



- d) **Proposed Salt Way maintenance group:** An update had been circulated. It was suggested that the group approach TOE2 for funding and that the Facebook page be kept up-to-date with photos, etc.
- e) **Possible Beacon to celebrate the Centenary of the end of WWI?** Dealt with by the Environment Committee. A meeting would be arranged with the School, Church & Royal British Legion.
- f) **Neighbourhood Watch signs:** Replacements to be put up.
- g) **Historical Parish Council documents:** Cllr. Buttler, Cllr. Mrs. Foreman and the Archive Group would help to sort through and decide what was to be retained.
- h) **Any other matters arising not considered elsewhere:**
  - i) **Banbury burials:** The Town Council was running out of land. Consultants were looking at possible sites for compulsory purchase, one of which was next to the Bodicote Burial Ground. If this progressed, the Parish Council would object to it. The Clerk would speak to The Town Clerk.

## 5. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 January would be circulated.  
The Chairman of this Committee (Cllr. Mrs. Foreman) gave the following update:-

The following application had been received since the Planning meeting:-

### **The Old Barn House, Goose Lane:**

Beech – reduce by 10ft and reshape.

Mr S Rose.

*No objections, but, as there was no explanation as to why this work was needed, it should be left to the discretion of CDC's Tree Officer to decide if this work was necessary.*

The following applications had been **APPROVED** since the Planning meeting:-

### **34 Freemans Rd.:**

Formation of means of access and associated dropped kerb.

**Bannatynes Health Club, Oxford Rd.:** Installation of 2 additional parking spaces within the car park.

### **Other matters:-**

**Gladman's Appeal:** This had been upheld. **IT WAS AGREED** to ask Matthew Parry from CDC to the AGM, to explain the most important implications of the Inspector's decision.

**Evaluation of the way the Planning Committee was working:** There would be a 3 month trial period for Councillors on this Committee to become more involved. Cllr. Mrs. Foreman, the Chair of this Committee, would send out consultations on a Monday and Friday, unless there was anything urgent.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 12 February 2018 – 7.15 p.m. in Church House.**

## 6. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2018 had been previously circulated. The Chairman of this Committee, Cllr. Mrs. Christer, gave the following update:-

**Slabs at seat opposite Freemans Road and slabs at seat on north side of the green:** A quotation had been received from Homelands. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept this quotation in the amount of £155.00, inclusive of labour and materials.

**Project: Re-creation of the original Weeping Cross at the junction of Weeping Cross and the Oxford Road:** The grant application to Sharing Heritage had been refused. The Committee's unanimous recommendation that the project should continue was discussed at some length and **IT WAS RESOLVED** (with 1 abstention) that the project would continue.

**Anti-social behaviour in the village:** The Chairman had personally gone into Banbury Police Station regarding this matter and had been promised that someone would come back to her. At the time of this meeting, this had not happened. There was some discussion of this matter and Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Heath offered to ask about CCTV at Bodicote House, as well as approaching Neil Francis, CDC Anti-Social Behaviour Officer. The Police would also be asked to set up a "Have Your Say" meeting for the public, similar to the one held recently in Adderbury.

**Permissive Path extension:** Cllr. Sacha had met with Mr. Colegrave to discuss this and the latter had also agreed to put in a post-and-rail fence to replace the broken wire fence near the pile of soil in the corner of the Burial Ground.

**Land behind Town Furlong:** Cllr. Sacha had also discussed with Mr. Colegrave the possible sale or lease of part of this land for informal recreation and conservation. As such, he had agreed that grazing would be incompatible with this use. This matter would be discussed further with the Environment Committee. Mr. Colegrave had also stated that he wished to continue with wildlife benefits in connection with Government grants and may open up more footpath access in this area.

**Date of next mtg.:** Wed. 14 March 2018, 7.15 p.m. – Sor Brook Rm, Bodicote House.

## 7. REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

**Cty. Cllr. Fatemian:**

**Problems caused by works to traffic lights** in Deddington, Adderbury and at Hopcrofts Holt, which had led to traffic hold-ups, had now been resolved.

**Waste at Ardley:** The millionth tonne had been processed and converted to energy.

**Demise of Carrillion:** OCC had already been bringing all contracts back in-house.

**Packed lunches:** 500 had been purchased in case of need and were gradually being handed out to charities.

**Request for 30 mph speed limit on the Oxford Rd.:** He advised that this would cost approx. £5,000, which could be shared with Banbury Town Council. However, both OCC and the Police must agree there is a case for this. He would advise further. He would also investigate the provision of the proposed toucan crossing on the Oxford Road.

**Horton Hospital – Judicial Review:** This had not been upheld, but the Health & Scrutiny Committee had referred the matter to the Secretary of State, who had now referred this to an Independent Review Panel.

**Dist. Cllr. Mrs Heath:** Contributed during the meeting.

**Dist. Cllr. Bishop:** He was monitoring the parking situation at the access road off the Oxford Road, near JayBee Motors.

**Dist. Cllr. McHugh:** He had attended the Judicial Review re the Horton Hospital. He had sent the Parish Council a report on options for primary care in the Banbury area and now gave an update: The Banbury Health Centre would continue and there would be a merger between Woodlands and West Bar. He would keep Council informed regarding a possible consultation on the wider concerns re health provision in Banbury. There was currently an embargo on people moving between surgeries, unless there was a familial or close relationship. He stated that one of the main problems was that there were no GPs coming through the system.

## **8. DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2017-18**

The Clerk, working with the Chair and Vice Chair, had produced a draft budget and precept, which had been circulated together with accompanying notes. After some discussion, **IT WAS RESOLVED** unanimously to request the amount of £30,094 (a precept of £33.62 per Band D household, which represented an increase below the November RPI% of 3.9%). The previous year's precept had been £32.64.

**IT WAS RESOLVED (1 abstention) to make the following transfers to the Special Account:-**

£500 for Churchyard walls maintenance

£50 for War Memorial maintenance (from coins donation)

£1000 for possible land purchase

£5000 for Weeping Cross memorial

£500 for maintenance/insurance of gym equipment

**IT WAS RESOLVED to make the following transfer from the Special Account:-**

£240 – refurbished bins and seats

**IT WAS RESOLVED to make the following payments:-**

£100 to the Editor of the Newsletter, to be divided between the main volunteers

£50 to be paid for archive storage in Church House

**NS&I account** – signatories were required to fill in a form, which was duly completed by Cllrs. Mrs. Washburn, Buttler, Mrs. Christer and Sacha.

**Requests for donations** would be dealt with at the February Council meeting. All organisations to whom Council regularly made donations would be asked to write in, with a copy of their accounts, if they wished to request a donation.

**Clerk's gratuity:** The Clerk would seek guidance re the exact formula and amount to which she is entitled.

## **9. THE WAY FORWARD WITH DISSEMINATING NEWS TO BODICOTE RESIDENTS NOW BODNEWS HAD BEEN DISCONTINUED**

The meeting with the Village Correspondent would be arranged as soon as possible. The Council's website, the Bodicote Community Noticeboard Facebook page and the village notice boards would continue to be available.

**10. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON 25 APRIL**

As discussed under item 5, Mathew Parry from CDC would be invited to the AGM, to explain the most important implications of the Inspector’s decision to uphold Gladman’s Appeal.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

The attached list of correspondence for January had been previously circulated.

- Items 1-4: Noted or dealt with.
- Item 5: To be considered at the February Council meeting.
- Items 6-7: Noted or dealt with.
- Item 8: To be considered at the February Council meeting.
- Items 9-21: Noted or dealt with.
- Item 22: Training re GDPR – on hold, to be discussed with the new Clerk.

**12. PAYMENTS**

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the attached list of payments for January (totalling £1148.68) be approved. This included payment for 20 additional hours for the Clerk during November, December and part of January.

**13. MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:**

- (a) **Date of next meeting:** Moved to Wed. 28 February, 7.15 p.m. in Church House.

**14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – NEW CLERK**

As there were no members of the Press or the public present, it was not necessary to pass a Resolution to exclude them.

The Chairman reported that interviews had been held and the job offered to and accepted by Ms. Corinne Hill, on a 3 month trial basis from 1 April 2018.

The full terms of the contract remained to be agreed: Salary; days, times & hours of work; laptop specification required; possible work mobile phone; contributions towards travel and cost of phone & internet.

*There being no further business, the meeting closed at approx. 10 p.m.*

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Chairman

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Date