

TOWERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Jo Wills

Minutes of Towersey Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 25th January 2012

Apologies for absence: D/Cllr Brown, Cllr Nutley
Present: Cllr's Allworth, Davis, Jackson and Stephenson
Declaration of Interests: None

Minutes of the last meetings dated 14th December 2011 were proposed for approval by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Stephenson and signed by Cllr Allworth.

Planning Matters: Consultation:

P11/E2008 Alterations to barn to form residential annexe at Hamptons Cottage, Manor Road

TPC Recommendation: No Strong Views

P11/E2064 Erection of stabling and associated accommodation (hay/feed store and tack room) at land adjoining Rose Cottage, Chinnor Road. **TPC Recommendation: Approved**

Finance Matters:

FM.1 The following payments were proposed for approval by Cllr Allworth and seconded by Cllr Jackson.

Jo Wills	Clerks salary	£153.60
Post Office Ltd	Inland Revenue	£ 38.40

FM.2 The Precept request of £10,000.00 for 2012-2013 has been approved by SODC.

FM.3 Grants were considered and discussed for the 2011-2012 financial year:

Oxfordshire Carers Forum, South and Vale Carers Centre, Oxfordshire Association for the Blind will not receive a grant this year. The Clerk to write and explain.

St Catherine's Church: Amount to be agreed at the next meeting

Other Matters

OM.1 A salt bin is now in the Playing fields car park entrance – Cllr Stephenson to fill.

OM.2 The junction of Windmill Road is an official junction so rules are "parking no closer than 3 car lengths from the junction". PCSO Madden will patrol this area.

OM.3 The Local Government Boundary Commission – final recommendations were noted.

OM.4 The current bus service was discussed and all resident letters received were noted.

An update from OCC John Wood re bus service was read out concerning the lack of funds to change the service at present – the current service has a 4 year contract with Arriva.

It was agreed that the Parish Council cannot fund any more buses through Towersey and neither can OCC so an alternative suggestion is required. One possibility is to change the buses that come through Towersey so we have the same amount but at different times.

To engage the community a questionnaire will be done and all residents asked to tick the bus service currently used and then to give suggestions of what bus times would be better.

Deadline for returned questionnaires is 1st March 2012. Two drop off points for completed questionnaires is: 1) St Catherine's Church foyer, 2) Windmill Road corner.

OCC.1 Oxfordshire County Council report

C/Cllr Wilmshurst reported that the Council tax is frozen for the next financial year

C/Cllr Wilmshurst reported on the Budget – final settlement from Government is still not advised so figures cannot yet be finalised. A £34m proposed saving for this next financial year and a £30m saver for the following year. Childcare areas will not see any cuts.

Adult Social care is a major expense and concern

C/Cllr Wilmshurst reported that OCC are still undergoing a major reorganisation.

C/Cllr Wilmshurst reported that Mr Richard Bellsome passed away over Christmas and a memorial service will be held in London on 21st March 2012.

AOB.1 Other Business not requiring Notice or Decision: Next meeting: **7th March 2012**

Parish Councillors would like to discuss the Village Green and Speeding issues in the village.

A member of the public suggested funds from the Festival could go towards a path from Towersey to Thame. Cllr Allworth to contact Hugh Riley.

CHAIRMAN: _____

Date: _____

Mrs Judith Allworth