

Minutes of the meeting of the Lower Heyford Parish Council held on

Thursday 25th April 2013 in the Church

Present: - Mr Macnamara (Chair), Mrs. Ball (Vice Chair), Mr Mortimore, Miss Hawkins, Mr. Eggeling, Mr. Thompson

Members of the public : Hayley Brown, Willy Shepherd, Tom Clayton

In attendance: Cathy Fleet (Clerk)

Apologies: Apologies had been received from Mr Dare

Declarations of Interest : There were no declarations of interest

Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st March 2013 were read and amended and it was **RESOLVED** to accept these as a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chair.

Due to the fact that the Annual Meeting over-ran by a considerable amount of time, it was agreed to discuss the most important points on the agenda and defer the remainder to the next meeting.

04.13.01 Clerk's Report

- damaged manhole by Kingdom Hall 344787 - now mended
- Clerk has written to English Heritage regarding the Bridge - no reply as yet
- Email sent to OCC regarding state of roads - no reply received
- Clerk has spoken to Rocky Sharrock, fields in Trust re King George Field, emails circulated to all
- DD supplied with key to noticeboards

04.13.02 Matters Arising - Mr. Dare and Mr. Eggeling are in future to place copies of Agendas in the noticeboards

04.13.03 - Highways - on 21st April there had been a serious accident in which a car lost control at the Freehold Street crossroads and crashed into 134 Freehold Street causing considerable damage and rendering the house uninhabitable. Hayley Brown and Jenny Tambllyn addressed the meeting and requested that the PC write to Highways in the strongest possible terms requesting:

- That the GIVE WAY sign be replaced with a STOP sign
- That the 30mph limit sign be moved further up the hill
- That rumble strips or chicanes be installed
- That the street light which currently goes off at around 1am stays on all night
- That a CHILDREN CROSSING SIGN be installed
- That a mirror be placed at the junction, possibly on land owned by Kingdom Hall
- That crash barriers be erected
- That the road priorities be changed

It was agreed that Clerk would write to Highways and also to Rodney Rose with these points.

Other Highway matters were deferred to the next meeting

04.13.04 Meetings - No meetings had been attended

04.13.05 Correspondence - Clerk passed to Mr. Macnamara a letter from CDC regarding Heritage Assets which he will complete and return

04.13.06 - Lower Heyford Charity had put forward the following proposal :

That the Parish Council accepts and endorses the need to change the current Scheme of LHRNC with respect to the letting arrangements of the Reading Room.

This change will allow the property to be let on the open market at a commercially viable rent.

Additionally that the Parish Council accepts and endorses the proposals to widen the opportunities available to LHRNC regarding the use of its funds for *"the benefit of the village as a whole"*.

That the current lease between the PC and LHRNC is amended to reflect these changes.

There had been considerable discussion at the Annual meeting which continued at this meeting with Dr Clayton responding for the Charity .Concern was expressed by Miss Hawkins that if the increase in rent was approved the renting of the Reading Room to a resident of the village would not be possible due to inaffordability and she felt very strongly that it should be available to people of Lower Heyford and their children. Dr Clayton responded by saying that the Charities Commission states that charities have a duty to modernise and change and that is what they are attempting to do. Mrs Ball questioned expenditure paid to Savilles and to Dr Ruddock, both items were clarified by Dr Clayton.

The proposal was put to the vote, being proposed by Mr. Macnamara and seconded by Mr. Eggeling. The majority were in favour. Miss Hawkins felt so strongly against the proposal that she immediately offered her resignation as a councillor and left the meeting.

04.13.07 - Village hall money - It was agreed to defer this discussion to the next meeting

04.13.08 - Parish Plan - Deferred to next meeting

04.13.09 - Website - deferred to next meeting

04.13.10 - King George Field - Following receipt by the Clerk of various documents from Rocky Sharrock, Fields in Trust, it was decided to write to the Trustees inviting them to a meeting on 9th May in the Sports Club in order to progress the matter, either by obtaining agreement and a signature to the lease, or agreement that the sole trusteeship would revert to the parish council. In email correspondence following the meeting it was decided to pass the documentation to and seek advice from Mr. Cantelli, Solicitor, prior to the meeting.

04.13.11 Finance - The following accounts were approved for payment :

Payee	Detail	Amount	Cheque No
AON	Insurance	649.57	500179
J Harron	Payroll	56.00	500180
CDC	Dog bins	87.17	500181
Cathy Fleet	Clerk salary	178.20	500182
Cathy Fleet	Clerk expenses	50.00	500183

Payment received : SSE Wayleave £25.94

Date of next meeting : 16th May 2013

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

Signed Mr J J Macnamara Date

