

MINUTES FOR THE PYRTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Pyrton Village Hall at 7:00pm on Thursday 23 November 2017

Present: John Curtis (Chairman), Lucy Brittain, Michael Crawford, Henry Findlater, Genevieve Young (Clerk)

1. Apologies from Ben Schofield.
2. Minutes for 8 May 2017 meeting approved via email and signed.
3. No matters arising.
4. Finances
 - 4.1. Lloyds checking account balance is 4,616.81 GBP and savings is 1,800.00 GBP for a total balance of 6,416.81 GBP. Asset Heritage check for 3,281.05 GBP has cleared.
 - 4.2. Notified by BDO on 25 October of successful completion of audit for 2016/2017 tax year; two-week inspection period completed.
 - 4.3. SAAA has appointed Moore Stephens as the new external auditor for Oxfordshire for the five-year period 2017-2022. Filings will now be completed online beginning with the 2017/2018 tax year.
 - 4.4. Agreed that the precept for the 2018/2019 financial year should be increased to 2,000 GBP. This increase will facilitate the cost of traffic survey and mitigation measures.
5. Pyrton Neighbourhood Plan Update
 - 5.1. Draft PNP status and action plan - Refer to '2017-10-19 PNP Steering Group Minutes' on our Google drive.
 - 5.2. New Farm Application - Michael Crawford presented appeal on behalf of Pyrton Parish Council to the SODC planning committee on 19 July 2017. The committee approved both applications P16/S4045 and P16/S4046.
 - 5.3. Pyrton Conservation Area - The application to revise the PCA boundaries is currently under review with Samantha Allen (SODC).
 - 5.4. PYR1 (WAT7) - Public consultation on 16 November 2017 at Pyrton Village Hall; Beechcroft/Victoria Land/Hunter Page representatives presented proposed plans to develop PYR1 to provide a 60-bed care home, 44 assisted living units and a block of 4 flats for staff accommodation. They expect to submit a planning application before the end of 2017. Parking accommodation 1.6 x 44 plus 30 spaces for care home and staff. Generally positive views of the proposal.
 - 5.5. PYR2 (WAT8) / Watlington Bypass - The SODC LP designates safeguarded land required for Watlington bypass; PNP will not get approved without making some

provision for a bypass. Way forward is to safeguard 'a' route while making it clear that Pyrton does not want any houses built on PYR2.

- 5.6. SODC Local Plan - The new deadline for responses is 30 November. Lucy Brittain did a leaflet drop with response forms and ideas for consideration in responding.
 - 5.7. Watlington Bypass
 - 5.8. Oxford to Cambridge Expressway - On 14 November, John Curtis attended an afternoon CLA meeting with John Hayward (Poppets Hill Farm) and Amanda Shepherd (Little Haseley), where speakers from Freeths and Bidwells gave a variety of views on how they can help the attendees should they fall foul of Compulsory Purchase Orders as a result of HS2 or the **Oxford to Cambridge Expressway**. The interesting part was that one of the speakers, Rob Hopwood the Planning partner at Bidwells said that based on conversations and innuendo that he had picked up over the past weeks and months, he firmly believed that it would be the shorter (8 mile) route that skirts south of Oxford and will join the M40 at Wheatley. This sentiment was endorsed by the speakers from Freeths as well, however the Government have recently appointed a US consultancy, Jacobs who for a £15 million fee will decide on the best route! So if this proves correct then it looks as if we are all going to be spared an increase in traffic noise and the parish is not to be transversed in two possible locations as per the attached map.
6. Correspondence and Consultations
 - 6.1. Norwell Outdoor Fitness would like to make sports in the open air accessible for everyone by developing sustainable high tech outdoor fitness parks. Agreed that Pyrton is not interested in meeting with them.
 - 6.2. The Chilterns Conservation Board - **They are soliciting support to assist with projects. How much would we be willing to donate?**
 7. Tentative date for next meeting

Actions:

GBY - Messageboard signs brochure and research costs for baseline survey; write up some on Pyrton Lane being converted to a quiet lane for PNP action plan chapter