

WILCOT and HUISSH (with OARE) PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wilcot and Huish (with Oare) Parish Council at Oare Village Hall on Thursday 10 November 2016

Present:

Councillors: Mrs D. Nix (Chair), Mr C. Bartlett, Mrs N. Fleet, Mr R. Fleet, Mr L Giddings, Mrs B. Lawson, Mrs P Smith and Ms D. Wilson.

Also present:

9 members of the public attended.

16/63 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr P Oatway.

16/64 **Declarations of interest on any agenda item to be discussed**

Item 16.76 Cllr Richard Fleet, Cllr Pru Smith and Cllr Lenny Giddings

Item 16.74 Cllr Chris Bartlett and

16/65 **To agree the minutes of the meeting of 25 May 2016 and 11 August 2016**

Resolved: to approve and sign as a true record the minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council on 24 Aug 2016. Proposed DW; Seconded CB; All in favour.

16/66 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chair asked for a minutes silence in respect of armistice day.

The Chair expressed her thanks to Colin Gale of Rushall PC for his work on the SID (Speed Indicator Device). It was positioned in Oare for 2 weeks and we were first on the list. This device is shared and operated by a partnership of several Parish Councils.

16/67 **Public question time**

No questions

16/68 **Budget and monitoring**

68.1 To receive the Budget and Monitoring Report for September to November.

Resolved to accept the budget. Proposed DW; seconded CB; all in favour. The Annual Audit "notice of conclusion" has been received and will be posted on noticeboards and the website. Cllr Nicky Fleet reported the feedback from Grant Thornton and a query about assets. Cllr Nicky Fleet to look back to clarify if it was adjusted last year. It was Noted that Section one should be signed before Section 2 so these items must be listed as two agenda items not one in 2017. The PC budgeted to £40 for an internal audit. Cllr Nicky Fleet's friend will not take full payment for doing this. He was asked because Andrew Wray was not available. It was Resolved that the PC pay a lower amount for his services. Proposed LG; Seconded PS; all in favour

68.2 To authorise the payment of invoices due

Online banking registered and almost ready. Payments due: To Colin Bouch for £25 for Remembrance Day wreath paid out of Chairs fund; Payment to PCAP DW asked for payment to be made that was Resolved at March meeting; Cllr Belinda Lawson for expenses for deeds for White Hart as part of registering the property as a Community Asset. Coming due purchase of verge markers again Resolved at March meeting so pay as due.

68.3 To resolve to increase, for this year only, the grant to Oare Village Hall to reflect the increase in its use because of the unavailability of Wilcot Village Hall.

Payments to village halls for hire for PC meetings, a resolution was made in the budget

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but since Wilcot is not available, Resolved to make additional payment to Oare once we see how many hours we have used and to be paid at reasonable hourly rate. Proposed DN; seconded RF, all in favour

- 16/69 **Clerk's Report**
It was Noted that the Clerks report sent to chair was much the same the Chair will update and circulate to Cllrs.
- 16/70 **To receive an update on Clerk Recruitment**
We recruited two interested parties for the position of Clerk but neither were able to take it up. Advert is on WALC and Marlborough online, website, Our Community Matters blog. It has also been circulated to other parishes. The Chair would investigate to see if other parishes recruiting would share.
The workload for the Acting clerk is very onerous for one person and it was Resolved to share tasks, Dee proposed to split finance and minutes & communications to NF and DW respectfully. Seconded LG; all in favour.
- 16/71 **To consider the completion of a Neighbourhood Plan**
Resolved to defer until the next parish council is elected as there are only two meetings before elections and the PC would need significant support from residents to take the lead. PC to try to identify that group of residents. The Chair to put something in newsletter and put it on next agenda. PC to see if residents are really interested at the annual parish meeting. Proposed DN Seconded DW; all in favour.
- 16/72 **To receive information about a proposed change to the C52 at Cross Hayes**
Cllr R Fleet passed comments back to Manningford for Wilcot. A recent survey recorded 100 cars an hour going through Wilcot on a Sunday lunch time. DW read email sent to Cllrs post CATG meeting detailing what Manningford will do next. This does not involved any major works that would impact on Wilcot at this time.
- 16/73 **To receive an update on the White Hart in Oare**
Some interest from a local resident. Another resident is brokering discussions this week. Cllr Belinda Lawson is working on listing it as an community asset.
- 16/74 **To receive an update on the road verge by the canal at Wilcot**
Meeting to be arranged by the Chair to move this forward.
- 16/75 **To receive information regarding the Government's plan to cap Parish and Town Council Precepts. In addition to consider possible works we may be asked to take on from Wiltshire Council.**
Read Leader of Wiltshire Council - Jane Scott's response. This is about devolving services and those PC's that take this on may be uncapped and those not capped, in brief.
- 16/76 **To receive an update on the repair of Wilcot Village Hall**
The Plans have gone through, the Hall is looking to recruit a volunteer fund raiser for this project. Looking for £50k to do a full refurbishment with a new kitchen and windows etc.. About £8k in the budget at present.
- 16/77 **To receive an update on improvements to the footpath from Rudge Lane to 5 min the Church in Oare, to facilitate pupils reaching the Church without using the main road along the unpaved section.**
It is possible that a local resident could be persuaded to help with this in partnership with PC. Resolved to look at the costs and get an estimate. RF proposed; CB Seconded; all in favour. Action- The Clerk to write to resident who might help. The Chair to write to School governors to inform their travel plan as this will improve safety of children walking to the Church in Oare.

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- 16/78 **To receive an update on information sharing with Wiltshire Council following the meeting at County Hall with Planning Officers**
Various complaints finally acknowledged and are being progressed by enforcement. We await further developments.
- 16/79 **Project update**
79.1 To receive an update on village gateways project
Gateways -design available PC asked for a contribution by CATG This is already in the budget. Notice has gone to householder who is effected, also notice to residents in the next newsletter. No date for works yet. Next CATG January 2917.
- 79.2 To receive an update on the repairs to Wilcot War Memorial
Cllr Belinda Lawson has the forms to fill in for a grant. One estimate is available. To dismantle it clean it and replace the plinth with Portland stone. See previous quote and add 10%.Grant to be completed by December.
- 79.3 To receive an update on funding for the emergency plan and for a defibrillator in Stowell.
Resolved to make a contribution towards electric up to £25 for the defib to be installed at Stowell. Proposed CB, Seconded PS; all in favour. SSEPD Grant approved and 12 months to spend on the equipment.
- 79.4 Further to the production of a Parish Footpaths and History
With no clerk it is difficult to take on any more. Resolved to look for volunteers to take this on.
- 16/80 **Planning Applications**
None
- 16/81 **To agree a date for the next Parish Walk**
Walk in April 2017. The Village Clean up will take place in March 2017
- 16/82 **Correspondence**
Nothing presented.
- 16/83 **Exchange of information**
Removal of Telephone box consultation. Oare is down to be removed. Do we want to keep it. Chair to put item in newsletter, deadline for consultation is Jan 2017. PC could buy it for £1but then would have to maintain it
- 16/84 **Dates and times of meetings**
 - 11 Jan 2017
 - 7 March
 - 5 April Parish Meeting
 - May 4 election
 - May 10th Annual meeting of the parish council

Planning Committee Meetings will be held as required.

The meeting closed at 21.45.