
PARISH NEWS

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BONFIRE AND Fireworks **SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER** **Watermeadows from 6.30pm**

SEE FLYER ENCLOSED FOR FULL DETAILS

OTHER FUND RAISING NEWS

Events Fund

The Council has established this as a perpetual fund to benefit from bank interest, receive proceeds, provide advance payments when needed and make donations to parochial causes

Lower Heyford Feast 01Sep07

The Council was delighted that this late alternative to the traditional fete managed to net the very respectable sum of £823.73 and thanks are due to everyone who took part

Table Top Sale 03Nov07

ALSO SEE FLYER ENCLOSED FOR FULL DETAILS

Please support this precursor to the Bonfire and Fireworks event – Village Hall 10am to 3pm

Christmas Carols - Friday 14Dec07

In the Market Square starting at 7.30pm. The Bletchington Silver Band will play for an hour and there will be mince pies and mulled wine – the Church will be open too to enable access to the crib within

Village Hall

Sale

The proprietors of The Caterpillar Montessori School, Chiswick, wish to establish such a school on the site and the Trustees have invited a formal offer in view of the perceived benefit to the Beneficiaries, that is the residents of the parish. However, time is of the essence and if a sale cannot be completed reasonably quickly, the Trustees will revert to Jehovah's Witnesses, who have retained their interest, at least for the time being.

Relocation

The Council's Village Hall Relocation Committee has met and whilst what can be achieved before the sale is completed is limited, attention has been given to the outcome of the public consultation (*available from the Clerk on request*), the question of access (*see also Synopsis from Minutes overleaf*) and the possibilities offered by a wooden building such as those community buildings at Great Tew and Little Milton.

Replacement of Station Road Railway Bridge

The work is due to commence next month, but it has not proved possible to obtain any precise information in this respect.

In the meantime, answers have been obtained to the questions outstanding from the Parish Meeting earlier this year:

Network Rail has agreed that the location of the temporary footbridge will be changed from the south side, as proposed, to the north side.

Otherwise, it has been ascertained from OCC that transport arrangements for pupils attending Tackley and Steeple Aston Schools will not be possible to provide; works in the vicinity to take advantage of situation are agreed in so far as this may be possible and the request to widen the breadth of the footway across the bridge is not to be pursued

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF 20SEP07

Heyford Park – Noted from NOC exhibition that long awaited development planning application was due to be submitted 28Sep07 and that inclusion of existing QEK parking area was contrary to policy (*CDC does now have the planning application, but it will not be registered until it has been thoroughly checked for compliance with requirements of relevant regs*)

Affordable housing for Lower Heyford* – Noted the interested parties were to get together to attempt to find an acceptable alternative access to the Valley view site and that if this is achieved, the same access could possibly be used for the new village hall (*see 'Relocation' overleaf*)

King George's Field – Resolved to require a 'lift and shift' agreement from Scottish & Southern Electric, lest their plan to place underground the present overhead electricity lines should interfere with the affordable housing/new village hall plans

Heyford Station (1) Improvement scheme* - Noted: Improvement works and markings to Station approach and junction; vehicle impact fenders on either side of electricity pole in car park; leaflet dispensers installed and additional cycle parking stands provided (2) Community Adoption scheme* – Noted that inaugural meeting held and name 'Friends of Heyford Station' adopted

Public footpath to Steeple Aston – Noted that Council's project, in co-operation with OCC and the landowner, to replace the side pedestrian gate of the access by The Mill with a new kissing gate duly completed

Station Road speeding* – Noted with displeasure that the deferred OCC speed data survey to establish case had ultimately been denied and agreed to take OCC's advice to approach TVP's Roads Policing Officer (OCC funded post) (*Which has borne fruit in the form of a number of enforcement exercises*)

Weight limit for Station Road Bridge after replacement* – Noted that OCC had advised they were not yet in a position to process the scheduled weight limit for the B4030 from Enstone to Hopcroft's Holt, at which time extension eastwards (which would achieve the stated aim) would be considered

Crime and Disorder – Telephone kiosk, Freehold Street – Noted for the record that 2 large panes (replaced) and 3 of the small vertical side panes (awaiting replacement) had been smashed

Planning matters – Outcomes noted as follows: Caulcott Farm-appeals against refusals of planning consent for cutting and bagging of timber logs (06/01806/F) and consequent Enforcement Order – both refused, though period for compliance increased from 3 to 6 months (now from 21Aug07); 86, Freehold Street-appeals against refusal of planning and listed building consents to demolish single storey extension and outbuilding and erection of two storey dwelling and change of use of covenanted land from agricultural to residential – both refused, save for the change of use granted as requested; 07/01105/F (1, Valley View-single storey extension to side progressing to double storey to rear-resubmission of 06/01349/F – withdrawn by applicant; 07/01151/LB and 07/01391/F (Horse and Groom, Caulcott-replacement thatch roof, removal of porch, replacement of corrugated and thatched lean-to roofs with slate, block up door to north elevation and new oil burner to east elevation) (*shaded entries refer to the Listed Building application only*) – both approved subject to conditions

Tourism – Agreed to register the whole parish with Screen South (UK Film Council) as a potential filming location

*** Indicates matter arising from previous issue**

The aim in this synopsis is to publicise just those items considered to be of greatest public interest, which have not been covered elsewhere in this publication, within the available space – full copies of the Minutes may be purchased in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (10p per sheet) by arrangement with the Clerk or may be inspected (shortly) on the notice-board inside the church porch or may be accessed via the Council's website www.lowerheyford-pc.gov.uk - It should be noted that Minutes remain 'draft' until such time as they have been approved by the Council

Rebuilding Biodiversity

Mr Tom Butterworth of the Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Foundation is to address the Council on this subject at its next meeting on 15th November, principally to assist the Council in fulfilling its obligation in this respect under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. However, members of the public are welcome to attend for this talk, which will be at the top of the agenda and no offence will be taken if you wish to leave immediately after!

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE ON THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM
THE NEXT EDITION OF PARISH NEWS WILL BE DECEMBER 2007

Theft of Road Signs

Many road signs have been stolen recently for their scrap value, both in Oxfordshire and elsewhere. The favoured targets have been chevrons and, for whatever reason, 'Give Way' signs. Lower Heyford parish has not been immune from this thievery, with the 'Give Way' at the Junction of Greenway and the Kirtlington road having disappeared one night and has subsequently been replaced by a carbon fibre sign, which OCC says has no scrap value