

Notice of
Meeting of the Parish Council on

Wednesday 9th March 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 – 13th April 2005 8pm

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Minutes of a meeting of Parish Councillors

held on

Wednesday 9th February 2005

Present Neil Blake (NB) Dee Rosier (DR)
Brian Benson (BB) Sue Pryce Jones (SPJ)
Peter Lemaire (PL)
Sue Hill (SH)

	Details	Action
1.	Apologies – none	
2.	Declaration of interests – none	
3.	Minutes – Agreed	
4.	Matters arising – Tasks outstanding from previous meetings: <u>June meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parking – Geoff Gibson had agreed to meet with Councillors. <u>November meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Footbridge on Benson path – SC awaiting a response.• Quotes for cutting new churchyard – SH had had one quote for £130 per cut, another quote expected shortly. Councillors agreed to wait until Monday for the other quote, if no other overriding reasons then go with the initial quote.• Erosion of verges – SH had a quote for putting posts in. SH to check with OCC that they were happy with our plans. BB asked what the rules were re verges as other people were experiencing problems.• Martyn’s Way – SH had a quote for doing this, needs OCC authority on implementation details to proceed.• Grundons lorries in Prospect Lane – PL to raise at liaison meeting.• Orange mast – no further official action required at moment. Several letters had been received from residents expressing concern. These will be passed on with planning forms if/when any planning applications are made.• Planning enforcement issues – NB to meet with Marie Ainsworth, SODC.• Tree guards (9th hole) near Ewelme Down Farm – Councillors agreed to have a walk round and do it themselves. SH to arrange for a Saturday.• Wayleaves – NB signed an agreement for a one time fee of £125 for 1 BT pole on Parish Council land. NB to proceed with other poles (7 or 8 more on Parish Council land).	SH SC SH SH SH SH SH PL SH NB
6.	Current tasks – RAF – Meeting of NB with the new CO was valuable and constructive. New playschool on the camp open to all. CO and NB want to encourage more social interaction with the village, for personnel and families. SPJ suggested that we ensure that the RAF is invited to village events. There have been very few complaints about overflying and hanging loads. BB informed Council that there were great pressures on the crews as training grounds were limited and they need training before going out to hostile zones. All agreed that residents should be supportive, but that we should pass on ‘reminders’ if really necessary so that we don’t create a precedent for	BB

normal times in the future. BB to write an article for Ewelme News.

State of roads – SH had emailed OCC with lists of outstanding issues and had received a lukewarm response. NB to arrange a meeting with OCC. Brian Orpwood queried repairs to road between Ewelme and Benson. SH to write to Tony Crabbe (CC Sue Cooper and Felix Bloomfield). BB also queried use of kerb sets rather than kerb stones.

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Play area/play wall – A quote of £4130 + VAT had been received for making a football/basketball area at the back of the common. After much discussion NB outlined the agreed plan: Remove some of the bank behind where the existing goal is; landscape the rest of the bank to slope down more steeply; build a low retaining timber wall which can also act as a seat; lay matting to prevent grass wear 10m x 10m area as far back as possible; have a basket ball net and a non-removable 5-aside football goal in the area; take the old goal down (no longer complies with safety requirements); have some form of shelter over part of the wall for those sitting. Councillors agreed to accept this quote unless a further quote that had been requested came in before the weekend. SH to liaise with contractor and to order equipment.

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DR reported that kids had been seen on the roofs of the play area (with parents watching!), but it was felt that there wasn't really anything Council could do to prevent this.

7. **Planning –**

Lower Farm (adj to Fields End), Parsons Lane – Listed building consent. Creation of two new dwellings by conversion of a disused barn and refurbishment of another barn on the same site, and associated landscaping. Councillors approved

Nuffield Parish – new road name – now called Old Henley Road. For info. **2, Whitehouse Lodge, Brightwell Baldwin** - Retrospective change of use from agricultural land to garden. Used as a garden by previous owner in 2000. SODC granted permission.

High House – Erection of first floor rear extension. Councillors had no strong views.

The Little House, High Street – Single and two storey rear extensions. Councillors decided that District Council should be left to make this decision, so voted no strong views.

8. **District Councillors' Reports –**

None.

9. **Correspondence -**

- SODC – Easter activities programme for info
- Royal Mail – response re query about safety highlighting post box in the middle of pavement in High Street. Not possible to do. DR requested that SH contact the Post Office re putting the top back on the post box by the Village Hall.
- SODC - precept confirmation
- SODC – environmental improvement grants. Subject to OCC guidance, SH to apply for a grant for verge erosion prevention measures around the village. BB suggested that we explore parking space for the village hall next year.
- Lisa Holmes – letter expressing concern about Orange mast – NB had replied.
- Patricia Scott - letter expressing concern about Orange mast – NB had replied.
- Cynthia Winfield - letter expressing concern about Orange mast – NB had replied.

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SH to file all for later use if required.

- Office of Deputy Prime Minister – Freedom of Information Act 2000. For info.

Invitation to meetings: none

Consultation papers:

- Countryside Agency – Criteria for undertaking a review of National Park area or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. For info
- OCC – Transport Networks review. For info
- OCC – Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan. NB felt that this should be circulated to all Councillors who should comment on it. Response needed by 29th April. SH to circulate.
- SODC – South East Plan. DR to study and attend meeting if possible.

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10. Accounts & Administration –

Invoices paid between meetings: Southern Electric (£42.64), Thames Water (£21.45).

Invoices paid at meeting: Colourplus (£213.85), Clerk wages (£187.50)

Statement of finances – SH provided all councillors with a current statement of finances.

Payments in: Adverts for the next years Ewelme News (£252)

Invoices for Ewelme News advertising had been sent out.

11. Any other business –

- A resident complained about notices displayed outside the Shepherd's Hut looking messy. Councillors felt that although they agreed that such notices should be kept unobtrusive, there was also a need for the pub to build up trade to remain a viable business. BB to write an article for Ewelme News encouraging residents to use local facilities to prevent losing them.
- Vernon Miners had done some maintenance work on the outflow from King's Pool at the request of the Clerk. He had also mended the paving slabs in the bus shelter.
- Geoff Gibson had said try to make this meeting, but had not been able to. SH to arrange another date.

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12. Meeting ended at 9.15pm

13. Date of next meeting – 9th March 2005 at 8pm in the Village Hall