



OVERSTONE Parish Council



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Minutes of the Meeting of Overstone Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 1st September 2020 via Zoom due to Covid-19 social distancing restrictions at 7.15pm

Present: Cllrs J Austin, S Betts, K Giles, L McGoldrick, D Spooner, A Taylor, S Townsend and T Drage
Cllr L McGoldrick took the minutes.

In Attendance: District Cllr Daniel Cribbin, County Cllr Judy Shephard, 2 members of the Public

122.20 PUBLIC FORUM

- This is an opportunity for Parish Residents, and members of other Councils, once recognised by the Chairman, to make brief representations or ask questions of the Parish Council. Each will be allowed three minutes to address the Parish Council.
- Although the Parish Council will endeavour to answer all questions put to it, persons asking questions should not expect immediate answers, but rather a formal written response in due course.
- Those who wish to comment on an agenda item should do so at this time
- All speakers will normally be asked to introduce themselves and address their remarks to the Chair
- The minutes will not show names of representatives or be a verbatim report of the Public Forum.

Following representations from the vendor's agent for Church Farm Fields, the Chairman changed the order of the agenda to bring forward the item regarding Land at Church Farm.

129.20

(c) Land at Church Farm: The results of the Public Consultation held between 25th July 2020 and 25th August 2020 were presented by Cllr Betts, of the 163 responses 98% were in favour of the purchase of the land. Council discussed the Application for borrowing and following 2 amendments **Resolved**, to approve the Application.

Parish Council **Resolved** to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £310,000 over a borrowing term of 27 years to buy 24 acres of land to use as accessible open green space for the parish in perpetuity. The annual loan repayments will be approximately £15,500. Council agreed the budget forecast, including amendments to the budget and **Resolved** to approve the application for borrowing approval and any changes to the budget.

Council **Resolved**, to approve the appointment of a solicitors firm retrospectively, 3 quotes had been circulated to Cllrs and the most cost effective firm had been chosen to do the Conveyancing, SP Law Incorporating Martin Adams & McColl.

Cllr Shephard commented that she thought it was a wonderful legacy that we are leaving and said she is very proud of us as a parish and what we are doing for the future, which is a tremendous thing.

123.20 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Council **Resolved** to approve the absence of District Cllr Warren and Cllr E Weston

124.20 RESOLUTION TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2020, THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY JULY 22ND AND THE PLANNING MEETING OF THE 4TH AUGUST 2020. Cllr Cribbin pointed out that he had been in attendance at the meeting held on the 7th July 2020, following this amendment Council **Resolved** to approve the minutes of the aforementioned meetings.

125.20 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (if any) – For information only: None

126.20 MEMBERS: DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR RELEVANT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: Cllr Betts declared a None Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 129.20 (c). Cllr Townsend Declared a Pecuniary Interest in 128.20 (a)

127.20 RESOURCES

a) Income received:

b) Payment of outstanding invoices: Parish Council **Resolved**, to approve those listed plus additional payments received between 26th August and 1st September 2020

Date	Payee	Detail	Chq No.	Amount Ex vat	VAT	TOTAL CHQ Amount
25/08/2020	E Gibson	Aug Salary	BT			£673.03
31/07/2020	Glasdon	New Letter Bin	BT	£496.02	£99.20	£595.22
20/07/2020	E Gibson	Zoom Meeting July – Aug	BT			£14.39
14/07/2020	CPRE	Membership Renewal	BT			£36.00
31/07/2020	Hayeswood	July Mowing	BT	£615.00	£123.00	£738.00
31/07/2020	P Smith	Notice Board	BT	£890.00	£178.00	£1068.00
31/07/2020	S Betts	Reimbursement - Survey	BT			£99.00
17/08/2020	E.on	Light Maintenance	BT	£54.74	£10.95	£65.69
17/08/2020	PKF Litteljohn	External Audit	BT	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00
28/08/2020	Hayeswood	Installation of litter bin	BT	£145.00	£29.00	£174.00
28/08/2020	Hayeswood	August Mowing	BT	£440.00	£88.00	£528.00

(c) Bank balances, Bank Reconciliations and Receipts and Payments report to 30th June and 31st July 2020:

Council **Resolved**, to approve

(d) External Audit: Council **Resolved** to approve the External Auditor’s Report

(e) Office Phone: Council considered the purchase of a new mobile phone and agreed that this should be revisited once a Clerk has been appointed. The Council **Resolved** to use the old phone

128.20 PLANNING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a) Planning Applications to consider and make resolutions: DA/2020/0658 – works to trees subject of Tree Preservation Order DA 124 Council **Resolved** to pass this to Michael Venton. To note that the tree straddles the border between 69 and 69A Sywell Road.

b) Planning Applications decisions to report (if any): None

c) Planning appeals for information: None

d) Planning Committee for information: None

129.20 OPEN SPACES

a) Mowing /Maintenance Issues – The new litter has been installed by Overstone Primary School

b) Email from resident regarding trees in Overstone Woods backing onto Woodland Avenue:

Council acknowledged that the trees are becoming invasive however the Parish Council has no influence over this land and the Parish Council does not know who owns this woodland. It was agreed to suggest the resident check the Land Registry for the details of the owner and write to the owner. To ascertain if the trees are under a Tree Preservation Order it was suggested that the resident contact Michael Venton at DDC.

c) See above

d) **Dog Fouling:** Council **Resolved** to request new Dog Fouling signs from Daventry District Council

e) **Overstone Hall:** After discussion it was **Resolved**, that the Council would investigate this and resubmit a request to have Overstone Hall nominated as an asset of Community Value.

130.20 HIGHWAYS: Sywell Road closure, Overstone has limited information on this Closure. Cllr Giles has spoken to the construction Team, who are doing the work however have said that NCC Highways are the ones who should be keeping us informed of the Closure dates. Cllr Townsend has emailed Gary Thorpe however is still awaiting a response both the current closure and the proposed road closure whilst the drain at Blacksmith's corner is cleared and reinforced. Cllr Shephard offered to make enquiries on behalf of the Parish Council.

131.20 CONSULTATION REQUIRING RESPONSE: Changes to the planning regulations, Cllr Townsend urged all Councillors to review the NPPF and respond as the deadline is 29th October 2020. This is the White Paper produced by the Government and which intends to make it easier for planning permissions and thus extra development without consultation to any Parish, so therefore extremely important that we all respond. Cllrs agreed that they should send in their own responses to the consultation which can be found on the NCALC Friday mini update 14/08/2020 Planning for the Future.

132.20 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR DISCUSSION AND TO AGREE ACTION (IF ANY) (previously circulated) None

133.20 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Speed Watch has been cancelled for the rest of the year. Cllr Giles to advise the Volunteers and residents.

134.20 CLERK VACANCY: The Council has advertised the position of Clerk and the Council has received three applications for the post. Council **Resolved**, that Cllr Austin and Cllr Taylor would assess the replies and any further applications that are received and set a date for interviews. Whilst a Clerk is not in place Council agreed that Cllr Taylor would check emails

135.20 URGENT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY (notified to the Chairman before the meeting): None

136.20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday November 3rd 2020, venue TBC

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.02pm

Signed.....

Date: 1st September 2020

John Austin
Chairman Overstone Parish Council