

Tuesday 4 July 2006

Councillors Present

Mr. C. W. Haynes Chairman
Mesdames Cox, and Tiwari
Mr. J. Batey Vice-chairman
Messrs Bartleet, Cadd, P. Cox, W. Cox, Deam,
Hatfield, and Swift
The Clerk Mr. L.M. Garner
City Councillor Mrs. M. Clarkson

Apology

An apology for absence was received from Mr. McGinn

Minutes

After amendment the Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting as a true record

Matters Arising

Mrs. Cox submitted three quotations for printing (including type setting) 1500 copies of the proposed Parish Magazine on a quarterly basis for one year that she would edit. Mr. Batey would proof read. The weight of paper not specified 80gsm minimum 100gsm preferred.. The cheapest being from Acorn Design for £122-50 per edition plus VAT. The quotation was accepted. Confirmation awaited from the Scouts that they would arrange distribution to each dwelling in the Parish for £50 per issue. The package was accepted.

Northeast Area Committee

Mr. Batey reported that the committee had received considerable opposition to the County Council's proposal to charge residents for parking permits in controlled areas. However the decision rested with the County Council following a consultation exercise. A proposed cycle link between Foxwell Drive and Meaden Hill was discussed

Planning

Applications

29 Beechey Avenue - large extension - too large - refusal
recommended 7 Little Acreage - conservatory - no
comment

6 Dents Close - single storey rear extension - inadequate plans

Decisions

86 Oxford Road - extension - refused

4 Cavendish Drive - The information presented by the Planners relating to the extension of 4 Cavendish Drive to increase the accommodation to 7 bedrooms was said to be incomplete and inaccurate. Consequently the Council invited Mr. Greenfield, an interested party, to confirm the position that approval was given on the Chairman of the Planning Committee's casting vote. Should the information presented by the planners prove inaccurate a challenge

would be mounted. Mrs. Clarkson pledged support to any challenge

Other Matters

Telecommunications Mast - Cherwell Drive - appeal entered

Pavilion Steering Committee

The grant application was proceeding. The costings of the ground maintenance following the installation maintenance period of six months was accepted as £8,100 over 30 months completion. Appendix "A" showing approved start up and maintenance costs from Dr. Swift's proposal that part of these maintenance costs should be added to the grant claim was not accepted by 4 votes to six, although advice would be sought on the matter

Finance

It was agreed that Burial Ground maintenance group required a strimmer. When maintenance was being put to tender the strimmer then surplus was sold to the Chairman who had it serviced before realising that it was too big for his site. It was now cost effective to buy it back and repay the service costs. It was agreed.

The following Accounts were passed for payment:

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D. Hook	Pavilion roof repairs	£440.40
MP Security	Pavilion Alarm	£54.3
Thames Water	Burial Ground	£9.02
C.Haynes	Repurchase of	£96.19

The Clerk was authorised to change the Council's bank accounts from Headington to Summertown branches of NatWest

Recreation Ground

The Clerk expressed concern at the lack of response from the City Council and OPT to his request to mark boundaries etc. Mrs. Clarkson would chase City staff . The Chairman said he and Mr. Batey would progress the tree consultant's report by getting quotations for the work in the Clerk's absence on holiday. The Court Place Farm Allotment Association remained unwilling to permit spoil from the recreation ground ditch being spread nearby. The cost of the work to the ditch and spoil removal would now be included in the tenders for drainage works for the ground and be grant aided.

Burial Ground

Thefts of minor items were now a problem and it was decided to lock the gate and to put the opening hours on the gate

The area for _ashes was discussed and it was agreed that ashes poured into a hole and marked with a small tablet flush with the ground to mark the spot should be permitted.

Highways

The Clerk to request that Box Junction markings should be provided at the Oxford Road Cherwell Drive junction

The City Council suggested name for the 109 Oxford Road development is

Jewell Close. The City decision will follow.
The floodlights at the City football ground were again causing concern. The
Clerk to write

Any other business

Mr. Hatfield and Mr. Haynes agreed to discuss that possibility of a Parish
Council web site and report back.

Date of Next Meeting

5 September 2006 at 7.30 p.m.