

Nuffield Parish Council

The minutes of the meeting of Nuffield Parish Council held on 11th January 2018.

1. Present

Mrs G. Austin

Mr. Dennis Edwards

Mr. David Edwards

Mr. D. Wood

Mrs M. Anderson

Mrs C. Dunk (Clerk)

A representative of Huntercombe Residents Association

Also part time Cllr. D. Nimmo Smith

2. Apologies

Mr. D. Passmore.

3. Confirmation of the minutes of 16th November 2017

These minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from those minutes

a. Port Hill Lay-by

Chairman had asked Noel Greenaway to cut this back but it appears to have been done by OCC.

Cllr. Nimmo Smith informed the parish council that Biffa were regularly checking the litter bins.

b. War Memorial

With regard to the missing names on the war memorial, Mr Passmore reported that the name J Mace appears on the plaque inside the church but not on the memorial itself; however he does appear on the Nettlebed memorial so he is correctly remembered through this.

Alfred George Skeates of Mays Farm identity and service record and death in service is well documented. Mr Passmore had found a record of a Skeates farm worker in Newnham Murren from the 1911 census – (the 1921 census being under 100 years is not yet in the public domain) - so it may be that he is recorded at Newnham Murren church, although I don't think that there is a memorial there (it was a separate parish until 1932) so may possibly be remembered on the Crowmarsh Gifford church wall war memorial. Mr Passmore to check and should he not appear in either of these locations then he would approach Sheppard's in Henley re adding the name to Nuffield memorial. A slight issue may be space of adding another name, but would be advised by Sheppard's regarding this.

c. Footpath Clearance in the direction of Nettlebed

The contractor after surveying the extent of work required had increased his quote to £880.00 +vat which the parish council accepted.

d. OCC Grass Cutting Areas

Information had not been forwarded and the parish council agreed not to pursue this matter.

f. Golf Club

Mrs Austin had met the new secretary Janet Dawson. The golf club were happy to cut the grass in Fred's Field during the summer months but would not commit to other work.

5. Holy Trinity Nuffield

A village consultation had taken place on 14th December at 7pm. Over 20+ had attended the presentation on re-ordering the church and in principle they were supportive of the proposals. The committee would continue to prepare the paperwork for the faculty in the summer. A bank account had been opened.

6. Report from Cllr. David Nimmo Smith.

The District Council were currently preparing their budget. Cllr. D. Nimmo Smith hoped that the district councillor's budget for causes within their parishes would remain though hoped the bureaucracy of the application could be curtailed.

Planning applications remained up but there was difficulty in determining the number in the 8 weeks period. Planners were also losing cases on appeal and as the number of appeals being upheld there was a danger that central government would take control to determine applications.

7. Correspondence

1. Disclosure of Information Policy- councillors agreed to adopt the model policy of OALC and Mrs Austin would check the document before posting on the website.
2. Home Start – thank you for your donation.

8. Finance

a. Cheques for payment

23.11.17

0653 D&S Decor Ltd
Playground repairs
£1,800.00

11.1.18

0654 Chiltern Society
Annual membership
£30.00

0655 Open Space Society
Hire for meetings donation
£45.00

0656. C. Dunk
Salary - £600.00
Petty Cash - £226.08
£826.08

b. Budget for Precept for 2018-19

Councillors agreed the budget and set a precept of £6,200.00.

9. Playground

Report book was signed.

The chair would ask Giles to clear a heap of branches from Fred's Field.

10. Planning

The following applications had been received since the last meeting:

P18/S0016/HH 22 Church Field Nuffield

The demolition of the rear protrusion. The erection of a porch, double storey rear extension

Parish Council Objection

P17/S4478/AG The Bungalow Mays Farm

Proposed brick and slate built ancillary barn.

Parish Council declared an interest and asked SODC to determine

P17/S4224/HH Badgers Huntercombe End

Single storey rear extension

Parish Council No Objections

The following decisions have been received:

P17/S3909/HH Ambrose Farmhouse Gangsdown Hill

Replacement single storey rear extension, relocation of domestic heating oil tank

SODC Granted

P17/S3646/HH Nuffield Hill Cottage Nuffield Hill

Demolition of existing porch, and erection of single storey side extension to form new porch to existing dwelling house

SODC Granted

P17/S3157/HH Wild Wood Cottage Brixton Hill Benson

Conversion of existing detached garage to rear of house/ garden into habitable ancillary accommodation, including creation of 2 loft style bedrooms in the pitched floor space.

SODC Granted

11. Footpaths

John Case reported the following: "There's not much to report in this period other than the occasional high winds and recent heavy snow brought down many boughs which we have cleared as best we could from footpaths and bridleways. Sometimes we have alerted landowners if the task has been too heavy to tackle or made a report to OCC where the safety of path users was at risk.

We will continue with this and maintaining signage etc. into the spring. By that time as well, we may have a feel for the effect of the OCC restructuring of the Countryside team, if any, which took place in the autumn."

12. Chairman's Business

a. Field by Grimms Dyke Cottage

The Chairman reported that shed/barn like structures were being erected in this field. She would forward photos and Cllr. Nimmo Smith would take up with enforcement.

13. Next Meeting

Thursday 8th March 2018 at 8pm Huntercombe Nursing Home