

**Minutes of the Little Coxwell Parish Council Annual Meeting
Held in Little Coxwell Village Hall on Monday 10th March 2025**

1. Present: G Yarwood (Chairman), Fra Woodd, Dave New, N J Mattingley, A Whiteford (Councillors), C Weston (Clerk), Cllr Viral Patel (VWHDC), Cllr Bethia Thomas (OCC), A Benford (PPW)
2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Katherine Foxhall (VWHDC)
3. Declarations of interest. None
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2024 were approved.
5. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.
 - 5.1. Replacement Village Map at entrance. One of the large maps has been put up at the village entrance. An A3 copy has been put on the village notice board. Andy W has asked the village hall committee if the other large map can be put on the Village Hall wall. There is a Village Hall meeting next week where this will be discussed.

Action: Andy W
 - 5.2. A420 Pedestrian Refuge, No overtaking zone and 50mph limit. The refuge has been completed. Bethia confirmed the 50mph limit will be implemented, probably in the next couple of months and it is unlikely the No Overtaking zone can be extended. Members of the PC commented on the benefit of having street lights at the junction. It was noted that one of the "Keep Left" signs on the A420 has disappeared. Bethia to follow up at the FATAAC meeting on 24th March.

Action: Bethia
 - 5.3. Speed detector sign. A link for where to purchase these signs has been provided. These signs are typically solar powered. Next step is to get a quote.

Action: GY/CW
 - 5.4. Ditch Clearance re A420 sightline and potential flooding. The vegetation which needs clearing is growing in the ditch on the A420 side of the field fence. This is a safety issue as it blocks the sight of fast-moving traffic from Swindon and is also a flood risk. The County Council stated the responsibility for clearance is with the field landowner and not the council. However, the ditch was created when the road was built and the Parish Council believe responsibility lies with the County Council. Bethia to follow up again with Highways.

Action: Bethia
 - 5.5. Replacement of matting on West Green. Suitable matting has been identified, and this work will be carried out mid/late Spring when conditions are suitable. Dave to obtain a revised estimate for the matting cost.

Action: Dave New
 - 5.6. Pavement state at entrance to church path. This was reported on FixMyStreet but the council stated it does not meet their criteria for repair. Bethia was asked to follow this up again as it is dangerous for a wheelchair to be used on this stretch of pavement.

Action: Bethia
 - 5.7. Traffic Cones. Following a recent wall collapse the PC needed to borrow some traffic cones. It was agreed the PC should purchase their own cones.

Action: GY/CW

6. County & District Councillors reports.

Bethia – OCC items are mainly Wicklesham Quarry and Roads, most of which are covered elsewhere. Other points include:

- Great Coxwell Traffic Lights. These are still due to be installed prior to the first occupation at the Wain homes development. Currently show homes are being built and the first occupation is unlikely before the summer. Detailed designs for the A420 junction are being drawn up and reviewed. Wain homes are due to submit revised plans in April. Funding is through CIL, not S106, and is provided from 3 developers. Funding from 2 of the developers has been secured with Wain homes being the third.
- SEND. Educational provision is planned at the old school site on Lechlade Road. This is currently going through planning.

Viral – District Council

- FATAAC – the next meeting is 24th March and Viral was encouraging attendance
- Waste bin permits will be required from April. If anyone in the village needs help in applying they should contact the PC.
- Work continues on Unitary Authority proposals. Oxfordshire was not placed on the government's priority list however preliminary proposals are still due on 21st March. 3 options are being discussed. The preferred option from a local viewpoint is for a Unitary Authority covering existing Vale, South Oxford and West Berkshire areas. Most of these areas are similar rural economies whereas other options would include cities or very large towns. Final proposals are due by late November with implementation likely 2027/28.

7. Planning

7.1. Completed - None

7.2. The following applications are still in progress:

7.2.1. **MW.0151/23 Wicklesham Quarry.** The application will be taken to Committee.

The revised highways report remains outstanding. The next Committee date is 31st March but given this report has not yet been submitted it is unlikely to be on the agenda. There is no subsequent published meeting date yet.

7.2.2. It was agreed that Glen should present to the Committee on behalf of the PC and cover all issues identified by the PC rather than focus on a single topic.

Bethia said that each speaker is allowed 3 minutes and has provided links to information on how to apply to address the meeting and other relevant information.

8. Finance

8.1. Account Status. The Actual vs Budget YTD detail was distributed in advance of the meeting. Total bank balance stands at £10,128. Note: £2,500 reserved for the Playing Field costs.

- Income since last meeting- £11 Interest
- Expenditure since last meeting - nil
- Income due before next meeting – £650 Precept
- The following expenditure is expected before next meeting (excl VAT):
 - ◆ Possible Traffic Cones £100-£200
 - ◆ Matting for West Green approx. £400
 - ◆ Monthly bank charges of £4.25

- ◆ Annual CPRE membership £36
- ◆ VE Day Support £tbd

All known and estimated costs above are approved.

9. Playing Field

VWHDC legal team have submitted a request to the Ministry for Housing for approval to dispose of the land to Little Coxwell Parish Council following confirmation that the land is unsuitable for housing. A response from the Ministry is still awaited. Viral will continue to follow this through.

10. Faringdon Quarry

Glen to contact Jolyon re another meeting.

Action: Glen

11. CCTV

Nothing to report.

12. Parish Path Warden

Thanks to Dave and Andy W for adjustments to the gate at the end of the closed road onto the A420. Similar adjustments may be needed from time to time.

The footpath 278/7 from the far end of the church footpath to the A420 is now being used frequently. The gate at the village end of the footpath is quite dilapidated. Andy B is following up with the county footpath warden.

13. Sundry Items

- 13.1. VE Day. It was agreed to support any activity that may be arranged for the village. Caroline to email the Village Hall Committee to offer support.

Action: Caroline

The next meeting is:

- Monday 9th June at 6.00pm in the Village Hall.