

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 12 March 2018

Venue: Main Hall, Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Parish Councillors – H. Jenkins, D. Peat, N. Lewis, R. Corkin, P. Johnson

Also Present: John Poole

Parishioners' issues: John Poole raised a concern about flooding in the field behind Ardley Road, Russett Road and Keyes Close. He reminded the Council there is a mains water pipe runs through the field and in the past was the cause of flooding due to a burst pipe on the B430. He was not sure if the boggy conditions were due to the current weather of something else.

Declaration of Interests: None

Apologies: R. Curtis, J O'Neill, County/District Councillor Corkin

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2018 were accepted & signed.

Matters Arising:

- Barrier work at stream by Water Lane is ongoing
- Emergency plans are ongoing
- Notice board is ongoing
- Ragwort to be left until the spring
- Footpath funds – to be chased up at next meeting

District/County Councillor – though not present, Councillor Corkin is concerned that emails may not be getting through to the PC. He is particularly concerned about the local bus service.

Wood Report – R Corkin reported that one person, Justin, has had a look at Castlefields and along the main road where he suggests there is a significant amount of work to be done costing £3500. There is concern that residents in Castlefields may be extending their property by access gates and additional paths being made. He advised that there should be no more paths in the wood and the bug houses should be redistributed. He suggested a stockproof fence along the main road. It was agreed that 2 more quotes and advice be obtained.

Finance – payment of invoice for dog bin emptying was proposed by Councillor Lewis and seconded by Councillor Peat.

Neighbourhood Plans – Dorchester is still onboard working with Cherwell District Council. A report on the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan is expected by the end of the year when consultation meetings can take place.

Planning Applications – 17/02246 Ardley Road was approved, 17/02561 north side of Water Lane was refused, 17/02279 drive thru Costa Coffee shop needed no comment.

Parish Clerk Recruitment – 2 responses received from OALC advertisement. H Jenkins to circulate criteria and decision to be made.

Rural Affordable housing – D Peat attended a meeting with CDC and Waterloo Housing. An indicative drawing was presented and an offer has been made to the landowner. Consultation with the local community will be arranged to discuss mix of housing ie number of houses, bedrooms, size, rent/shared ownership. DP to check village hall availability for April and design a flyer.

Any Other Business -

Opening for a parish councillor to be advertised.

Viridor – a positive meeting took place to re-engage with the community, the main issue being the litter on the B430.

H Jenkins to liaise with the VH committee re storage of the parish council gazebo.

N Lewis volunteered to be the VH committee rep.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be in the Village Hall on **14th May 2018 at 7.30pm**

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