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MINUTES OF THE EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2019 AT MINSTER LOVELL METHODIST CHURCH AT 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr. Haley, Cllr. Stowell, Cllr. Bicker, Cllr. Alderman, Cllr. King, Cllr. Williams, Alexandra Molton (Clerk).

1. Welcome, Parishioners present and apologies for absence.

Cllr. Haley welcomed Councillors and 5 Parishioners to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Jones, Cllr. Mullins and Cllr. Hill.

2. Declaration of interest in agenda items.

Cllr. Bicker declared an interest in agenda item 4 as she lives near to the development site for discussion in agenda item 4.

3. Parishioner's Public Participation (for questions and comments on agenda items).

Mr Layt-Williams asked whether he could raise some questions regarding the S106 monies at some point in the meeting and the Council agreed for this to be discussed in item 6, Around the Village.

Mrs Donohue raised an issue about the land seeming to be risen on plans for 18/03473/RES which will make the new houses even higher than previously expected and therefore they will be even more intrusive on the existing properties in Whitehall Close.

ACTION: Clerk to speak with Phil Shaw as soon as possible to check if there are details in the planning application for the land to be artificially risen before the development is built. Clerk to confirm details of this to Councillors to enable them to comment.

Cllr. Haley asked if Councillors have any other comments at this point in the meeting. Cllr. Bicker asked if the erected metal fence is the boundary line of the new development and expressed some concerns. Cllr. Stowell suggested it was likely that the wooden fence marking the edge of the development would be slightly inside the existing metal fencing.

A resident of Whitehall Close raised the issue of the SE corner of the new development where the gable of the new house is directly up against his garden and although the other homes adjacent to Whitehall Close have been moved slightly, these have not.

ACTION: Clerk to query this with Phil Shaw and find out if it is possible to move these houses slightly further away to ensure privacy for existing residents in the area.

4. To receive and discuss planning application 18/03473/RES; Residential development of up to 126 dwellings together with a new vehicular access onto Burford Road (B4047), footpath links, areas of public open space and landscaping (Matters seeking approval are appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to 17/01859/OUT)

Cllr. Haley asked if the Council felt that the changes which had been made to the layout warranted it changing its strong objection to the planning application.

Councillors did not feel that the changes were significant enough to result in any change to its current stance. No satisfactory answer has actually been received as to why bungalows cannot be exchanged with the houses currently planned on the boundary with Whitehall Close, despite Councillors requesting this to both representatives from Strutt and Parker and Phil Shaw on different occasions. Councillors agreed it would pursue an answer to this in its response to this planning application.

ACTION: Letter to be sent to ask questions on the above issues and set out the Council's strong objection.

5. To receive and discuss planning application 19/00858/FUL; Rosery, Old Minster Lovell Minster Lovell: Reconstruction of the surface water channel.

Councillors had seen the application details before the meeting and confirmed that the changes were an improvement and that the Council would support the application.

6. Around the Village

Mr Layt-Williams asked if a formal bidding process had actually been carried out to allow local organisations to apply for the S106 monies. Cllr. Haley confirmed that the Council had discussed and confirmed several allocations for the funds at a previous Council Meeting. Around £300,000 had been allocated in reserve towards a new community Village Hall project pending questions being raised with the Church of England Diocese about the current facility. The Council had been waiting to hear back from the Diocese and Cllr. Alderman confirmed at the end of the March Parish Council meeting that the Diocese were not prepared to sell or rent the land where the existing hall stands. Cllr. Haley confirmed that the Council will be discussing this in more detail at a future meeting. Cllr. Stowell believed that the allocation of S106 monies in the Village was far in excess of what is usually provided for this scale of development.

A resident asked about potholes which have not yet been filled in the Village.

ACTION: Clerk to chase up with Oxfordshire County Council potholes which have been marked out but not yet filled, copy to Cllr. Walker.

A resident asked about the plans for Gigaclear and whether they will be installing superfast broadband in Wenrisc Drive and Ripley Avenue too. Cllr. Haley confirmed that he, Cllr. Alderman and the Clerk met with representatives from Gigaclear and their contactor this week to discuss this and they had confirmed exactly where they had already completed work and where was left to do. Gigaclear had also confirmed that they have not been commissioned to do all of the Village and those homes in areas which were deemed to have good enough internet speeds already would not be given access to superfast broadband at this point. Cllr. Haley and Cllr. Alderman confirmed that Gigaclear has undertaken a review of all the works undertaken in the winter and have identified where remedial work needs to take place. This will take place in the coming weeks. It was agreed that the Council need to hold them to account for completing this work. The Clerk has circulated the notes of the site meetings held in the Brize Norton Road and Lower Village on 3rd April 2019 to Councillors.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate the map of proposed and completed works.

It was noted that Mr. Lindquist had almost completed clearing the footpath into the Old Village. Cllr. Bicker asked for the Council to recognise his continued work and commitment to the good of the Village and Councillors agreed to send a card or similar to recognise his hard work.

ACTION: Clerk to report on the Spring clean in the Village in the next edition of the Village News and also include an acknowledgement of the hard work of Mr. Lindquist in the Village throughout the year.

Cllr. King informed the Council that the defibrillator outside of the Post Office was used earlier this week. As the Council do not currently hold replacement pads she has registered this as being out of action at this time. Cllr. King has ordered two sets of replacement pads so that they can be replaced straight away. Cllr. Stowell asked if the defibrillator in Wash Meadow is registered with the Ambulance Service and Cllr. King confirmed that it is not currently registered. Cllr. King will contact the Ambulance Service to ensure it is registered on their network. Cllr. Stowell agreed to be the guardian for this defibrillator from now on and to liaise with Cllr. King regarding monitoring this going forward.

Cllr. King confirmed that the new dog litter bin did not come with stickers to indicate that this is the type of bin that it is.

ACTION: Clerk to purchase dog litter stickers for the new bin and ensure this is logged as being used with West Oxfordshire District Council for emptying.

A parishioner asked whether the Council were planning to discuss a path through Ripley Avenue this evening and Cllr. Haley confirmed that this on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting on 15th April.

Meeting closed at 8.13pm.

Councillors held a closed session after the public meeting to discuss private business.

Signed.....
Cllr. David Haley, Chairman