Orlingbury Parish Council Meeting
held on 18th March 2024 at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall

Present:
Nigel Cole (Chair)
Mary Huckvale
Chris Hartley
Matt Kemp

Shelley Chambers (Clerk)

Apologies: Lora Lawman, Brian Peacock, Linda Crocker

Public	**Public –** Alan Waller	
	None	**Actions**
165/22 S	**Declarations of Interest**- NC – interest in planning application of 5 Rectory Lane due to being a neighbour.	
166/22 S	**Approval of the minutes dated 8th January 2024 (sent out on 16th January 2024).** All agreed and approved.	OPC
167/22 S-	**Public Question Time (Max 3 mins per person at Chairperson's discretion)** Alan Waller – 1. Expressed disappointment that the parish council have not taken a proactive interest in the village fete. The parish council did elect a representative who attended the first village fete meeting (see below 173/22 S). 2. Expressed concern that the parish council have not managed to locate archives of previous parish council meeting minutes, from the 1990s (in particular, minutes documenting discussions over ownership of the village green). Alan has located his own archives - a collection of papers from 1988, 1990 and 1994 which mention the issue regarding the ownership of the village green (shared during this meeting – see below 172/22 S).	

168/22 S	**Recommendations from the VTA re trees (discuss faults)** Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) completed in August 2022 – Wilby trees made important recommendations regarding the state of the trees, however parish council had difficulties in finding a company to carry out the work. Question raised by NC as to whether the parish council should spend the money on the trees, due to the position of liability in the event of damage/ injury remaining unclear. Some of the trees are diseased/ old and potentially dangerous. NC proposed to instruct a company to complete the work on the trees over a three year period, prioritising the trees that require urgent work. The new financial year commences on the 6th April 2024, so the first phase will take place during this period. All agreed and in favour of proposal. Most urgent trees to be prioritised.	Chris Hartley to obtain additional quote from Reeves4Trees & Landscaping, showing tree priorities/ price per tree.
169/22 S	**Latest Speed Sign Indication Data and potential police support:-** Speed Indicator Device (SID) Data shared with councillors prior to meeting and available on the website. Parish councillors most concerned about vehicles entering the village from Northampton Road. Highest number of offences seem to occur on Northampton Road and Harrowden Road entrances to the village. Discussion had on the need to potentially rotate the adhoc mobile speed enforcement vehicle, to ensure in particular, coverage of the Northampton Road entrance to the village.	SC to forward the data to Lora Lawman and Matthew Mumford and request a change of location due to the data statistics.
170/22 S	**Update regarding Highways re: double yellow lines (update)** NC chased Ian Boyes (contact at Highways) who has since retired. There is still a delay ongoing due to the objection on a different area within the block of applications.	Chase up position before the next meeting.
171/22 S	**Badger set signage – update on 2nd sign installation** Too muddy to gain access to the site, so will try again once the footpaths have dried out.	
172/22 S	**Registering for ownership of the Village Green** NC has not received a response from Northamptonshire County County regarding the change of ownership over the years and was advised to take independent legal advice regarding ownership of the green. Documents shared with councillors by Alan Waller, showing claim for ownership. NC's paperwork also shared showing the green as registered to owner of Orlingbury Hall at the time, James Eades, in Jan 1994 which	

	was disputed by the parish council and NCC at the time. NC reiterated that the ownership was originally registered to the parish council on 1st October 1970, but later changed twice. Current position - The ownership of the village green still remains unclear. NC proposed to concentrate on making the green safe by going ahead with the work on the trees for the time being and dealing with the ownership in the future if necessary. Question raised as to who is insuring village green – Event holders must cover their events and provide proof of this on request to OPC.	Instruct a company to prioritise and begin making the trees safe.
173/22 S	**Report from Counsellor Hartley on Village Fete Meeting attended** First fete committee meeting occurred – Chris Hartley (CH) attended as a representative to put forward parish council position (discussed at last parish council meeting). Five willing volunteers at the meeting will set up fete committee. CH reminded group of requisite risk assessment and insurance to be in place (acknowledged by Andy Gosling). Some details of the fete were discussed and a 2nd meeting is to be organised. Parish Council will not be actively involved in this.	
174/22 S	**New Parish Counsellor** Email interest in becoming a councilor received from James Duffin. All in favour of appointing Mr Duffin as a new councilor.	SC to write to James Duffin with dates of next meetings. CH to forward speed data from mobile enforcement unit.
175/22 S	**Agree date for APM (Annual Parish Meeting)** NC proposed APM to be held on Monday 15th April. All in favour of this date.	
176/22 S	**Finance including payments and payments made** - See schedule below for payments made between meetings.	
177/22 S	**Correspondence** 9/1/24 - Email from Matt Mumford Safer Roads Team – Traffic Report indicating that Orlingbury meets requirements for mobile enforcement, using the church car parking area on the Pytchley road. 10/1/24 – Email from Sgt Nawaz (Wellingborough) indicating that PCSO Gareth Cross will look into the speeding issue and plan a speed operation later in the year.	

	12/1/24 – Contact made to Louise Sheridan at PFCC office. Regarding grants for safer communities. 29/1/24 – Parish precept confirmed by Pina Patel. 9/2/24 – Email confirmation that vegetation issue outside 25 & 27 Isham Road fixed. 11/3/24 – Email received from Matt Mumford stating that adhoc speed mobile enforcement has begun on Pytchley Road and provided a table of offences to date (over 4 occasions). Shared at meeting.	
178/22 S	**Planning Applications** - 440 Kettering Road (filling station) – concerns regarding traffic access from A43 sent (no response as yet). - 5 Rectory Lane, Orlingbury: First floor rear extension and single storey side extension. No comments made.	
179/22 S	**Unitary update** No updates.	
180/22	**Any other business** Litter Pick to be arranged – Nigel to liaise with Ian Walpole regarding a village litter pick. Fading white lines road markings where Rectory Lane/ Lammas Close meet – white lines dictated right of way. Request for this to be redone. Defibrillator – Batteries good for another 5 years but the pads have expired. £50 for a new set of pads. All in favour of spending this to replace the pads. NC has requested to view documentation from church council minutes regarding ceasing of the church lighting. Previously the majority of the village voted in favour of the Church lighting and a legally binding meeting was held (court judgement). NC checked records on the Diocese website, and no records found. Budget discussed and approved (2024-25).	SC to request for this. NC to order a set of new pads. NC to update councillors with any news.

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting ended: 20:49

Chair's Signature……. Date…….

Payments agreed at meeting:

PAYMENT DUE/NAME	**AMOUNT**	**VAT**
PAYMENT MADE IN BETWEEN MEETINGS		
Clerk wages	279.12	
SSE Energy	50.76	0.00
	52.44	
	52.44	
GREATWELL HOMES	56.08	0.00
	56.08	
Eyelid productions	100.00	