

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting**  
held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008

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| <b>Present</b> | Peter Lemaire (PL), Chair<br>Paul Humphrey (PH) | Vernon Miners (VM)<br>Melissa Fletcher (MF) | David Cooper (DC)<br>Sue Hill (SH) |
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- 35. Apologies** – Theresa Redgewell (TR)
- 36. Declarations of interest** – None
- 37. Minutes of last meeting** –  
RESOLVED – All agreed they were an accurate representation.
- 38. Matters arising** – to be reported under relevant sections.
- (a) Anti vandal paint - **SH**  
RESOLVED – SH to purchase as agreed.
- 39. RAF** – TR had agreed to email councillors with her report  
RESOLVED – all noted and agreed.  
TR had asked what Council could offer towards the event on Aug 4<sup>th</sup> **SH**  
RESOLVED – all agreed council could promote the event. SH to liaise with TR about poster text and produce posters.
- 40. State of roads/Buses** –  
Grips along the brook need clearing to help with drainage off the road.  
RESOLVED – SH to ask Barry Rosier to clear them. **SH**  
A resident complained about the bus service to Hampden Way.  
RESOLVED – Noted. Next timetable assessment would be in 5 years time.
- 41. Play area/pavilion**  
VM reported that the cricketers had done many of the jobs that had been discussed. He queried where the matting had been moved to.  
RESOLVED – Noted. SH to enquire about matting. **SH**  
MF proposed that more bark chippings be put down in the play area.  
RESOLVED – SH to get quotes and seek advice from OPFA. **SH**  
Councillors discussed the keys to the pavilion.  
RESOLVED – leave situation as is for moment. John Critchley to be given the spare key. **VM**
- 42. Car park** –  
MF awaiting response from Martin Spence.  
RESOLVED – MF to follow up. **MF**
- 43. Parish Plan** –  
RESOLVED – Councillors to send comments on parish plan to Brian Smailes (copy to SH) **ALL**
- 44. Health & Safety** – None
- 45. Watercress Beds** –  
VM reported that John Taylor was temporarily standing in to implement the new approved plan. VM wishes to encourage villagers to be involved in the Watercress Beds to make the new plan work.  
Green Gym was to work on King’s Pool on 26<sup>th</sup> July. VM proposed that a large skip be hired from Grundons.  
RESOLVED – All agreed that VM ask Grundons to donate a skip, but if necessary pay for one. **VM**  
RESOLVED – VM to put up a notice to encourage locals to help clearing the pool. **VM**

- 46. Planning -**  
The Hermitage – Second amended plans. Councillors felt that the proposed plan would still dominate, was out of proportion and character. Councillors felt that none of the issues raised had been satisfactorily addressed and that the application should still be refused.  
RESOLVED – all agreed.
- 47. County/District Councillor’s report –**  
Tony Crabbe – Reported changes due to John Howell’s election. Have created a new role to look after the major communities in the county.  
Sue Cooper – apologies sent.
- 48. Correspondence –**  
*Councillors informed ahead of meeting items:* None.  
  
*Items discussed under relevant sections:* None  
  
*Items for discussion:* None  
MF proposed that a grant be applied for so that the styles on the common could be replaced with swing gates.  
RESOLVED – All agreed, MF to follow up. **MF**
- Consultations:* Oxfordshire Partnership – Oxfordshire 2030 **ALL**
- 49. Accounts & Administration –**  
(a) New income and expenditure, cheques signed as per the form attached to minutes for councillors.  
RESOLVED - All invoices paid to date.  
(b) SH presented the monthly financial report.  
RESOLVED – report noted.  
(c) Risk Assessment.  
RESOLVED – All approved.  
(d) Project money – PH proposed that this be put on the next agenda for ideas. **SH**
- 50. Other issues raised for possible future discussion –**  
(a) DC reported that Benson PC had been offered free trees. SH confirmed council had not received details. Free trees could be used by the watercress beds and at the end of the common. **SH**  
RESOLVED – SH to follow up  
(b) VM questioned whether the school were still interested in keeping the war shrine tidy.  
RESOLVED – SH to contact school. **SH**  
(c) A resident questioned whether planning permission was needed for the new smoking shelter at the pub.  
RESOLVED – SH to enquire. **SH**  
(d) Affordable housing – seemed to have not been covered by the parish plan.  
RESOLVED – SH to put on agenda. **SH**
- Signed: (Chairman)

Date:

Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2008** at 7.30pm, Village Hall