

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday 28th February 2017
at 8.00pm in Mollington Village Hall**

Present:

Councillor Denise Hall (Chairman)
Councillor Toni Truscott
Councillor Cathrine Webb
Councillor Steve Lapper
District Councillor Ken Attack – Cherwell District Council
The Clerk

Residents and Public - 6

Apologies for Absence received from Councillor John Summers and District Councillor George Reynolds

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome to Councillor Stephen Lapper at his first Parish Council Meeting

In the absence of Councillor Summers the Council voted Councillor Denise Hall to be Chairman for this meeting

Declarations of Interest - None

786 Minutes of Previous Meeting – Tuesday 24th January 2017

The minutes had been circulated in advance of the Meeting. They were agreed to be a true record of the Meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising – There are no matters Arising that are not included in the Agenda for this meeting.

787 Financial Statement

The following Cheque was raised during the month of January 2017

461	Glasdon UK Limited	New Grit Bin – Village Hall Car Park	£422.52	In Budget

There was £147.82 VAT outstanding at the end of January, which will be claimed back at the end of the financial year.

Taking the above into account, the expected bank balance was £14,430.79. This is reconciled to Bank statement sheet 150 as at 3rd February 2017. These payments were then approved by the Council – Proposed Councillor Truscott and seconded by Councillor Webb.

788 Planning

Applications:

- 16/02634/F - Cantilever car port to the side of the garage at Uphill, Church Lane. Inspected by Councilors Summers and Hall and recommend that no objection is made to the application. The Council approved the recommendation.
- 16/02548/F – Single storey extension with flu to the rear, dormer window to north elevation (front) and pitched roof to porch at 4 Church Lane. Inspected by Councilor Summers and Hall and recommend that application is supported. The Council agreed the recommendation
- 17/00062/TCA – Reduce crown on Lombardi Poplar and Beech – Sunny Brae, Main Street. Site visited by Councilors Hall and Truscott and recommendation made to approve the planned tree works; the trees are large and next to the main street. Council agreed the recommendation.

Decisions: A report was made on planning decisions since the last meeting:

- 16/00355/TCA - Tree works in the conservation area Ivy House Ivy Lane; permitted
- 16/00367/TCA – Tree works in the conservation area Orchard Piece Playing Fields; permitted

789 Consultations

ONE OXFORDSHIRE - Councillor Truscott gave a report to support the stance taken by Cherwell District Council against the proposed One Oxfordshire single unitary authority. The letters from Councillor Barry Wood and Councillor George Reynolds were also read out and Councillor Ken Atack also spoke in favour of not changing the current County arrangement. No conclusion was reached and no vote taken.

790 Councillors Reports

A Report from Councillor Summers, in his absence:

1. Parish Council Cluster.

- County Connect - The cluster was in agreement to proceed with the County Connect proposal for an initial period of 1 year, we will review usage statistics in order that we can carry out an appraisal towards the end of the year to enable precepts to be set based on demand next year, if the parishes decide to continue with the service. Details will be included in the spring addition of Mollington Matters
- One Oxfordshire – The Cluster Parishes generally supported the stance taken by CDC in response to the OCC consultation and will be responding accordingly, once approved by the Parish Councils
- Horton Hospital - all Parish Councils were urged to respond to the consultation but recognised that the questionnaire is designed in a way so as to elicit the response wanted by the CCG. We have asked CDC to provide a lead on responses for parishes, highlighting the issues that they are concerned with. Councilor Truscott to draft a response.
- Next cluster meeting likely to be in 3 months time.

2. Village maintenance:

- grass cutting will commence in late March.
- following planning permission the tree works in Orchard Piece are scheduled to be carried out in February
- a number of potholes throughout the village are marked for repair and to encourage residents to continue to report pot holes, street lighting and road clearing to Oxfordshire County Council through the fix my street portal on the OCC web site
- Garden Cottage is suffering from water ingress to the garage. OCC have been asked to clear the drain, which does appear to have been carried out. However the problem has not been resolved. At this time this does not appear to be a matter for the Parish Council.

Councillor Hall - asked for support on various activities being held at the Village Hall; in particular, 'Mollington Munch' meets the first Tuesday each month and costs just £5. The meeting was reminded that tickets are on sale for the Quiz Night on Saturday 11th March.

This year Village Day will be held on 25th June at the Village Hall.

Councillor Truscott

We are still awaiting road narrows signs and these are being chased up by Peter Egawhary who is Traffic Adviser for Oxfordshire Highways. Peter has also promised that we will have our white lines renewed as soon as budget is available.

We attended a cluster meeting about bus services to Mollington, Cropredy, The Bourtons and Claydon as discussed at the last Parish Meeting when it was agreed that we would financially support the idea of a bus service run by County Connect between the villages, Banbury and Brackley from April.

This service is subsidised by Northampton County Council; Details of subsidies from parishes still to be confirmed before the service starts. The other villages in the cluster all agreed to the same terms i.e. running the bus service for one year to see how much used and if it is a viable option.

Councillor Webb

Neighbourhood Watch

Anyone still requiring stickers for their vehicles please let me know after meeting as some are still available, it just makes anyone breaking into your vehicle aware that you have emptied it of valuables including sat navs. etc.

There is an invite to a free scams awareness session that is being held tomorrow **Wed 1 March 2.15pm - 4pm at Cropredy Village Hall**. Hear about the latest scams and how to avoid them.

Trading Standards, Thames Valley Police and Age UK Oxfordshire, will offer advice about staying safe - whether you are online, at home, or out and about.

Footpaths

Sarah Aldous has stated she will get a map over to Mollington, re footpaths as soon as she is able as one is being drawn up for us. Sarah has also apologised as she has still not got out to see the footpath which was reported last year and states as soon as she is able she will have a look and report back.

Dog bins

Just to inform residents a supply of dog bags are still available; if you wish to have any to let Councillor Webb know; a supply is also held by Mrs Angel, whilst we still have our temporary dog warden.

Just a reminder to pick up after your pet and place in the bins around the village. If your dog poops, please remember to scoop.

791 Councillors Points of Information

Councillor Webb wished to report that Street parties, picnics and bake-offs will be held across the UK in honour of the [murdered Labour MP Jo Cox](#) as part of a new community initiative launched by Jamie Oliver and the Duchess of Cornwall. The gatherings, called the Great Get Together, are designed to unite people in their neighbourhoods on the weekend of 17-18 June in the biggest local celebrations planned [since the Queen's diamond jubilee](#).

It is being launched by the [Jo Cox Foundation](#) and [the Big Lunch](#), part of the Eden Project, along with dozens of other community groups, at Clarence House in London.

It may be that it is something the village of Mollington would like to be involved in to help villagers to get to know their neighbours.

Due to the amount of planning applications that come into the PC Councillor Webb wondered if it was necessary for us to go to have a look at every tree application. If it was not allowed it would be rejected by CDC, and if the work was not required it would not be applied for in the first place, but would cut down on visiting applications with exception to this being a neighbour putting in for work to trees not on their land which would require a visit or being in the conservation area, or covered by TPO's.

Parish Council Meeting finished at 8.31pm

Dates of Future Meetings

The next scheduled meeting date of the Parish Council is **Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 8.00pm in Mollington Village Hall**

Chairman, Mollington Parish Council

Public Participation Session

Mr Bob Wadsworth advised the meeting that the Police had been asking for help to trace a missing person from the Stable Block.

Mr Wadsworth also said that the Ambulance Service is not getting mentioned enough regarding the 'Save our Horton Campaign' – the service has not been considered enough in the plans and even an ambulance takes at least 40 minutes to get to the JR.

The condition of the roads in the village are bad and OCC needs to do more, especially local repairs and filling in potholes with more urgency.

Mr Jeffries advised the meeting that he is asking for support in stopping pedestrian use of the drive, which joins Southam Road and the Farm; the drive is private and has no right of way. It is regularly used as a footpath. As a consequence, the PC to check condition of the Footpath from Main Street along Southam Road, to the Mollington turn bus stop

Public Session closed at 8.51pm