

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the  
Village Hall, Hailey on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm**

**Present: Cllrs:** G. Knaggs (in the chair), N. Moglia, D. Musson, K. McConville, M. Davies, **Parish Clerk:** L. Wilkinson, 11 members of public.

**1. Apologies for absence were received from** Cllrs A. Smith, P. Lakey and District Cllr G. Hill

**2. Chairman's remarks.**

The request to sell allotment land will be handled early in the meeting. On the agenda is the Inspector's response to the suspension of the Local Plan, updates on the defibrillator case, the Hailey Festival project for the playground and possible cuts to Hailey buses. The sale of allotment land, which has taken 30 years has been concluded.

**3. Contributions from members of the public apart from sale of allotment land.**

None

**4. To receive Declarations of Interest:**

Received from Cllr M. Davies for the N. Witney development.

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

It was **resolved** that the minutes were accepted and were signed by the Chairman.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

**7. Agenda item no. 21 iii. To consider request from Leda properties to purchase land owned by Allotments for the Labouring Poor on Priest Hill Lane**

This item was brought forward and members of the public invited to contribute.

The land in question runs alongside the triangle of land that Leda properties hope to develop. Residents of Giernalls Road, Priest Hill Lane, Townsend and the side of New Road on the side of the proposed development all received flyers about this subject. Five e-mails have been received in response. The issues raised are predominantly about access from Priest Hill Lane onto the triangle of land. Concerns have also been raised about the wildlife haven that currently exists along this strip of land.

Although there are many concerns about the potential development of the triangle, Cllr Knaggs explained that this was not being discussed at the meeting as there is no planning application in for this land yet. Views have already been collected about a potential application, ready for the developer.

There was concern from the members of public present that some people have not been notified about the possible sale.

Cllr Knaggs explained that the developer has not asked for access down Priest Hill Lane so far. Access during construction of any future development arose from discussions with residents last year.

The developer has stated that he will go through a full public consultation when he has put his plans in. There is concern about the narrowness of Priest Hill Lane: it is not wide enough for construction traffic as cars, when passing each other, already have to drive onto residents' land.

If the strip of land was sold to Leda Properties the same restrictions would be imposed as currently exist for those residents who bought land along Priest Hill Lane (no access and for garden use only); these are attached to the Land Registry so cannot be lifted.

Members of public present at the meeting would prefer access to construction traffic down Giernalls Road rather than Priest Hill Lane.

The discussion was then closed to members of the public and the councillors discussed the issue.

Cllr Knaggs stated that if the land was sold as building land it is potentially very valuable. A covenant could be installed so there is no access to Priest Hill Lane either by road or by installing driveways. Temporary access during construction would be for a future discussion. If the PC does not sell the land now and the developer builds 20 - 30 houses on the triangle, the PC may be asked by the individual householders who face that land, to sell to them. The PC has an obligation as trustees of Allotments for the Labouring Poor to maximise the value for that charity.

Cllr Musson stated that the PC needs to think very hard about selling this because it is evidence of the rural character of the village, a site for wildlife and an amenity for the community. As it is such an important issue, it should have a wider consultation in the community. If the Council acquired the pumping station for allotments, this strip of land would provide perfect access. There are no allotments on this side of the village.

Cllr McConville stated that the PC has not been offered a price so a decision cannot be made. If the land is sold, money raised should be used to buy more allotments if needed or if not then something for the benefit of the village.

Cllr McConville **proposed** that the PC does not consider a sale until outline permission is submitted and the PC continues to ask residents their views on this matter. This was seconded by Cllr Davies  
Cllr Musson **proposed** that the PC does not consider the sale. This was voted on: 1 for, 4 against.  
Cllr McConville's proposal was voted on: 4 for, 1 against. This was **carried**.

## 8. Amenities. Agenda item no. 18

### (a) Update on Project Hailey

Suzanne Reeve, chair of Project Hailey, reported that Project Hailey had asked the PC to support their latest project of raising money for new playground equipment. They consulted with primary and secondary schools and also adults about how to improve the playground. Requests were for a larger slide and outdoor fitness equipment. Successful grants from WREN and WODC have been received. WREN did not support the slide so that has been shelved. Five pieces of equipment from Wicksteed, have been identified. As Wicksteed has a discount at present they can afford another piece of equipment. An outdoor table tennis table has been suggested.

The costs of the gym equipment are £15,080, the table tennis table is £2,245. The Wren grant received is for £15,164 and the WODC grant is £2,161. Hailey PC acted as Third Party Funder and gave 10% (£1,636) to WREN as this had to be paid up front. Project Hailey asks if this £1,636 could be the PC donation to Project Hailey rather than the £2000 agreed in the budget.

The warning sign needs replacing as notice must be given that the equipment is for 14 years and over.

Project Hailey agreed to finance the appropriate signage.

Suzanne Reeve asked for the PC's permission to proceed as the funds are in place. They would like the PC to take ownership of the equipment, insure and maintain it. The total cost of the equipment is £17,325 plus VAT.

All the councillors agreed to these proposals and it was **resolved**.

Project Hailey would like to organise a spring tidy up day.

Thanks were given by the councillors to Project Hailey for all the hard work.

### (b) Routine recorded inspection of play equipment and repairs.

A branch has fallen down near the zip wire. Cllr Musson will remove this. The bark needs raking and weeding. The warning sign is up. A litter pick has been undertaken.

### (c) To note a meeting has been held to discuss a possible TOE2 grant for the Village Hall

Cllr Davies reported that Cllrs Lakey and Davies met with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Village Hall to discuss applying for a grant to improve the Hall's energy efficiency. An energy audit of the hall found it to be energy efficient anyway. The only place where the Hall was losing heat was because of the high ceiling. The grant would only be for £5000 which would not cover the work to lower the ceiling and may affect the acoustics. So the Village Hall committee did not want to apply for funding at present.

## 9. To receive an update report from Cllr Gill Hill, West Oxfordshire District Council and Cllr Louise Chapman, Oxfordshire County Council.

No reports were received.

## 10. Planning:

### (a) Planning applications received:

Ref.No.	Address	Proposal	PC Decision
15/04513/FUL	Burycroft Farm, Crawley Rd, Witney	Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling house	No objection
16/00146/HHD	Elmwood Nursery, Poffley End, Hailey	Remove conservatory and erect single storey side extension	No objection

### (b) Decisions outstanding:

None

**(c) Decisions made:**

Ref.No.	Address	Proposal	Decision
15/03993/FUL	Land south of New Yatt Lane, New Yatt	Erection of three dwellings and detached car ports together with associated works.	PC -No objection WODC – Refused for carports Residents do not like the purple signage
15/04310/HHD	6 Foxburrow Lane, Hailey	Widen proposed single storey extension from original approved planning permission ref 14/1353/P/FP	PC – No objection WODC - Approved

**11. Hailey Parish Council's Nominated Trustee.** To consider a replacement for Mrs Peggy Pratley as nominated trustee for Hailey PC.

Hailey Relief in Need is the village charity where the PC has a right to nominate two Trustees. Mrs Peggy Pratley has stepped down after 36 years as Trustee. The charity suggested Jeremy Lewis as a Nominated Trustee. The councillors were in agreement and this was **resolved**.

**12. Update on new Defibrillator case**

Donations have been received towards this. The amount is slightly short: £540 is required rather than £450 as originally thought. A quiz is being held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at the Lamb and Flag. It is hoped that this will cover the shortfall.

**13. To discuss General Power of Competence,** a legislative statement that councils have the power to do anything an individual may do, unless specifically prohibited.

To be deferred until next meeting as Cllr A. Smith was not present.

**14. Hailey Festival 2016 Update**

This year the Festival will be centred on the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Scarecrow launch will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April in the Lamb and Flag. People can choose scarecrows from characters from cartoon films.

The Queen's actual birthday is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April. The proposal is to buy a gas- fired beacon to be lit on that day and build an event around that.

Hailey Festival will start with a rounders match as usual on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June and the Scarecrow Trail on 11<sup>th</sup> June. The village fete will be held on the recreation ground and will include the school fete. This will involve as many village organisations as possible.

The Big Lunch is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June to be held outside, weather dependent or in the Village Hall.

**15. Update on Neighbourhood Plan:**

The Neighbourhood Planning group are beginning to investigate various sites around the village where new houses could potentially be built. So far these include: the triangle, land next to the Saddler's Arms and land alongside Hatfield Pitts Lane. The group is also preparing a questionnaire to go out to all residents concerning the Neighbourhood Plan. This should be ready by the next PC meeting.

**16. Update on Hailey Infrastructure Development Plan (Draft).**

Nothing to report

**17. WODC Local Plan 2031 Inspection.**

The Inspector told WODC that its Local Plan was unsound. WODC has requested a 12 month suspension of the Inspection to prepare modifications to the submitted plan. By August 2016 they expect to have taken account of Oxford City's apportionment of unmet housing needs.

The modifications will go out to consultation, then responses will be considered in November and a revised plan submitted to the Inspector in December, with hearings taking place in February 2017.

WODC also intend to commission an update of the SHMA.

The Community Infrastructure Levy cannot be finalised until the Local Plan is sorted out. The North Witney initiative for 1,000 houses is paused as well.

**18. To receive a Neighbourhood Policing Report.**

Nothing to report

**19. Amenities:**

See no. 8

**20. Highways and Traffic:**

**(a) Highways.**

No update

**(b)** Update on three Speed Data Recorder checks at Poffley End, New Yatt Lane and Delly End  
No update

**(c)** Update on OCC Bus Service Review

Cllr Musson reported on the meeting he attended on the Bus Service review. Representatives of different bus companies met with Councils and bus users. Mr Andy Pulham was present at this meeting. There is unlikely to be a subsidy from OCC from the next financial year. There is an OCC budget meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February when some indication of this will be given.

Mr Pulham explained that the X9 was one of best used bus services in the area. Pulham's may reduce the service from hourly to 90 minute or two hourly. Following the OCC budget meeting Pulham's will distribute a draft timetable and would welcome feedback on this. They are keen for the Parish Councils to promote the bus service. They will also send draft timetables to put in the Hailey Herald. Many users have bus passes and the bus providers only receive 37% of these fares.

**21. Estates, Footpaths & Bridleways:**

**(a) Burial Ground.**

A pole for power cables has been replaced between the church and the burial ground.

**(b) Footpaths & Bridleways.**

Nothing to report

**(c) Grass cutting contract.**

Requests for tenders have been sent out. The closing date is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

**(d) Sale of Woodgreen to Witney Town Council.**

A letter has been received from Witney Town Council wishing to proceed with the purchase. The clerk has contacted Lee Chadwick solicitors to handle the sale.

**(e) Investigation of registration of Parish land with Land registry**

The Allotments for the Labouring Poor originally obtained land from the Enclosure Act 1853. There are currently five pieces of land that need to be registered with the Land Registry. All documentation has been found, the maps have been drawn and the PC, as Trustees for the charity, is ready to move forward with the registration. The clerk will obtain a quote for this work.

**(f) To consider the sale of a piece of Joan Smith land.**

Cllr McConville has been approached about whether the PC would consider selling a piece of Joan Smith land. To be discussed at the Joan Smith meeting in March.

**22. Allotments:**

**i) Sale of allotment land at Poffley End.**

The money for the sale of this land has been received by the Allotments for the Labouring Poor.

**ii) To receive an update report on boundary wall damage at Whiteoak Green.**

This issue is ongoing.

**iii) To consider request from Leda properties to purchase land owned by Allotments for the Labouring Poor on Priest Hill Lane**

See no. 7

**23. Finances:**

**(a) Payments received:**

Donations from residents	Defibrillator case	£350
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Donation from Gardening Club	Defibrillator case	£100
Allotments for Labouring Poor	Sale of allotment land	£18,000
Allotments for Labouring Poor	Field Rent	£515.00
HMRC	VAT repayment	£541.44

**(b) Accounts authorised and paid:**

Ruth Bone	Ordnance Survey maps	£72.00
L. Wilkinson	Clerk's December salary	£469.56
	Office allowance	£24.96
	Postage	£ 15.81
	Mileage (training course)	£39.65
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>£549.98</b>
St John's Church	Grant from PC	£1000
Evergreen Computing	Website hosting	£120.00

<b>Bank Transfers</b>		
<b>To</b>	<b>From</b>	
HPC C/A	Allotments for the Labouring Poor	5.90

**(c) To consider the appointment of an internal auditor for 2015-16**

ABS Accounting to be appointed as Internal Auditor

**24. Correspondence received:**

Letter from landowner regarding the hedge by the rugby club

**25. Contributions from members of the public.**

There is some wood and an old bin near the recreation ground, which has been there for about two years. The owners of the adjacent house have been approached to remove the items but the rubbish remains. Clerk to write to the occupiers to request they remove all the rubbish.

**26. Date of next Parish Council meeting:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Meeting closed 9.20pm

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