

LAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Members of the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk had been available in Launton Village Hall 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. Five parishioners availed themselves of this opportunity.

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st April 2010 at 7.30pm in Launton Village Hall

Present: Councillors: Mr Simon Turner – Chairman, Miss Wendy Foster – Vice Chairman, Mrs Mr Ian Stubbings & Mr Howard Hill

In attendance: Mr Keith Dixon - Clerk,

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence
Apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr. Fulljames and Cllrs. Audrey Tutt and M O'Connor.
2. To receive any Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda
There were none.
3. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting - Thursday 4th March 2010
The above dated minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

Proposed: Councillor Turner
All in favour.

Seconded: Councillor Hill
Motion carried.

4. Report from Oxfordshire County Councillor for Launton
None was available.
5. Report from Cherwell District Councillor for Launton
None was available.
6. Financial:

- a. To confirm and approve expenditure for April and review income during March.

Expenditure for approval and payment in April 2010

| Cheque No | Payee | Amount |
|------------------|---|---------------|
| 200088 | Mr Jefferies – Bus Shelter | £ 100.30 |
| 200089 | K Dixon | £ 364.06 |
| 200090 | HMRC – K Dixon | £ 76.40 |
| 200091 | Cherwell DC – Dog Bin Emptying | £ 426.78 |
| 200092 | OALC – Model Standing Orders | £ 25.00 |
| 200093 | OALC – Annual Subscription | £ 215.64 |
| 200094 | ORCC – Annual Subscription | £ 30.00 |
| 200095 | Communities Opposing Ardley Incinerator | £ 200.00 |
| S/O | Launton Lines | £ 110.00 |
| S/O | Launton Parish Hall (Quarterly S/O) | £ 42.00 |

Total Payments for April 2010

£1590.18

All above cheques drawn on The Co-operative Bank

Income Received

| Source | Reason | Amount |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Co-operative Bank | Interest March | £ 0.35 |
| Co operative Bank 14 Day Acct | Interest October 09 | £ 3.00 |
| Bank of Ireland | Interest March | £ 0.01 |
| HMRC | VAT Refund | £355.50 |

Total Receipts for March 2010

£ 358.86

Proposed: Councillor Turner
All in favour.

Seconded: Councillor Stubbings
Motion carried.

- b. To acknowledge scrutiny and acceptance of previously circulated bank statements.
Banks statements were reviewed and unanimously accepted.
- c. To review the Council's Asset Register and define means of reviewing condition of assets (Risk Assessment requirement)
The Asset Register was reviewed by the Council. It was determined that all assets should be inspected for physical damage at least annually and benches and bus shelters more frequently. Councillors and staff accepted responsibilities for inspecting designated assets. A complete inspection would be conducted before the next meeting when a plan for necessary actions would be developed. **Action All present**

7. Planning

- a. To discuss and decide upon Planning Applications received;

- i. Application No. 10/00324/OUT
Applicant: The Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance
Proposal: Erection of 5857 sqm of Office development with associated parking, turning, and landscaping areas (renewal of 05/01563/OUT)
Location: Land northwest of Launton Rd Roundabout adjoining Skimmingdish Lane Caversfield

It was noted that the application before the Council included reference to buildings with height up to 7.2 m to the eaves. As such, the Council objected, as it had to the previous application on this site, on the grounds that the buildings proposed, are out of keeping with the local area, would be detrimental to the amenity of the RAF Bicester conservation area, and would hamper the existing uninterrupted views over open countryside.

Proposed: Councillor Turner
All in favour.

Seconded: Councillor Stubbings
Motion carried.

b. Planning Decisions

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| i. Application No. | 09.01815/LB |
| Applicant: Proposal | Mr William Deeley (Retrospective) demolition of rear WC and erection of single storey garden room with boot store to side |
| Location | Launton House, West End, Launton, Oxon |
| Decision | Granted subject to conditions |

c. NW Bicester Eco-town

To consider and discuss current understanding of the Eco town development and to decide on the Council's position regarding support or objection to the proposals.

The Chairman summarised the background to the Eco – town proposals Reports were received from Cllr. Foster of her attendance of the Joint Parishes meeting of the 17th March, and from Cllr. Hill of his attendance of the public meeting with Tony Baldry MP on the 26th March.

During the discussion that followed, it was suggested that the eco town presented the only likelihood of attracting central government funds into the district. The development as described, would have potential benefits in terms of the quality of building, employment and commercial prospects, and reduced ecological impact, none of which could be delivered by piecemeal developments that would inevitably be required to meet the housing demands of the South East Plan.

After consideration of the facts known to date, it was proposed that the Council would decline the invitation to sign the joint parish's letter to Mary Harpley, Chief Executive of Cherwell DC.

Proposed: Councillor Turner
3 in favour.
1 abstained

Seconded: Councillor Stubbings
Motion carried.

Clerk to reply to Colin Board of Chesterton PC

Action Clerk

The Council concluded that it could not develop a definitive position on the Eco town until after the next joint parishes meeting with Frances Fernandez, Commissioner for National Infrastructure.

d. CDC Draft Core Strategy – A Public Consultation. The Cherwell Local Development Framework 22 February to 19 April 2010

To consider and consolidate a response to the consultation.

The Council discussed responses to the Draft Core Strategy Representation form and it was resolved to delegate responsibility for completion of the form to the Clerk on the basis of the notes made in the meeting and subject to him circulating the response to Council members before submission.

Action Clerk

Proposed: Councillor Turner
All in favour.

Seconded: Councillor Stubbings
Motion carried.

Particular note was made of the strategy's proposal to allocate 180 new homes to between Launton and Ambrosden.

8. Village Matters

- a. Speed recording devices – To review developments and consider a decision on funding.
There was no progress to report at this time but the item will be retained for further consideration

9. Correspondence

- a. To discuss and, where necessary, decide upon a response to correspondence for consideration:
 - i. Standing Orders For Local Councils – To consider how to review and amend NALC model standing orders to suit Launton PC.
It was agreed that all Councillors and the Clerk will review the model Standing Orders in preparation to discuss, amend and adopt them at the next meeting along with new model Financial Regulations. **Action All**
- b. Correspondence received for information
 - i. OALC Update for Members March 2010

10. Reports

- a. Chairman's Report
The Chairman thanked Cllr Hill for standing in at short notice at the Tony Baldry public meeting.
- b. Clerk's Report
The Clerks Report, circulated with the agenda and made available to the public, was acknowledged by the Council.
The Clerk pointed out that the last elements of the drainage work conducted by Cherwell DC in Station Rd, had been completed.
The Chairman expressed appreciation on behalf of the Council to the Clerk, for pursuing this outcome, and to Mr Mike Smith, Clerk of the Works at Cherwell DC for seeing it through to completion.

11. Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 5th May 2010**

Launton Congregational Church Station Rd, if Village Hall not available.

The meeting closed at 9.34pm.