

Notice of
Meeting of the Parish Council on

Wednesday 12th January 2005

at 20:00 h
in
The Village Hall

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Matters arising
5. Current tasks
 - Play wall/area
 - RAF
 - State of roads
6. Planning
7. District Councillors Reports
8. Correspondence
9. Accounts & administration
10. Any other business
11. Next meeting – 9th February 2005 8pm

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Minutes of a meeting of Parish Councillors
held on
Wednesday 8th December 2004

Present	Neil Blake (NB)	Dee Rosier (DR)
	Brian Benson (BB)	John Lockyer (JL)
	Sue Hill (SH)	

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| 1. Apologies – Sue Pryce Jones (SPJ), Peter Lemaire (PL) | |
| 2. Declaration of interests – none | |
| 3. Minutes – Agreed with minor change | |
| 4. Matters arising – | |
| Tasks outstanding from previous meetings: | |
| <u>June meeting</u> | |
| • Parking – SH to follow up as Police had not been in contact. | |
| <u>August meeting</u> | |
| • Football – Sean Leach a representative from the Benson Boys & Girls Football attended the meeting. A cheque for £220 had been received by Council for usage up until the end of December 2004. JL/SH would invoice on a bimonthly basis in future. Sean thanked Council for allowing use of the facility and asked that fees be kept reasonable to allow them to keep their charges down. He offered to work with Council when applying for grants in future as they represented quite a large user group of junior sport. He agreed to make every effort to reduce parking problems. The pavilion upgrade was discussed so that the Football team was aware of changes and the effects. | |
| <u>October meeting</u> | |
| • Community Safety Wardens – BB to write an article in next Ewelme News. Deadline 13 th December. | BB |
| <u>November meeting</u> | |
| • SH to ask Paul Wyatt to spread out gravel in car park. | SH |
| • Roads – SH to thank Steve Wood for his input and to ask him for results of speed survey. | SH |
| • Footbridge on Benson path – SC awaiting a response. | SC |
| • Quotes for cutting new churchyard – SH to get 3 quotes by end of March. | SH |
| • Emergency responder – SC had contacted Health Scrutiny Committee. It was generally felt that more research was needed into the situation before seeking a resolution. SH had received an email from Berrick Salome PC querying our feelings on this matter. NB asked that SC approach SODC to see if they could look into the matter rather than all of the relevant Parish Councils all doing it. It was felt that this was a public safety issue and clarification of the full out of hours service was needed. It was decided that information on finding properties should be sent to the Ambulance service with a request that it be passed onto responders. | SC |
| • Village Hall – Council had found that there was a limit to the amount of S137 payments that could be made and they had reached this for | |

- 2004/5. The request should be decided in the next financial year. **NB**
 - Council agreed to pay DR £10 for her filing cabinet for safe storage of information. NB also had a free filing cabinet which could also be used.
 - Pavement obstruction – SH to send letter concerning logs at no. 3 The Terrace. JL asked that something be done about the BT pole and post box in the pavement along the High Street. SH to contact BT re pole and the Post Office re the post box in the middle of pavement asking if they could be made more visible in the dark. **SH**
 - Erosion of verges – Council agreed to discourage people from doing this. For Burrows Hill it was felt necessary to put short, white posts in. Should be to County Highways specifications. SH to contact OCC. **SH**
 - Martyn’s Way – parking has become out of hand with several residents complaining to the council. SH to check that OCC own the verges and to see what they recommend. **SH**
6. **Current tasks –**
- RAF** – Councillors welcomed the new Commanding Officer, Group Captain Duncan Welham. NB had written to Carl Dixon thanking him for his work and had invited both of them to an informal meeting. SH to email RAF re text for Ewelme News. **SH**
- State of roads** – Cat Lane still awaiting action from OCC. SH chasing. **SH**
- Play area/play wall** – RW was checking out goals. The local lads had told him they were going to write to Council to let them know their requirements. Postpone decisions to January. SH to inform SODC that the consultation process was taking longer than expected and that we planned to complete by May 2005. **SH**
7. **Planning –**
- Land between Loretto & Cottesbrooke** - Change of use from agricultural to domestic (garden). SODC refused permission.
- 2 Whitehouse lodge, Brightwell Baldwin** - Construction of an outdoor swimming pool. Withdrawn.
- (Ex) Post Office, Ewelme** - Change of use from commercial to residential. Withdrawn.
- Gould’s Grove Farm Buildings** – (applied for in 2002) Demolition of modern buildings, creation of new access, car parking, refurbishment of existing barn and outbuildings, change of use to B1. Permission granted by SODC.
- 11, Martyn’s Way** – Erection of a single storey timber garage. Councillors approved.
8. **District Councillors’ Reports –**
- Sue Cooper (SC) –**
- Council tax – government grant towards SODC expenditure larger than expected.
- Street cleaning contract up for renewal – SC had discovered that rural areas and small villages are only cleaned on demand. She recommended that Council call Public Amenities if areas need cleaning.
9. **Correspondence -**
- Boris Johnson – Had written on our behalf to the Strategic Director for Planning re enforcement issues.
 - Adams Holmes Associates – Proposed radio base station at Ewelme – Council had discussed outside meetings and SH had written with a proposal to them.
 - Ponds Conservation Trust – Letter encouraging Council to join

- the Ponds for People Project at no charge. Council agreed to join and also to ask Rod D'Ayala to give a talk on ponds at a separate event. SH to arrange. **SH**
- Paul Stillaway – Martyn's Way parking issues. Dealt with above.
- 10. Accounts & Administration –**
- Invoices paid: Greenbarnes for notice board (£768.26), Clerk wages (£187.50), Roy Troth for grass cutting/leaf clearing (£60), DR for filing cabinet (£10).
- Payments received: £220 from Benson Football
- Statement of finances – SH provided all councillors with a current statement of finances.
- Precept – After looking at the finances DR proposed that the precept should be raised so that Council tax increases in line with inflation. BB seconded. Motion was carried in principle subject to not reducing the tax base. SH to check what the appropriate rate of inflation is and whether the tax base has changed much. **SH**
- 11. Any other business –**
- Football – SH to keep an eye on water and electricity costs to make sure usage does not exceed the fee charged for use of the facilities.
 - DR said that the leaf clearing had helped around the bus stop; however, councillors agreed that next time it was done, a larger area should be cleared. SH to liaise with contractor. **SH**
 - Road surface between Ewelme and Benson – issues with raised about the road.
 - Parking at the bottom of Burrows Hill – Councillors to try and find out who parks there as it was causing a hazard.
 - Litter pick – SH to write to Martin Spence thanking him for organizing the litter pick, which was felt to have been successful. **SH**
- 12.** Meeting ended at 9.50pm
- 13.** Date of next meeting – 12th January 2005 at 8pm in the Village Hall