Cllr P Feltbower (Vice Chairman) , Cllr M Terzino, Cllr M Nixon and Cllr L Willis.Apologies: Cllr K Howard, Cllr A Coleman, Cllr D Hughes (CDC) and Cllr D Sames (OCC)Also Present:Public participation: 3 | Action | By date |
|  | Declarations of Interest None other than ongoing membership of the CLP group for Cllrs Feltbower, Howard, Nixon and Terzino, Cllrs Terzino and Nixon as members of the Village Hall Committee, Cllr Howard’s involvement with the Church Fundraising Committee, the Village Hall Committee, the TVPA Rural Resilience Forum and as a member of the OALC Executive Committee. | all |  |
|  | The meeting welcomed Sarah Foxcroft and Olivia Coleman from the “No Expressway group”. They explained that the group had taken advice about the information that had been made available to allow Highways England to announce preferred corridors, as a result of which BBOWT is taking action over the lack of a strategic environmental assessment. They are briefing John Howell – their local MP and holding events to publicise the issues of concern.  Currently everything is indicative and options may change when the final corridors are published – but it is important to recognise that the road is to form the base around which 1M new homes are constructed.  They advised that, so far as Highways England are concerned, the road is seen as an outer London Motorway. As the strip of M40 from Junction 8A to 9 is currently underused, they are expecting to see a new junction on the M40, which could significantly affect the delicate infrastructure of Otmoor, and local roads could be swamped by additional traffic from these housing developments, especially as there is a stated aspiration to construct an additional 50,000 houses East of Oxford, and 80,000 employment opportunities east of Oakley.  In their opinion to only way to stop the road and the proposals is to “ make it toxic” and lobby all Councillors.  The group is encouraging Parish Councils and individuals to submit comments, for the proposals to have a visual presence in local communities and the to be involved in information sharing sessions.  There will be a public consultation in Autumn 2019 when the 6 route options area announced.  The Parish Council agreed it would take part in the poster campaign and information about the route would be circulated, both on the Village Email and through Parish News.. It will look at making a video showing the local area and explaining how the proposed development would change things, and will be involved as much as possible as the issue proceeds. | all |  |
|  | Minutes The Minutes of the meeting of 19th March 2019 were agreed as drawn. | AD |  |
|  | Finance The Council noted the financial report and bank reconciliation given by the Clerk (and shown in Appendix A). It agreed the payment of the following invoices:-   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Payee | Reason | number | Amount | | PVHMC | Room hire | 100382 | 17.50 | | Mrs A Davies | Cl salary and expenses | 100383 | 236.68 | | HMRC | Cl tax | 100384 | 49.00 | | R Hubbocks | hedges | 100385 | 70.00 |   The Parish Council, having considered the application from DEMS for a grant, decided that it was not appropriate at this time for any grant to be made. | AD |  |
|  | CLP The CLP will be circulated to village groups for comment and updating... | FD/PF |  |
|  | **Appeal APP/C3105/W/18/3209349 to planning application 17/01962/F:**  The Inquiry has now been adjourned until 29th July for the MOD to present their evidence – which should be submitted by 24th May. The Clerk was asked to request information the appellant made reference to at the Inquiry.  A recent fundraising event has added an additional 32500 to the amount pledged.  The Parish Council has received non committal responses from CDC officers to its concerns about gypsy/traveller need. | All  AD |  |
|  | **Jubilee Reserve/Widnell Park/Sports Field**  The trim trail is now installed, and the Parish Council are looking for a formal opening event /induction in early June.  The football nets have been repaired. It was agreed that the grass would need to be strimmed around the edge of the Proludic equipment mats.  The Council agreed to purchase wildflower seeds in 2020, and carry out preparatory work for then. | FD  FD  LW |  |
|  | **VAS**  Councillors will advise of suitable locations for additional poles for the existing VAS | AD/all |  |
|  | **Village Maintenance**  The Clerk will confirm work required, on the shed and for the dog bins.  Road sweeping has now been carried out. | AD |  |
|  | **Arncott Road**  Councillors will contact neighbours to discuss concerns. | AD/all |  |
|  | **Network Rail**  Planning permission has been delayed pending resolution of drainage issues. |  |  |
|  | **Flooding at Ludgershall Road/Streetlights**  Councillors will send the Clerk photographs to show the issues of flooding. All streetlights now appear to be working. | all |  |
|  | **Grass cutting**  The village grass (except the Churchyard) has now had its first cut. | AD |  |
|  | **Water supply for allotments**  Ongoing. The Clerk agreed to send Cllr Willis the quote from Thames Water. | AD |  |
|  | **Planning Applications**  **None** |  |  |
|  | PoliceThe next Rural Community Resilience Forum will take place on 12th June in Chesterton Village Hall. | **KH** |  |
|  | **Highways**  It was reported that the Z and S School bus to Lord Williams School had been seen mounting the pavement in Thame Road to achieve its turning circle into Ludgershall Road. A report has been made to the company. | AD |  |
|  | **Circulated Between Meetings:**  OALC update. | AD |  |
|  | Any Other Business: (for discussion) Items for next Agenda: by 7th May 2019 please. |  |  |
|  | The meeting closed at 10.00pm. |  |  |
|  | Date of Next Meeting  April 16th 2019. Annual Parish Council meeting 21st May 2019 between 7 and 8 pm. Annual Parish Meeting 8.00pm on 21st May 2019. | AD |  |

