

**Minutes of a Meeting of Little Coxwell Parish Council
Held by video conference on Wednesday 5th August 2020**

1. Present: G Yarwood (Chairman), F Woodd , A Whiteford, Dave New (Councillors), A Benford (PPW) , Cllr Judith Heathcoat (OCC), Cllr Elaine Ware (VWHDC), C Weston (Clerk)
2. Apologies for absence were received from N J Mattingley and Cllr Simon Howell (VWHDC)
3. Declarations of interest. None
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th May 2020 were approved.
5. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting. See items under AoB below.
6. County & District Councillors' reports

County Council: Judith Heathcoat's report was circulated in advance of the meeting. Judith highlighted the Active Travel funding where the Leader has asked for guidelines to be changed so more rural schemes could qualify.

A discussion was held around the possibility of extending the 50mph limit on the A420 as far as the Faringdon roundabout so it includes the Little Coxwell turn. Judith responded that this is unlikely as the road is built to 60mph standard and would not be covered by the Active Travel initiative. However if the Parish Council writes to Judith with the request she will put it forward.

Action: Glen/Caroline

District Council: Regular updates are being received from Simon Howell. The DC is preparing a report to address the funding deficit on car parks. The free first 2 hours parking is one area being considered but any change needs to balance the impact on town centre trading.

Elaine asked that as many people as possible respond to the recent email on the VWHDC Corporate Plan. The survey runs until 13th August. Caroline to circulate the survey link.

Action: Caroline

Elaine will provide an updated report to be circulated with the minutes.

7. CCTV. Nothing to Report
8. Planning
 - 8.1. Gorse Farm – P19/V0977/FUL. The planning permission was approved.
 - 8.2. Faringdon Quarry Concrete Batching Plant. Discharge of Dust monitoring and Screening planning conditions were approved.
 - 8.3. Licence Application OH1009518 Wiltshire Heavy Building Materials to store 6 goods vehicles and 4 trailers – Glen responded to the Traffic Commissioner in Leeds highlighting the issues with heavy traffic and the HGV traffic movement restrictions at the quarry and A420 junctions.
 - 8.4. **Planning Appeal ref APP/U3100/W/20/3250471** (21st August deadline) re limit on truck movements MW0068/19. Grundons appeal is an attempt to remove the limit on numbers of HGV and concrete lorries entering the site or as a minimum ensure the 44 limit only applies to movements related the concrete batching plant and to no other operations on site. Grundons blame the process the council

followed which resulted in the limit being applied. Glen will go through the appeal document highlighting areas for response and then consult with the other Parish Councillors, possibly via another zoom call, in order to agree a response. Glen to include Judy in this process.

Action: Glen

8.5. Glen said that the Parish Council put a lot of effort into responding to planning application issues but feel they are ignored and the applications are railroaded through anyway.

9. Finance

9.1. Spend is in line with budget.

- Total bank balance stands at £10,431. Note: £872 is reserved for footpath related cost and £2,500 reserved for the Playing Field costs.
- Expenditure since last meeting was in line with that agreed:
 - £257 Annual Insurance
 - £35 ICO annual data protection
- Precept income of £650 due September
- There are no annual spend items due before next meeting however there may be some footpath works as outlined below.

10. Footpaths

10.1. Andy Benford (PPW) has been walking the paths and reporting any issues to the countryside access team.

10.2. The path 278/1 (from the church to Fernham Road) is becoming rutted again in the middle section. Dave and Glen, together with Andy, will assess what needs doing.

Action: Glen/Dave

10.3. During lockdown Dave mowed a path along the verge of the Fernham Road. Many pedestrians have been using this strip to avoid walking along the busy road. However there are several gulleys along this strip making it very uneven and Dave has previously suggested filling the gulleys with pipe to create a more level surface. Dave was asked to carry out this work.

Action: Dave

11. Village Playing Field. There has been no response from the council since October 2019. Elaine said there has been another change of personnel in the Property department and offered to follow up for us.

Action: Elaine

12. Any other business

12.1. Village Notice Board. Glen and Dave will look at how to repair/replace this.

Action: Glen

12.2. Electric Vehicle Charging Point. Andy and Glen met with a lady from the council who is looking at county wide schemes. She said she would keep the village in mind and get back at an appropriate time. Judith offered to chase for us.

Action: Judy

12.3. Village Pond Restoration and Maintenance. Dave New has been in contact with Anthony Symmington who is still very keen to restore the pond. Anthony wants

to finance the work personally. The plan is for excess top soil removed from the site to be placed on Grove Farm. Now that Matts workload should be reducing after harvest Dave will try and progress the work. Anthony will use Dave to carry out the pond restoration work.

Action: Dave

12.4. Village Sign. Andy Benford reported that this idea is on the back burner for now.

12.5. Overgrown hedges/trees outside Glenmorag are making it difficult for the bin lorries. The vegetation is growing on the verge outside the wall of the property but it isn't known who the land belongs to so whether it is council or Glenmorag responsibility to cut back. Judy offered to contact the council if we can provide her with photos.

Action: Caroline/Judy

12.6. Overgrown verge at village entrance. Dave noticed that the verge on the Fernham Road was recently cut by the council but they didn't cut the area around the entrance to the village, in particular on the left hand side, which previously they have done. Caroline to email Judy to follow up.

Action: Caroline/Judy

12.7. Traffic Survey. OCC highway service has requested we complete a National Highway and Public Transport Satisfaction Survey. Glen will look at the survey and ask for feedback from other councillors as necessary.

Action: Glen

13. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th November at 6pm.