

LAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Members of the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk had been available before the start of the formal meeting from 7.00pm to meet with the public. All plans and correspondence were available for viewing and comments. Two parishioners availed themselves of this opportunity.

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th July 2011 at 7.30pm in Launton Parish Hall

Present: Councillors: Mr Simon Turner, Mr Ian Stubbings, Miss Wendy Foster, Mrs Rachel Burn and Mr Chris Cox Mr Howard Hill

In attendance: Mr Keith Dixon – Clerk

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence

There were none.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

There were none.

3. To facilitate public participation with regard to items on the agenda

There was none.

4. Co-option of a new member

At this point the Chairman proposed that this item be deferred to the end of the agenda to enable consideration of the candidates in private prior to a vote on the issue.

5. Election of Vice Chairman

It was proposed that Councillor Hill be elected as Vice Chairman.

Proposed: Councillor Foster

Seconded:

Councillor Fox

All in favour.

Motion carried.

6. To confirm the minutes of previous meeting – Thursday 14th June

The above dated minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

Proposed: Councillor Turner

Seconded:

Councillor Fox

All in favour.

Motion carried.

7. Report from Cherwell District Councillor for Launton

None was available.

8. Report from Oxfordshire County Councillor for Launton

None was available

9. Finance and Governance

a. To consider changes to grass cutting costs arising from additional requirements.

It was proposed that the charges quoted by Calber Facilities Management for the incremental areas of grass to be cut and collected be accepted.

Proposed: Councillor Turner

Seconded:

Councillor Hill

All in favour.

Motion carried.

b. To confirm and approve expenditure for July and review income during June.

10. Planning

- a. To discuss and decide upon Planning Applications received.
There were none.
- b. Planning Decisions
 - i. Application No.11/00685/F
Applicant Mr R Feakes
Proposal Extension to existing garage and conversion to annexe accommodation.
Location 11 The Poplars, Launton
Decision Granted subject to conditions
The Council noted the decision.

11. Village Matters

- a. To review progress regarding upkeep of the West End footpath.
The Chairman asked that this item be deferred until weather conditions allowed the extent of the problem to be photographed as supporting evidence in an attempt to attract grant funding.
Clerk to reschedule the item for October's agenda. **Action Clerk**
- b. To review progress regarding correspondence with OCC concerning the condition of the Parish Hall car park.
Since neither the Chairman nor Clerk had been able to make contact with Cllr Fulljames regarding this issue, the Chairman undertook to identify the appropriate officer at Oxfordshire CC and make them aware of the problem. **Action Chairman**
- c. To consider possible representations to Oxfordshire CC regarding road safety.
The Clerk advised that he had been approached by a resident of Station Rd to ask that the Council consider installing road signs warning of ducklings on the road.
Cllr Foster reported she had spoken to the Clerk of Marsh Gibbon PC who has installed such a sign and he had reported that it had not been effective in reducing casualties. It was, nevertheless, considered worth approaching Oxfordshire CC to see whether such signs would be available to the Parish Council. Cllr Burn undertook to contact OCC. **Action Cllr Burn**
Following the circulation of promotional material relating to speed sensitive speed humps and speed recording devices, Cllr Fox undertook to contact the supplier and establish costs for purchase of the former and rental of the latter. **Action Cllr Fox**
The Clerk was directed to establish the appropriate officer at OCC to convene a meeting between Parish Councillors and the officer to explore ways of improving road safety at the cross roads. **Action Clerk**

12. Correspondence

- a. Correspondence received for action
 - i. ORCC – Affordable Housing Report Launton June 2011
Since this was the second successive report where no progress had been reported the Clerk was directed to write to Tom McCulloch of ORCC and ask that he liaise with CDC to;
 - a) since none of the sites identified to date is deemed as viable, ask whether CDC had any other options to suggest,
 - b) ask CDC, in the absence of any other option being open, to consider once more the site in Blackthorn Rd currently occupied by lock up garages and owned by Sanctuary Housing. **Action Clerk**

