

**Minutes of the meeting of the Lower Heyford Parish Council held on
15th March 2012 at 7 pm in the Church**

Present: Mr Macnamara (Chair), Mrs. Ball (Vice Chair), Mr Mortimore, Mr. Thompson, Mr Dare, Miss Hawkins, Miss Wagstaff. Members of the public present were Mrs. Hepworth, Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Tamblyn

In attendance: Cathy Fleet (Clerk)

Apologies: No apologies had been received

Declarations of Interest : Mrs Ball declared an interest in the Timber Yard and Mr Dare declared an interest in the Canal

Minutes of the last meeting held on 17th January 2012 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.

03.12.01 Public Participation : Mrs Hopkins, Mrs. Hepworth and Mrs Cooper wished to discuss the Planning application at 17/19 Freehold Street which is covered later in these minutes. Mrs. Tamblyn had various points to raise which is deal with in any other business.

03.12.02 Clerk's Report - All items in the Clerks report are deal with elsewhere

003.12.03 Highways/Footpaths - Following the closure of **Rousham Bridge** in February, it was reported that considerable improvements have been made. The manholes have been reinforced eliminating the vibration from lorries, but the surface is already deteriorating due to the fact that all repairs were merely patch repairs when what is required is complete resurfacing. Simon Marsden (Highways) had promised to deal with issues outside Garden House/The Lane which has not been done and Mr. Marsden is not responding to emails from Mr Dare. Drainage continues to be an issue which will continue to be chased with Highways.

The Kissing Gate at the end of Church Lane is in a state of disrepair. Clerk to report to Highways

ACTION : CLERK

Rubble in market Square - Miss Hawkins to investigate

ACTION : TH

Shrub outside 108 Freehold Street - This was not considered to be a problem, but Miss Hawkins to investigate

ACTION : TH

Speeding vehicle - An incident had been reported to the Clerk involving a speeding vehicle believed to belong to Morcross Ltd. Clerk had written to Morcross who denied the vehicle was theirs but expressed concern that their drivers may speed through the village and requested to be kept informed of any further incidents.

Litterpick - CDC will provide bags, gloves, pickers etc and Mr. Thompson will co-ordinate

ACTION: LT

03.12.04 Planning - Due to the public interest this item was moved up the Agenda. The Planning application had been received by the Clerk on 31st January, circulated to all councilors and comments submitted to CDC within the 21 day timeframe. Since that date another notice had been placed on a pole outside the property which had caused some concern. Members of the public expressed concern over the materials chosen and the size of the proposed new dwelling and the face that it would be visible from the canal which may shortly be designated a conservation area. Mr Dare had spoken with immediate neighbours who had no objections and he had also consulted with the pub landlord who felt it would have no impact on them. Clerk to establish from Paul Ihringer (Planning Officer) when the decision will be made, and if within time make the Planning Department aware of the villagers' concerns.

12/00040/F	Paragon Fleet Solutions	Change of use to allow the continued use of land, buildings and other structures and continued retention of security trench, concrete rings and temporary lamp posts until 1st April 2015
12/00059/F	Mr & Mrs Kyle	new dwelling @ land adjacent to 17/19 Freehold Street
12/00040/TCA	Upper Heyford GP & Dorchester	felling of trees at Canal Cottage, Station Road
10/00221/DISC	Heyford Park GP Ltd	discharge of conditions 33&34 of 08/00716/OUT

03.12.05 Meetings - Mr Dare had attended the meeting in Kidlington regarding the Canal Conservation Plan which is reported later in these minutes

03.12.06 SID - The SID has been ordered from Radarlux and is due to be delivered early next week. Mr. Thompson will oversee it's operation and maintenance and he and Mr. Dare will set it up. Several possible sites for its installation have been identified in Lower Heyford and Caulcott

03.12.07 Canal - Mr Dare had attended the exhibition regarding the Canal Conservation plan and reported that the proposed conservation area will extend from Cropredy to Kidlington. The date for the consultation has been extended to 17th April 2012. As from 6th May 2010 British Waterways will cease to exist and will be known as the Canal and River Trust.

03.12.08 Timber Yard - Pallets and timber continues to be visible on South Street. Mrs. Sanders who owns an access road nearby had reported to Mrs. Ball that one of Mr. Jones' tractors had driven through her fence to access the farmland. Clerk to draft a letter for Mr. Macnamara to sign to Mr Duxbury's superior as Mr Duxbury does not respond. **ACTION : CLERK/JJM**

03.12.09 Jubilee Celebrations - Mr. Thompson reported that there will be Fun Day on 2nd June and every child in the village will be given a commemorative coin, the total cost of which is some £300. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would make a donation of £150 towards this cost. It was also suggested that the villages plant a commemorative tree and approach the Jehovah's Witnesses with a view to planting the tree on land outside the old village hall which is between Lower Heyford and Caulcott and would make a lasting memorial and link the two villages. **ACTION : CLERK**

03.12.10 Sale of war bonds - No further progress

03.12.11 Amalgamation of Charities - The two charities have now been amalgamated. Clerk to establish that the money in the Santander account belongs to the charity and if this is the case it will be handed over to Dr. Tom Clayton – Clerk to the Charity and the Santander account closed.

03.12.12 Parish Plan - Mr Dare to update at next meeting

Website - No further progress

03.12.13 King George Field - ongoing – The Trustees have now passed on the draft lease for comment and will report back as soon as any progress is made.

03.12.14 Emergency Plan - ongoing – It was reported that the availability of rock salt from the boatyard was of great use during the recent icy conditions.

03.12.15 Affordable Housing - no further progress

03.12.16 Finance - It was **RESOLVED** to accept the following Accounts for payment :

Payee	Detail	Amount	Cheque No
CDC	Dog bin emptying	£87.17	500146
Cathy Fleet	2 x Clerk salary	£356.40	500147
Cathy Fleet	2 x clerk expenses	£100	500148
Valley News	Donation	£250	500149
OALC	subscription	£133.07	500150
Thirsk CCA	Payroll	£56	500151
Events committee	donation toward jubilee coins	£150	500152

Date of next meeting : The Annual Meeting will be on 3rd May at 7pm in the church preceded by refreshments at 6.60pm

Any Other Business - The parish council were made aware of an alleged drugs related incident in the village. Clerk to contact WPC Caroline Brown **ACTION : CLERK**

Mrs Tamblyn questioned the purchase of rock salt and was assured that Mr Dare had achieved the best price possible. She also commented on the condition of the garage of a property opposite Cherwell Bank and was told that it was not a matter for the parish council. She asked, as a relative newcomer to village, what the plans were for the money received from the sale of the village hall. It was explained to her that the money is in the bank and cannot be used for anything other than the community and that according to the parish plan questionnaire most people did not feel the need for a village hall, but that there are plans to make more community use of the Church.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed **Mr JJ Macnamara** Date

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