

## Draft minutes from Littleworth Parish Meeting 15 December 2022

Present: Jerry Avery (Vale of White Horse), Clare Berry, Bill Fox, Dave Mackay, Alice Margey, Richard Moss, Adrian Pickett ( Clerk), Julia Smith, Simon Thompson, Mike Wilson, Tony Woodward (Chairman).

Apologies: Alison Corley, Jo Humphreys, George Humphreys, John Huddell, Mags Huddell, Bethia Thomas (Oxfordshire County Council), Anna Timbrell, Imelda Twine, Peter Twine, Jenny Winter, Peter Winter.

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 25 May 2022</b></p>	<p>Minutes approved</p>
<p><b>2. Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to the highways team for clearing the footpath on the A420 between Littleworth and Faringdon</li> <li>• Littleworth's application for a 20mph speed limit has been accepted by Oxfordshire County Council. We have not been given an indication on when it will be implemented.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3. Outcome of call for land and buildings to be included in the 2041 plan</b>            As part of the District Councils long term planning land owners are able to notify the Council about land which is available for possible development in the future. The council have been notified that the farm land to the south of the A420 between Carswell and Littleworth has been put forward for consideration as a potential site for renewable energy, residential or business use. Notification does not mean that the proposal will be accepted or that planning permission will be granted. You can find out more about the process and see the details on a map on the Vale of White Horse's web site. <a href="https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/83c42d77f9104794a8cb49a815ff2352">https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/83c42d77f9104794a8cb49a815ff2352</a></p>	<p>Clerk to update Parish Meeting if there is any change.</p>
<p><b>4. Reports from District and County Councillors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Council. There are 2 potential developments in the ward which are causing concern. The first is Lioncourt's application to build 660 new houses and a care home near Kingston Bagpuize. The other is the plan to build a large solar energy park at Botley West.</li> <li>• County Council. The highways team are researching options for lighting and means of safe road crossing at the Littleworth bus stop. Bethia Thomas has set up an A420 Safety Working Group to improve safety between Swindon and Botley. The group has requested accurate accident statistics as a first step.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk to distribute a summary of the concerns about the solar park once available.</p>
<p><b>5. Parish Meeting budget and Parish Precept for 2023/24</b>            Approved the annual budget of £1730. It is estimated the Parish Precept will be £14.10 a year for a band D household. In 2022/23 the cost for a band D household was £14.71</p>	<p>Clerk to inform County Council</p>

<p><b>6. Parish reports</b></p> <p>Neighbourhood watch - there have been reports of people acting suspiciously in the village. If you see someone looking around ask them if they need help, as this lets them know they have been seen.</p> <p>Speedwatch -there have been 15 sessions this year with an average speed of 17mph. The speed watch sessions help by making people who regularly drive through the village more aware of their speed.</p> <p>Footpaths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the footpath between the centre of the village and the A420 is impassable and has been reported to the County Council footpaths team.</li> <li>• the style at the end of the footpath by the church is unstable.</li> </ul> <p>Reading Room &amp; Playing Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The planning application for the modifications is taking a long time to get through planning.</li> <li>• Two of the Trustees for the Reading Room and Playing Field CIO are due for re-election. If you would like to become a trustee please let Dave Mackay know before 15 February</li> <li>• Funds raised by the Village Entertainment Group (VEG) are held in the reading room's bank account. A request was made to let the VEG committee know how much money is being held in the account on their behalf.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk to follow up</p> <p>Dave Mackay to confirm</p>
<p><b>8. Faringdon United Charity Trustee</b></p> <p>Dave Mackay will step down as trustee for the charity if there is another person who would like to become a trustee.</p> <p><i>Following the meeting Sarah Hyland volunteered to become the parish trustee for the Faringdon United Charity. The Parish Meeting would like to thank Dave Mackay for representing the parish as a trustee.</i></p>	<p>Parish Chairman to notify the Faringdon United Charity</p>
<p><b>9. AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An application has been made to close the road through the village w/c 3 January to replace some of the electricity poles. This will be confirmed nearer to the date.</li> <li>• There are ongoing discussions about making the church a more versatile space in the future. If this is to go ahead the village may need to consider contributing to the running costs through an increase in the Parish Precept.</li> </ul>	