

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF YARNTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON 1 JUNE 2011 at 7pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL - YARNTON

Present: John Burford(JB), Harry Carrier(HC), Carol Green(CG), Fred Jones(FJ), Brian Newell(BN)(Chairman), Trevor Stevens(District Councillor) and Peter Luke (Clerk)

The meeting had been brought forward from 8 June by one week as requested.

1) Apologies: Anna Isles and Michael Gibbard(District and County Councillor)

2) Declaration of Interests: The Register of Interests was tabled and members were asked to declare any personal interests and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the agenda items under discussion at this meeting. There were none recorded.

3) Minutes: The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 11 May 2011 having been previously circulated, it was agreed they were as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

4) Matters Arising: By agreement any items will be taken with the agenda items.

5) Report of District Councillors: The merging of the joint senior management teams of Cherwell and Northants District Councils is progressing.

6) Report of County Councillors: See report page No. 38/2011

7) Police Liaison Report: Generally quiet although one alleged burglary in The Paddocks and reported beer bottles in Yarnton Park where underage drinking is suspected were being investigated by the police. There are to be two new PCSOs in Kidlington. The next Police Community Meetings for any residents concerns will be at the Farm Shop on 13 June 11am to noon, and on 5 July 12.30 to 1.30pm. The reported incident in Cresswell Close appeared to be unfounded although a future meeting on 24 June has been arranged.

8) Highway Matters: OCC will attend to trees Yarnton to Begbroke shortly and have been informed of the hedge requiring cutting back in Rutten Lane from the Medical Centre to the roundabout.

9) Village Tidy: On-going litter picking by David Poulton.

10) Village Hall: Nothing to report.

11) Environmental Matters: Hanson Aggregates by e-mail dated 25 May 2011 intend to withdraw their Eynsham planning application for sand and gravel extraction which was submitted in August 2007 which has been prompted by the economic downturn, which means local demand for sand and gravel can be met from other sites in the county. Planning approval for the Agrivert slurry lagoon has now been received with

16 conditions. Quotation for tree trimming yet to be received. Overhanging tree branches at the Spencer Ave. footpath require trimming. Dust from the Worton Farm re-cycling plant has been observed in the village.

12) Playing Fields: The AGM was held on 16 May and the accounts were audited on 30 May. Arrangements for the Village Day on Sunday the 10 July 2011 are progressing. It was agreed that YPC would make application to the Queen Elizabeth Trust for Yarnton Park and Littlemarsh playing fields to be included in the scheme for 'Protecting Recreational Facilities'.

13) Cemetery / Churchyard: A wasps nest has been observed to the left of the footpath.

14) William Fletcher School: No report.

15) Oxford Airport: A new control tower is to be installed with radar facilities. Concerns over possible local wind turbines and the effect on light aircraft.

The air traffic at Brize Norton is expected to increase three fold with the transfer of air movements from RAF Lyham.

16) Finance and General Purpose: The monthly financial report for May 2011 was unavailable due to non receipt of bank statements (i.e. not due until 3rd or 4th of month)

It was agreed that a sub committee of the three cheque signatories (BN, HC and FJ) could approve the monthly financial report when completed next week, and also be empowered to approve items of a similar nature for quick decisions between monthly meetings. The Income and Expenditure Account as page 30/2011, the Balance Sheet as page 31/2011, the Supporting Statement as pages 32 & 33/2011 were discussed, and proposed for acceptance by FJ, seconded by HC, all agreed and signed by the Chairman.

The completed Annual Return sections 1,2 and 3, and agreement of the Assets Register total at £555,852 as pages 1 to 5 inclusive were agreed and signed by the Chairman and is approved for the purpose of submission to the External Auditor. The Village Hall item was increased to include the cost of the extension by Cooper Construction Ltd. The Intermediate Audit Questionnaire answers were agreed and signed.

17) Recent Correspondence: A letter from Viridor received 24 May 2011. resulted in FJ agreeing to be nominated as the representative for the steering group selection panel.

The Flower Festival at St. Bartholomew's Church will be on 19th – 22nd August 2011 and it was agreed for the parish council to display an arrangement for the occasion.

Items were read out, and if not discussed, and if appropriate will be included in the correspondence folder.

18) Planning Applications:

11/00381/F Rear of 63 to 65 Spencer Ave.	Erection of 2 No. flats etc.
11/00749/OCC Wm. Fletcher School	Construction of classroom etc.
11/00736/TPO 22 Pixey Close	Mature Ash- Crown lift to 5.5m
11/00753/F 21 Bartholomew Ave	Conservatory to rear
11/00742/F 129 Woodstock Rd	Extension of time limit 07/02706/F
R3.0167/10 OCC re Langford Lane Recycling centre	
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Planning Decisions:

11/00224/F Windmill Farm Detached double garage	Grant 10.05.11.
11/00341/F Berkeley Homes Back garden sheds	Grant 11.05.11.
11/00462/F 65 The Paddocks Ground floor ext'n	Grant 10.05.11.
11/00501/F 22 Merton Way Replace single storey ext'n	Grant 19.05.11.
11/00469/F 9 Ox. Ind'l Park High lift opening door	Grant 23.05.11.
11/00583/F 11 Pixey Close Retrospective Pergola and shed	Grant 27.05.11.
MW.0170/10 OCC re.Worton Farm Agrivert Slurry Lagoon	Grant 31.05.11.

The footpath from the Berkeley Homes site linking up with the Bernard Close footpath across Parish Council land now requires OCC approval to link up with the existing facilities footpath.

19) Accounts: The following accounts were agreed for payment and cheques signed by

B.N. and H.C.:-

Zurich Municipal Insurance(playing fields)	2,502.25	102681
D Poulton(village tidy) 96.00 + 48.00	144.00	682
P Luke(clerks salary)	563.73	683
Phone Co-op(broadband)	12.24	684
G McCloskey(Garys litter)	24.00	685
Thames Water(cemetery standpipe)	7.89	686
Village Hall(hire of rooms)	1,684.00	687
M Rudge(grass cut)	<u>1,125.00</u>	688
	6,063.11	

The meeting ended at 8.35 pm.

Date of next meeting 13 July 2011 at 7pm.

Peter Luke

Clerk to the Council

Signed as a correct record

Date.....

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June 2011 District & County Councillor's Report

Yarnton Parish Council

County Libraries

Oxfordshire County Council has now launched a consultation on the future of its 43 libraries. It is now hoped that none will have to close but there will be reliance on volunteer working at some branches. Kidlington is likely to remain fully open and fully staffed.

Begbroke Science Park

The new access road to Begbroke science Park has now been given planning consent, and has given rise to a number of alarmist stories in the press suggesting that it will open up the surrounding fields for development. Can I just reiterate that the new road is a planning requirement to allow the existing buildings to be fully occupied and is not a precursor to future expansion. The fields surrounding the Science Park all have the protection of the Oxford Green Belt.

Waste recycling Centre

Oxfordshire County Council are about to submit a revised planning application for a waste recycling centre in Langford lane.

On a personal note I was very pleased to be re-elected to Cherwell District Council for a further four years and thank all those residents who felt able to support me. I will continue to represent Yarnton along with Trevor Stevens at District level and Maurice Billington at County level to the best of my ability.

Michael Gibbard

1 June 2011