

Meeting of Charlbury Town Council held on Wednesday 23rd October 2019
at 7.30pm in the Corner House.

Members Present: Mr R Fairhurst (Chairman), Mr P Morgan, Mrs J Burroughs, Mr R Prew, Mr V Hill, Dr A Merry, Mr P Kenrick, Mr R N Potter, Mrs K Broughton, Mr R Puttick, Ms L Reason.

Apologies: Ms N Ely.

Prior to the meeting opening, Mr Hans Eriksson addressed Councillors with reference to the 20mph speed limit consultation. Spelsbury Road residents are concerned at the speed of traffic on the road where a 40 limit is in place. Data recorded has shown that 50% of drivers exceed that limit currently. He asked that the Council support the residents in seeking an extension of the 30mph limit to the campsite entrance at least (if not to Spelsbury). The road is used by pedestrians, walkers and horse riders as well as vehicles and is full of bends and poor sight lines. Mr Eriksson was thanked by the Chairman.

1. To receive the minutes of the last meeting.

Mr Kenrick proposed that the minutes be signed as a correct record, this being seconded by Mr Potter and agreed.

2. To deal with matters arising.

Wilderness Feedback. A meeting was held with John Jaques (Cornbury) and Dave MacCalmont (Wilderness) where all concerns were discussed. Date of local meeting to be agreed.

Town and Parish Forum. The Chairman and Mr Morgan had attended this and found it useful. WODC to appoint a Climate Change officer.

Citizens Award. Meeting of panel to be arranged.

Remembrance Parade. Mr Potter reminded Councillors that this Civic event will take place on 10th November and all are welcome.

3. Declaration of Interest.

Mr Morgan as a cheque recipient.

4. To sign orders for payment/receive report.

The Clerk had circulated a list of accounts to be paid and went on to explain these. Mr Potter proposed that the accounts be paid this being seconded by Dr Merry and agreed. Accordingly cheques were signed by two councillors.

5. To receive a report from the Planning Committee.

The following plans were considered:

19/02710/HHD Convert garage to living space, first floor extension, add new bay window at 47 Ticknell Piece Road.

1. We have no objection.

6. To deal with correspondence.

Mr Ambrose and Mr Eriksson. Extension of 30mph limit on the Spelsbury Road. (20mph consultation response). Following discussion on this matter. Dr Merry proposed that the Town Council submit the following response to OCC:

'That this Council is aware of the concerns of Spelsbury Road residents and invite OCC to consider solutions e.g.extend 30 mph limit/ rumble strips etc. to reduce speed at this location.'

This was seconded by Ms Reason. **F8, A0, Abst 2.**

ONPA. This is an organisation designed to bring N/H Plan groups together. Ms Reason proposed that the Council join at a cost of £25, seconded Mrs Broughton. **F7, A2, Abst 1.**

Bidwells. Response re N/H Plan passed to Mr Kenrick.

Greenbarnes. Honours board quote. To awards panel to consider.

Moore. Audit completion. Clerk thanked.

P.C. Webb. To attend on 25th November at 7.30pm.

C Potts. Gifford Charity. TC nominee. Mr Potter proposed Paul Jenkins, seconded Mrs Broughton and agreed.

OALC. VE Day 75. Paper to Mr Potter.

Church Tree Festival. No interest expressed.

OCC. Footpath to Wychwood Paddocks from Crawborough. No objection to OCC proposal.

Mrs J Holah. 'Beggars' at Co-op. In process of being dealt with.

WODC. Clerks briefing 30th January 2020 noted.

Mrs Burroughs. Retirement of Graeme Widdows as Chairman of the Exhibition Foundation. It was agreed that Mrs Burroughs would take over as TC nominee (from Graeme).

Nine Acres Committee. As Mrs Burroughs is stepping down the TC need to nominate a Chairman. Mr Kenrick proposed Paul Jenkins, seconded Mrs Broughton. **F10.** Agreed. Mr Potter asked if there was any conflict of interest as Mr Jenkins was also a Gifford trustee. It was considered not. Mrs Burroughs reported that the secretary and treasurer were also standing down. Letter of thanks to be sent.

7. To consider the Neighbourhood Forum.

Mr Kenrick had circulated a report prior to the meeting and reminded Councillors that the consultation period ended on 31st October 2019.

8. To consider report from the October 16th working Group.

9. To consider the declaration of a Climate Emergency in Charlbury.

The Chairman wished to take these agenda items together.

Mr Fairhurst had circulated a paper earlier which represented the proposal to be put to this meeting. Each member has a copy.

Mr Morgan proposed that the actions set out in the paper be followed, this being seconded by Mr Hill. **F10, A0.**

Principally this means:

- Charlbury Town Council declares a state of Climate Emergency.
- An environmental working group to be set up.
- Carbon footprint and environmental impact to be taken into account when viewing planning applications and setting budgets.
- The Environment working group to set up an early public meeting to discuss possible actions/collaborations.

Env. Group Members (Council): Mrs Broughton, Ms Reason, Mr Kenrick, Mr Puttick, Mr Fairhurst (ex Officio).

10. To receive an audit report.

The audit had been successfully completed with one comment referring to the advertising of audit conclusion in the previous year.

11. To receive an update on the Pavilion extension project.

Mr Morgan reported that the roof is almost complete and that the pump in the chamber (for effluent) is now installed and working.

12. To receive reports.

- a. Cemetery. Report circulated.
- b. Corner House and Memorial Hall. Report circulated.
- c. Mill Field, Watery Lane and bridges. Bollard broken on Mill Lane.
- d. Nine Acres. Report circulated.
- e. Quarry Lane and Ticknell. Report circulated.
- f. Wigwell. All permissive paths will be closed on Tuesday 7th January 2020. This will include Nine Acres and path to Banbury Hill Farm (over Ditchley Land). Lease renewal is in hand.
- g. Gifford Trust. See report.
- h. School Governor. See report.
- i. Transport/Station. Little to report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.02pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

