

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 2015 at 7.30 pm at Risinghurst Community Centre

Present: Derek Taylor, Steve Fuller, Graham Drummond, Roz Smith, Liz Taylor, Jennie Howard

Glynis Phillips, Chewe Munkonge, Dee Sinclair

Apologies: Barbara Naylor, Julia Gasper, Bev O'Neil

Absent: Michael Philpott, Ken Tiwari, Victoria Shore, Les Foster-Barnes

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

Presentation

A presentation was given by Val Churchill and Sarah Edwards. The presentation was looking into launching a quarterly newspaper for Risinghurst, Sandhills and Quarry.

Community Beat Police Officers Report

Sam Timms, a local PCSO, introduced himself at the meeting. He will be attending as many meetings in the future as he possibly can.

To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th October 2015

The minutes were checked, amended and signed as accurate.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of 6th October

No update so far on the parking restrictions, so Glynis Phillips will chase. At a Council meeting earlier that day the item of Children Centre closures was discussed. A vote was taken to see if it would be possible to keep all centres in Oxfordshire open but unfortunately it was voted down.

Play area reports

Adam Gibbs attended the meeting to ask if the Parish Council would consider allowing him to store a large tractor tyre at the Sports Field for training purposes. It was decided that he could store the tyre at the field if it was secure.

An email has been received from a local resident expressing concerns about the current condition of Downside Dip Play Area. Clerk to respond to let them know that the park is checked by an official body for safety and to let them know that repair work is currently taking place in the park. The new swing installation is starting on Wednesday.

<p>An email has been received from Headington Youth FC. They have asked the Parish Council whether they could install a hatchway so they can serve refreshments from the kitchen area to outside. They said they would be happy to undertake and pay for the works. This item was discussed by the Parish Council and it was decided that they would first need to see a proper proposal before any decisions are made.</p>										
<p>Community Safety Group</p> <p>The next meeting is on the 9th December 2015.</p>										
<p>To Receive Report from Outside Bodies</p> <p>The AMP Revival Group have contacted the City Council Financial Officer about their business plan.</p> <p>Dee Sinclair reported on the Pensioners' Club. They do not want to join up with the Quarry Group. Transport is still an issue.</p>										
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<p>Finance</p> <p>Discuss & Agree Cheques for Payment</p> <p>The cheque list, bank reconciliation and Profit and Loss report was handed round to Councillors.</p> <p>The bank balances were as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="233 1455 675 1528"> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 1455 477 1486">Current Account:</td> <td data-bbox="516 1455 675 1486">£61040.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 1493 407 1524">Savings Acc:</td> <td data-bbox="516 1493 659 1524">£7,257.66</td> </tr> </table>	Current Account:	£61040.44	Savings Acc:	£7,257.66						
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<p>Correspondence Received</p> <p>As per list provided.</p> <p>Clerk distributed a copy of a letter received from Lloyds Bank re: 54 Grovelands Road. Clerk to respond to letter to let them know that the oak tree in the Playing Field comes under the parish grounds.</p>										

A letter has been received from a local resident who is unhappy with the Allotments. Clerk to send her a letter to let her know that the issues raised are being looked into by the City Council.

Oxford Together

Oxfordshire County Council is looking at alternative ways in which they can deliver a number of different public services, across a wide range of areas. They have started to talk to Town and Parish Councils to identify opportunities to work together and possibly save money. This item was discussed but unfortunately no obvious cost saving ideas arose.

Community Newsletter Costing

A meeting was held to discuss the possibility of having a quarterly newspaper for our area. This would be a paper contributed by the Community but published and printed by an outside source. Other local areas in Oxford use the facility. The initial cost required is £8,000 which equals two years publication costs. Currently Chewe Munkonge and Dee Sinclair have contributed £1,000 each from funding. Val Churchill has obtained £2,500 and Glynis Philips has offered £250 from funding. The URC Church and the Parish Council have been asked if they could fund £1,000 each. They are hoping to have the first edition out on December 15th and will be holding training sessions for interested residents who are interested in being reporters or photographers. The £1,000 funding was discussed by the Parish Council and it was unanimously agreed to go ahead with the decision and the funding. This was proposed by Derek Taylor and seconded by Steve Fuller.

Salt Gritters Ltd

Salt Gritters Limited have asked if the Parish Council would be interested in using their services this year. This was discussed and it was decided that they would be used again this year but a monthly invoice would need to be provided this time instead of a yearly invoice.

Defibrillator Training

The Defibrillator training was well attended. As the newsletter had only been distributed a day or so in advance of the last training date, it was decided that it might be beneficial to run another course in the future. The cost would be £100.00. Barbara Naylor was wondering if the Parish Council would consider paying for the training course. A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would pay for another course. This was proposed by Roz Smith and seconded by Jennie Howard.

Groundsman Report – Equipment and Machinery Costs

A copy of the groundsman report was distributed for information. The groundsman has requested whether the following would be considered for cost approval:

Wicket Mower Sharpening £185.00 + VAT
Tractor Service Materials £60-80
Consumables, Strimmer Cord, Bulbs and Engine Service Parts £100.00

This item was discussed and was agreed to go ahead with the expenditure.

It was also decided to purchase two additional goal posts, one big and one smaller one, along with one tennis net.

Car Park

Graham Honour would like to visit the site again to confirm his quotation figure. This will be discussed again when more information has been received.

Allotment Site Update

The Parish Council are waiting to hear back from the Allotments' Association about using the machinery onsite.

Sign – Risinghurst and Sandhills – Deferred to next year

Playing Field Project/Youth Provision

Feedback from local residents on Youth Provision:

A request has been received for a Ping Pong Table.
Two requests have also been received asking if the Zip Wire could be moved from the City Playing Field to Olive Jacks Field.

Stansfeld Outdoor Education Centre

Roz Smith reported that she has been contacted by Birmingham City Council and informed that the successful bid, subject to contract, for the 250 year lease of the Stansfeld Outdoor Education Centre, Quarry Road, was from The Oxford Trust. The two unsuccessful bidders, Oxford Co-Housing Group and a care home provider, has been advised.

AOB

Roz Smith reported that she had been contacted by a local resident expressing their concern that grass verges are disappearing under tarmac.

Mr Holt from Sandhills expressed a concern that when individuals are trimming hedgerows for shared paths etc., debris is being left behind and dumped.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

The next meeting is due on Tuesday 1st December 2015 at 7.30 pm at Risinghurst Community Centre.