

**Minutes of the Little Coxwell Parish Council Annual Meeting  
Held in Little Coxwell Village Hall on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

1. Present: G Yarwood (Chairman), Fra Woodd, Dave New, N J Mattingley, A Whiteford (Councillors), C Weston (Clerk), A Benford (PPW), Part - Cllr Bethia Thomas (OCC)
2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Viral Patel (VWHDC), Cllr Katherine Foxhall (VWHDC)
3. Declarations of interest. None
4. Parish Council Elections. Following on from the uncontested election of 4<sup>th</sup> May all councillors completed the Acceptance of Office forms and the Register of Interest forms. The clerk will submit the forms to the Vale of White Horse District Council which completes the process.
5. Roles: it was unanimously agreed that Glen Yarwood will continue as chairman and no other specific roles are required at this time.
6. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were approved.
7. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.
  - 7.1. One of the older plastic bollards removed from outside Spring Barn will be placed at the corner of Woodbine Cottage.

*Action: Dave*
  - 7.2. Village Entrance Gateway. It is hoped to install some form of "Village Entrance Gateway" signage on Fernham Road from both directions. The white bar gate type of entrance was discussed but it was decided this would not be appropriate. Reasons for this decision are due to the verges being quite narrow making it necessary for pedestrians to step onto the road and also the more difficult maintenance. It was agreed a better solution would be to move the Little Coxwell village signs onto the Fernham Road. Glen to check with Mark Francis.

*Action: Glen*
  - 7.3. Legality of 20mph limit. Glen to check with Mark Francis that we have sufficient signage to make the 20mph legal. There has been a suggestion that 20mph signs are required on both sides of the road, however the 20mph marking on the road itself may be enough.

*Action: Glen*
  - 7.4. Jubilee Tree Plaques. The cheaper simple brass plaque on the Woolstone bench was from Snob and Lock in Wantage. Each brass plaque could be attached to a piece of oak. Dave to look for pieces of oak and Glen to investigate with Snob and Lock.

*Action: Dave/Glen*
  - 7.5. Holiday Barns Disruption. Nothing more has been heard from Planning. At the last meeting Elaine Ware said she would speak with Environmental health and planning. Caroline to ask Vijay/Katherine if they can take up this action.

*Action: Caroline*
  - 7.6. Replacement Village Map at entrance. Fra brought along the emergency services map of the village which could be used as the template. Fra to try and find a digital version of the map and ask Charlotte if she can produce it. A lot of traffic stops to refer to the map so it was suggested it is relocated centrally or near Spring Barn where the road is wider.

8. Planning

8.1. The following applications have been completed since the last meeting:

8.1.1.P23/V0430/S73 - Orchard House – Variation of Condition 4 (Tree Protection).  
APPROVED

8.2. The following applications are still in progress:

8.2.1.P23/V0538/HH – Yew Tree House extension and new garage. No objections from PC

8.2.2.P23/V1000/HH & P23/V1001/LB – Jacinta – Conservatory replacement

9. Finance

9.1. Account Status. The Actual vs Budget YTD detail was distributed in advance of the meeting. Total bank balance stands at £10,910. Note: £2,500 reserved for the Playing Field costs. There may be some legal costs related to the new 40mph speed limits.

- Income since last meeting
  - ◆ None
- Expenditure since last meeting was in line with that agreed:
  - ◆ Litter Picking Equipment £33.30
- Income due before next meeting - None
- The following expected expenditure before next meeting was approved (excl VAT):
  - ◆ Remaining £400 budget for Coronation Event
  - ◆ Materials for village clean up –phone box, pump
  - ◆ £280 Annual Insurance Renewal
  - ◆ £200 Uncontested Election Fee
  - ◆ £120 Annual Audit Fee
  - ◆ £35 ICO Data Protection
  - ◆ Paint for footpath ducking bar (£14.99)
- Expected Income due before next meeting - None

All known and estimated costs above are approved.

9.2. The village bunting needs replacing. The cost is around £1/metre and 520m are required. The cost to be shared with the Village Hall. This expenditure was approved.

9.3. The annual audit will take place on 13th June.

10. Footpaths. Andy B has purchased the yellow paint and will paint the ducking bar on the church footpath as soon as the weather allows.

*Action: Andy B*

11. Village Playing Field.

We await receipt of the lease from VWHDC and continue to chase.

12. Wicklesham Quarry Screening Application. A screening application has been submitted to VWHDC to develop Wicklesham Quarry for industrial use. The councillors were shocked to find the response letter from the Planning department seems to indicate no environmental assessment will be necessary despite this being an SSSI. It was agreed to ask our new councillors to help.

*Action: Caroline/Vijay/Katherine*

Concerns were raised that this development sets a worrying precedent of development this side of the A420. In addition, it sets a precedent that quarry land which is supposed to return to farmland is being reallocated for development.

Bethia believes that Faringdon Town Council will welcome the development as it may provide hi-tech employment. Bethia referred to it as a 'science park' yet the application refers to light industrial and general industrial units. It is unclear whether this site is in Faringdons Neighbourhood Plan. Apparently there may be an issue getting sufficient power to the site which would stop the development.

Caroline to find out when the next FTC Planning meeting is being held so LCPC representatives can attend.

*Action: Caroline*

Bethia offered to ask the developer to come to our next meeting and explain the plans. Bethia to send us a link to the page on the Vale web site explaining the proposal.

*Action: Bethia*

13. Date of next meeting.

The date for the next meeting is Tuesday 20th June 2023 in the Village Hall. This meeting will focus on the annual audit and potentially a presentation of the Wicklesham Quarry plan. The meeting will start at 17.30 as the hall needs to be vacated by 18.30.