

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Compton Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Monday 17th March 2014 following the Annual Parish Meeting

Present: Cllr. Rudge (Chairman), Cllr. Moorman (Vice Chairman), Cllrs. Ashford, Hall and Browne, Parish Clerk Robyn Waller, County Cllr. Saint, District Cllr. Gray and 4 members of the public.

1. Declaration of Interest. There were none.

2. Apologies for absence: There were none.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2014: Amendment to Minutes at Item 7, Line 24 should read 'added to the volume of water collecting on the verge' to replace 'damaged the drain'. The Minutes were then agreed to be a correct record, proposed by Cllr. Ashford, seconded by Cllr. Hall and signed.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes not included elsewhere on the Agenda. There were none.

5. Date of next Meeting: Annual Meeting 19th May 2014.

6. Reports from District Cllr. Gray and County Cllr. Saint. Cllr. Gray reported that Council Tax demands would be in the post soon and was able to report that Council Tax had not risen for four years. Cllr. Gray reiterated that there would be no Parish Council elections this year. He stated that he was expecting feedback from the Local Government Boundary Commission review very soon and that the Local Plan should be published by Easter. The Cotswold Wardens had bought the old prison at Northleach which is now tenanted by the Cotswold Conservation Board.

Cllr. Saint reported that the County Council is subject to a Council Tax increase of 2%. He stated that the budget had recently been increased to allow for the sort of work currently on back-log. He confirmed that an account regarding unresolved requests had been made by Mr Jeff Wellsby and that he would keep the Parish Council informed as information becomes available

Cllr. Saint advised that the next scheduled road sweep for the village (areas with kerbs only) would be on the 24th March. Notices of the sweep will be advertised in the village. He suggested the Parish Council contact Andrea Lloyd or Matt Dobson for any further information. Cllr. Saint said it was his responsibility to be satisfied that contracts were being met and at present he was not.

7. Questions & Comments from the public: Mrs. Stella Shaw from Reed's Business School reported that mains power will be disconnected from 2 Church Close during the building works and will not be re-connected until 15th May. In the interim, a generator will be hired to service the property. This will be placed as far away from adjacent properties as possible with insulating panels installed to keep noise to a minimum. Adjacent properties will be notified by the School. It was also reported that a Planning Application will be submitted for proposed work to 1 Church Close.

8. Parish Plan; This was thoroughly discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting held prior to this meeting.

9. Playground Report: Cllr. Moorman reported that she has recently found empty beer bottles in the playground on two occasions. She will continue to check for these. Cllr. Moorman also reported that the ground remains very muddy.

10. Cemetery Report: Cllr. Hall reported that the cemetery hedge has been laid by the Cotswold Conservation Board. She further reported that a request has been made for the headstone on the grave of Mr. Potts to be re-located to a position between the graves of Mr and Mrs Potts. The request was refused on the grounds that a headstone marks the head of a person's grave and a position between two graves would lead to future confusion, particularly as kerb stones are no longer permitted.

11. Bridleways and Footpaths: Work relating to the spring and ditch on the bridleway opposite to Redland's Farmhouse remain ongoing. The Cotswold Wardens have recently cleared some of the ditch leading up from the gateway.

Mr Peter MacLean reported that two trees are down on the footpath near Salter's Well.. One is blocking the path near the old badger set. Cllr's Rudge and Hall agreed to investigate.

12. Village Maintenance: Cllr. Ashford reported that the two passing places on Barton Lane had been completed, that the grips on Oakham Road hill had been re - cut and that the blocked drains at Newtown and Willow End had been cleared. He reiterated the vandalizing of the signs on the A44 requesting keeping horses clear of the footpath..

The Head Gardener at Reed's Business School had agreed to address the problem of the dead tree near Malthouse Lane.

13. Financial Report:

(i) Balances at Bank. as at 7th March 2014: c/a £783.76
d/a £11,761.06

(ii) Approval of the following payments were proposed by Cllr.Browne, seconded by Cllr. Ashford and agreed:

Petty Cash	£75.00
Office Expenses	£75.00
Broadband	£180.00
Nicholsons	£87.80

(Replacement trees in the cemetery)

Payment for cemetery maintenance for the financial year 2014/15 not exceeding the accepted tender of £1,737.00

(iii) Parish Plan analysis – a decision was delayed until the next meeting.

14. Planning Applications: - Cllr Rudge reported on the following applications:

13/00423/FUL Briar Close, London Road

Use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes for 1 No. gypsy pitch together with the formation of hardstanding and utility/day room ancillary to that use.

Appeal pending. Public Inquiry 2nd April 2014

13/03050/FUL and 13/03051/LBC

Blacksmiths Cottage

Construction of new garden room extension to the rear of the property, construction of a shed and removal and replacement of fruit trees.
Later: Construction of side pedestrian entrance, off-street parking and bin store

Permission granted

13/03254/TREE

Langston Farm

Reduction of branches of Ash by 25% and rebalance.

Deemed consent

14/00097/FUL

Washbrook House

Increase height of wall in Malthouse Lane to 1.8m.

Permission granted

14/00347/LDE

Peewit Barn

Application for use as a single dwelling house.

Permission pending

15. Correspondence: included the following

3/2/14	From Alison Gregory	WALC Annual Briefing Day 2014
3/2/14	From Nicola Greaves	Cotswold Conservation Board Annual Forum at Manor Hotel 7 th March
4/2/14	To Thomas Fox	Confirmation of Village Mowing requirements
6/2/14	From James Lloyds	Cotswold Conservation Board Re: Climate Change Projects
10/2/14	From Alison Hodge WALC	Re: review of Electoral boundaries.
11/2/14	From Ann Banks	Proposed Stratford On Avon District Gypsy & Travellers Local Plan
12/2/14	From Alison Hodge WALC	Public Interest Debate on Unitary Authority for Warwickshire
5/3/14	From Alison Hodge WALC	Public Recording of Local Council Meetings
6/3/14	From Ann Banks	Appointment of Parish Council Member to Standards Committee.
14/3/14	Charles Barlow	Posters for Volunteer Drivers

16. A.O.B Cllr Hall reported that elm tree stumps protruding onto Barton Lane need cutting back. It was agreed to follow this up.

Cllr. Moorman reported that fly tipping had been occurring on Malthouse Lane – rubbish appears to be food scraps and food containers. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Robyn Waller

Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.