
PARISH NEWS

News from Lower Heyford Parish Council -- Number 73 -- JUNE 2007

YOUR NEW PARISH COUNCIL

Robin Hepworth (Chairman)*	- Garden House, Station Road	- 347460
Denise Ball	- 6 Greenway, Caulcott	- 343364
David Dare†	- Heyford Wharf Flat, Station Road	- 340348
Peter John	- Leathes Cottage, Station Road	- 347035
Paul McLaughlin†	- Old School House, Market Square	- 349942
James Macnamara	- Heyford Manor, Church Lane	- 340109
Graham Morley	- 4 Knapton's Croft	- 340871

* Vice-Chairman to be elected at 19Jul07 meeting

† Co-opted at 17May07 meeting

The Clerk is Roger Bowen (340406) and the Council's email address is rogerbowen@lowerheyford-pc.gov.uk

Railway Bridge Replacement

There has been controversy about the **colour** of the new bridge with those supporting Network Rail's original proposal of blue and those calling for this to be changed to green falling roughly into equally supported camps. OCC subsequently put forward their suggestion of **black** and the Council has resolved to accept this compromise.

Kidlington Lynx

OCC and CDC have approved the conversion of this Tuesdays only community minibus service to Bicester to Dial-a-Ride. The last day of operation will be Tuesday 26th June and thereafter those who qualify, that is, those with disabilities or mobility impairments, will be able dial a ride by phoning 01869-320132 for the new service on **Thursdays** commencing on 5th July. Bookings should be made the day before between 10.30 and 12.30 hours and departures between 09.00 and 17.00 hours may be requested.

Sunday Trains

These are now operational as follows until 9th September and local support will be appreciated
The future of the Sunday service depends upon getting it on a to a sound financial footing

09.52	13.52	16.52		Oxford		11.08	15.08	18.08
10.06	14.05	17.05	↓	Heyford	↑	10.54	14.54	17.54
10.21	14.19	17.19		Banbury		10.40	14.40	17.40

Valley News

The Council is concerned at the lack of parochial input and has appointed local correspondents as follows to make it easier for residents to submit articles. Please support the Valley News and help to raise the profile of both Caulcott and Lower Heyford within the magazine. Your material for inclusion can be delivered to:
Caulcott – Denise Ball, 6, Greenway
Lower Heyford – Alan Humberstone, Hayston Barn, Market Square

Glass Recycling

There are now bottle banks at Heyford Wharf, which the management has kindly agreed may be used by residents.

RoW Improvement Fund

The Council has established this with the grant money received from OCC for installing steps into the bank to improve the access to Footpath 11 and would be pleased to receive suggestions in respect of any improvements which could be made to the rights of way in the parish.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 31st MAY07

The Meeting was attended by a total of 30 electors as well as Cllrs Tim Hall-church (OCC) and Luke Annaly (CDC) and the following matters arising are to be considered by the Council at its meeting on 19th July:

- Speeding on Station Road*
- Weight limit for Station Road rail bridge after replacement?*
- Sale of Village Hall - continuing support for VH Trustees?
- Parish fete and fireworks - with a view to these events taking place again this year*
- Increased financial support for the Church?

* Indicates matters already on the Council's agenda

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF 17MAY07

Canalside notice-board – Noted that 2 matching boards (BW and LHPC) duly installed by British Waterways (*donated by CDC as a part of the scheme to improve Heyford Station and its environs*)

Heyford Station - Noted that Oxford Canal Line logo added to all 'Heyford' station name signs and that improvements are to be made to the Station Approach signage and junction markings

Audit 2006/7 – Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement duly signed by Chairman and counter-signed by Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (*for audit first by Internal and then External Auditors*)

Free Resource – Noted that amount per elector for 2007/8 is £5.64 (*limit on expenditure in the interests of the Parish, but for which there is no statutory power*)

Station Road speeding* - Noted that referred to the OCC Speed Management Strategy Team, who are arranging a speed data survey with the intention of establishing a case for Police enforcement

Planning appeals by D. R. Jones and Son of Caulcott Farm against both refusal of consent for change of use permission for cutting and bagging of timber logs on the farm (06/01806/F) and the consequent enforcement action* – Noted that appeal Hearing to be held at Bodicote House on 14Aug07 and that anybody may attend and speak

Planning applications – CDC decisions noted as follows: 07/00342/LB (Heyford Manor-installation of satellite dish - Approved; 07/00472/TCA (Station House-fell Leylandii hedge on boundary and adjacent to house – Approved; 07/00516/F (land adjacent to Greenway View, Caulcott-2 dwellings) – Refused; 07/00517/F (Caulcott Farm land, Greenway, Caulcott - relocation of woodyard, including new building, security fence, landscaping and access) – Refused; and 07/00561/F (May House, Station Road-extensive tree works) – Approved

Crime and Disorder – The following were noted for the record: 1. Bus shelter (a) graffiti carved into paintwork of seat (b) Perspex cover of timetable display case destroyed (*yet again*) (c) roof extensively damaged and torn off slates carefully smashed 2. Recycling site (a) Paper bank daubed with thick black graffiti and right hand roof section stoved in (*yet again*) (b) 'No Tipping' sign on back of bus shelter destroyed 3. Other (a) 5 concrete underground service marker posts uprooted (b) 'Freehold Street' nameplate damaged with plate being torn from its stand (***Most of these incidents took place on the weekend of Saturday 12th May and any information would be appreciated***) * 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 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

Annual Report 2006/7

A copy has been attached to this newsletter and updates reflecting events since 1st April follow:

- ❖ King George's Field – the Charity Commission has ruled that the 1975 Lease to Trustees created a valid charitable trust, but the proposed new Constitution cannot be implemented until the question of a merger with the Village Hall Charity has been settled
- ❖ Heyford Station – FGW has launched their Community Adoption scheme and **volunteers to take join the proposed adoption group are needed**
- ❖ Village Hall sale – the release of the covenant turned out in fact to be variation, with purchasers Jehovah's Witnesses to be similarly subject to covenant, which they are not prepared to accept. They would accept a covenant permitting the premises to be sold on for any D1 planning use (basically non-residential community buildings) and this has been put to Corpus Christi's solicitors
- ❖ Quality Parish Council – unable to proceed as required 80% mandate (ie election nominations in respect of at least 80% of total complement) was not obtained