

Notice of  
Meeting of the Parish Council on

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

**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
  - RAF
  - Play area/pavilion – decisions on the way forward
  - State of roads –SID trial
  - Housing needs
  - Parish plan
  - Health & Safety
6. Planning – The Old Rectory, Oakley Wood Civic Amenities site
7. District/County Councillors Reports
8. Correspondence
9. Accounts & administration
10. New items of interest
11. Next meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2006 8pm

Parish Clerk ( phone 01491 837441



- **Speeding-** SH had progressed the mobile SID loan. Due to insurance restrictions the SID would be on trial during September for 4-6 weeks. SH to draw up list of volunteers to man the SID, all to attend a training session. SH to draw up list of sites where it will be used. **SH**
- **Other highway issues** – lorries and buses were still using Prospect Lane/The Pytles (spelling to be researched). SH had reported to Grundons. SH to do a 6-month review of the road report done by TC. Re surfacing of Clack's Lane was discussed although it was felt that nothing would really happen until the Grundons planning application was sorted out.

**Affordable Housing** – Suzanne Willers had resigned. JL was concerned that all of the statements made would be upheld by the new person. Replacement to join after a few weeks. SODC had been in touch and would arrange to come to a council meeting when the new person was in position. **SH**

**Parish plan** – Application to be done in August/September **NB**

**Play area/pavilion** – SH to contact Barry Rosier and Richard Winfield re their intentions for next season. Meeting about management of play area/pavilion on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 7.30, Reading Room. SH to bring accounts. NB proposed purchase of new bucket seats for swings. DR seconded, all agreed. SH to get quotes. **SH**

**Health and safety** – Several odd jobs around the village had been done.

## 6. **Planning** –

**The Hyde** – Three garden huts and one tennis hut built in the garden. Application for certificate of lawful development. Approved

**Little House, High St** - Planning permission and listed building consent for: Removal of existing porch and front door leaf. Repair crack in wall. Construction of new porch and fitting of new door leaf. Construction of new picket fence and gate. Granted by SODC with conditions

**Manor Cottage** - Conversion of single dwelling to provide two dwellings and provision of a new access drive and parking/turning area. DR abstained from the conversation. SPJ had asked (via email) how this fitted with plans for affordable housing. All agreed that although it was an extra resource, there was no effect on affordable housing as it would be let at market rate. Councillors requested that provision of some off-street parking for the village hall be suggested on the planning form. Mr Gossett queried whether the planned access would allow the Chiltern Society to access their land, but it was felt not. The Ewelme Society was concerned that as a site of historical interest an archaeological report should be prepared before permission is granted. Councillors approved planning application with the proviso that the county archaeologist be contacted and that off road parking for the hall be requested. **SH**

## 7. **District/County Councillors' Reports** –

SC – sent apologies.

TC – Phase 2 of the Wallingford to Benson cycle path would be completed in October; Temporary closure of Shillingford Bridge for repairs. This would include alteration to one traffic lane so that a footpath. Not yet approved; Police meeting had been interesting and the main issues raised were response/visibility of the police, vandalism, antisocial bikes and parking. NB thanked BB and PL for attending the meeting at very short notice; TC is the OCC representative on the Regional Flood Defence Committee

## 8. **Correspondence** -

- ORCC Suzanne Willers informed us of her leaving
- Definitive map of public rights of way. All agreed to select out relevant part, copy and put in Ewelme News. Include Ewelme Down Farm and Huntinglands. **SH/PL**
- Copy of letter allegedly sent to us by SODC in December 2005 re Post Office planning enforcement. Councillors felt that the response was unacceptable. NB to write a response. **NB**
- Carol Sawbridge - Complaints re use of Prospect Lane/The Pytles by

Grundons vehicles. SH had reported to Grundons.

- Paul Wyatt – quotation for completing the play shelter and football area. £430 for tidying up the shelter and wall, which if done would allow council to claim the outstanding £1000 grant. JL and BB objected to doing more work on the shelter as they felt that it wasn't well used, but agreed that it would make sense to do so if it meant the grant could be claimed. NB proposed that we go ahead with completing the work, DR seconded, all agreed. An additional quote for £1890 for matting for the football area was not voted on. SH to put on next agenda. SH to send quote to SODC for approval.
- Thames Valley Police – invite to briefing on collaboration opportunities 21<sup>st</sup> September. Councillors agreed that SH should formally respond regretting that size precluded council from participating.

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Meetings/consultations:

- None

**9. Accounts & Administration –**

Payments in: £nil

Cheques signed at meeting: Southern Electric (£50.26), clerk's wages (£199.21), Colourplus (£326.49), auditor (£47.62), Paul Wyatt (£211.51), Nolay twinning (£200) SH presented the accounts to date to all.

Audit of accounts ending March 2005 was approved by all, form completed and signed, statement of assurance agreed by all.

SH proposed that since the interest rate of the Natwest account was lower (1.2% compared with 4%) than that of Bank of Ireland, then there was no reason to keep the Natwest accounts open. DR seconded. All agreed to transfer monies from the 2 Natwest accounts to the Bank of Ireland deposit account. DR left the meeting early.

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**10. Other issues raised and for possible future discussion –**

- BB reported the first quarter (Apr-Jun) crime figures for Ewelme. There had been 8 crimes reported – 1 violent, 3 burglaries non-dwelling, 1 auto, 1 criminal damage and 2 non-classified. This compared with 370 in Didcot during the same period.
- JL asked how people could apply for the Thames Water refund. Carol Sawbridge had received one, so she would send SH contact details so that others can apply. SH to put on notice board.
- JL reported a problem with the lock on the pavilion door. Also a problem with keys being copied, so it was difficult to keep aware of usage. Councillors agreed that changing the lock should be looked into as well who should have a key. To be raised at 31<sup>st</sup> August meeting for decision.
- PL restated the Chiltern Society's proposal to restructure the management committee so that the only representation for the village would be representatives from the Friends, the Ewelme Society and the Parish Council. With only 3 out of 11 members of the committee, councillors were concerned that village interests would not be looked after. Patrick Gosset said that at the recent Chiltern Soc meeting it had been stated that each organization involved was expected to put their views on the proposed management committee changes in writing, before the September meeting. They plan to have the chairman, 6 people appointed by themselves and then representatives from Parish Council, Ewelme Society, SODC and the Friends. PC is concerned that this is biased in favour of the Chiltern Soc as only 3 of 11 will be villagers. PL suggested that a village meeting be held to Chiltern Society to explain their plans. Councillors agreed.
- Several residents asked about the moving of pigs to the fields by Eyres Lane. SH explained the situation and that the gates were due to be altered because of complaints from the horse riders/bridleways representative.
- JL raised the issue of whether the school should be paying for use of pavilion. This will be discussed at the play area/pavilion meeting.

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11. Meeting ended at 9.55 pm

12. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 8pm, village hall

