



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Freeland Village Hall in the Newell Room at 19:30 on Monday 12th February 2024

The councillor chairing this meeting was Victoria Baker.

Members Present:

Cllr P Foster (PF), Cllr A Bird (AB), Cllr M Canning (MAC) Cllr R Crocker (RC), Cllr V Baker (VB), Clerk Fay Friend (FF), District Cllr A Al-Yousuf County, District Cllr L Arciszewska. and Cllr L Walker. Additionally 2 members of the public were in attendance.

1. To receive apologies for absence – Apologies have been received from Cllr S Ainsley (SA), Cllr P Holt (PH) and Cllr B Phillips (WP)

2. To receive Declaration of Interest in agenda items – none to be declared

3. To approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th January 2024– It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes were signed as a true record.

4. Public Participation session

1 member of the public wished to speak about the planning application 3 Chalfont Wroslyn Road and raised their concerns on the changes to the original approved planning application.

5. To discuss and agree any actions for urgent business

There were no matters to discuss

6. Update on progress from previous minutes.

There were no matters to discuss

7. Planning

(a) New planning applications –

24/00215/S73, Chalfont 3 Wroslyn Road - House

Variation of conditions 2 and 3 of Planning Permission 22/02862/HHD to allow design and material changes, It was **RESOLVED** to object to the variation, outlining the concerns we have.

Action: MAC and FF to draft reply and email round before submitting.

24/00216/S73, Chalfont 3 Wroslyn Road – garage and store

Variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission 23/00124/HHD to allow design and material changes, It was **RESOLVED** to object to the variation, outlining the concerns we have.

Action: MAC and FF to draft reply and email round before submitting.

24/00248/HHD, 125 Broadmarsh Lane Freeland Witney

Single storey extension to front and side of dwelling,

Application was not found online. Post meeting note – application is now up on the portal – to be reviewed by email.

24/00292/HHD, 181 Wroslyn Road Freeland Witney

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of rear extension to create additional living space over two floors, it was **RESOLVED** to add no comment to this application

(b) Botley West Solar Farm Consultation

The Parish Council's response was submitted to the Developer and copied to WODC. The next stage is that WODC will be preparing an 'Adequacy of Consultation' report about how well they considered the consultation from Botley West was delivered. The PC will be drafting their response to send in to

WODC for inclusion in their report. Draft response to be agreed at March meeting. **Action: MAC to draft response for circulation.**

8. To receive updates from District and County Councillors.

Liam- there have been updates on fix my street to improve the reporting service and links between CC and WODC. The tree/ hedge cutting works have now finished on the A4095.

Alaa- all developers have been asked to put forward their potential plots for consideration for inclusion in the 2041 Local Plan. Eynsham Estate have again submitted sites around Freeland House and Freeland nursery.

Lidia- The Nature Recovery Plan for 2030 is underway: Aims – 1) to protect and enhance biodiversity on WODC land, 2) safeguard and enhance biodiversity through planning policies with mandatory 10% min biodiversity net gain (BNG) on all planning projects from April 2024, working towards 20%BNG in future, 2) Facilitate co-ordination between various groups and partnerships within district – e.g. ECP, WASP, Wychwood Project, etc. WODC also want to meet over the coming months with parish and community groups to educate and coordinate on improving biodiversity within the district (subject to board approval).

9. To discuss and approve financial matters.

(a) To approve invoices for payment. - It was **RESOLVED** to pay the account presented, proposed by MAC, seconded by AB and all in favour.

(b) To approve bank reconciliation. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliation. This was signed by PF

(c) To review the financial reports. Reports were circulated and presented.

(d) To discuss quote for tractor servicing – it was **RESOLVED** to approve

(e) financial statement review- the statement was reviewed and circulated.

10. Working Groups update

Sustainable energy group: The lead on Low Carbon Hub has returned from sick leave and a meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 20th Feb. There is additionally a potentially £20k grant from Westhive that could be applied for to add solar panels to the village hall. **Action:** PF and RC to look into the grant application.

11. PARISH COUNCIL STANDING ITEMS:

(a) Play Areas/Playing Field/Play Equipment Book –The Teenage shelter cleaning quote will be reviewed over the next few months to monitor the state of the shelter. FF had also obtained quote for cleaning, repairing and lining out the tarmac court surface plus cleaning wetpour safety surface. It was agreed this would be a good use of remaining S106 funds for sports. **Action:** FF to obtain more quotes.

Defibrillator - replacement battery and sticker needed. **RESOLVED** to approve replacement by FF. Also light to defib by school needs investigating. **Action:** FF to sort out battery/ stickers for defibrillator and check power supply.

(b) Village Maintenance and Highway Matters- hedge by the Village Hall still outstanding. OCC works to A4095 footpath noted – footpath now much safer for cyclists and pedestrians. See Item 8.

(c) Village hall sustainability- see Item 10.

12. To receive reports from Councillors representing the Council on outside meetings

RC read out minutes from last VHMC meeting/AGM all were re-elected into the same positions- congratulations to all. Finances are in a good place to look after the maintenance of the building. Thank you for you continued support that all the volunteers do.

MAC attended Botley west meeting

**13. To note the date of next meeting: 11th March 2024 in the Newell Room.
Meeting Closed at 20:36**