

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th September 2008

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| Present | Peter Lemaire, Chair
Paul Humphrey (PH) | Theresa Redgewell (TR)
Sue Hill (SH) | |
| | | Vernon Miners (VM)
Sue Hill (SH) | |
- 69. Apologies** – David Cooper (DC) will be late, Melissa Fletcher (MF)
- 70. Declarations of interest** – None
- 71. Minutes of last meeting** –
RESOLVED – All agreed they were an accurate representation.
- 72. Matters arising** – to be reported under relevant sections.
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| | a) Free trees –
<u>RESOLVED</u> - PH to ask school about a plan of where they want trees and which types. SH to email PH details | | PH/SH |
| | b) Affordable housing
<u>RESOLVED</u> – to go on agenda in future | | |
| | c) RAF – flights
<u>RESOLVED</u> – TR to arrange a date and let councillors know. | | TR |
| | d) Dangerous sign-
<u>RESOLVED</u> – SH to report to OCC | | SH |
| | e) Bushes along Parsons Lane –
<u>RESOLVED</u> – SH to ask Barry to trim | | SH |
- 73. Project Money** –
RESOLVED – All agreed that speeding, village shop, play ground equipment, first aid equipment and hall lighting should go on the list. SH to write to speeding and shop groups on the parish plan to inform them of the possible money available.
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- 74. Telephone boxes** –
Moved to end of meeting when DC was present.
BT was giving communities the option to adopt boxes that were no longer in use.
RESOLVED – councillors had mixed feelings. DC to write an article for Ewelme News to see what villagers felt.
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- 75. RAF** -
Very few complaints at present from the whole area. A complaint made prior to the charity bike racing event resulted in the racing being moved to the far side of the airfield.
RESOLVED – Noted.
- 76. State of Roads/Buses** –
Moved to the end of the meeting when DC was present.
Nothing much to report. Hampden Way path was to be cleared of moss.
RESOLVED – noted
Car Park signs –
RESOLVED – discuss at next meeting. SH to put on agenda
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- 77. Play area/pavillion** –
VM reported that no bookings had been received from the Benson footballers; the pavilion water heater had been mended; the Rospa check had been done with nothing serious noted.
RESOLVED – noted
VM proposed that he move the shelter structure at the back of the sports area to cover one of the benches in the play area.
RESOLVED – all agreed. VM to action.
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- VM proposed that council purchase 2 full size nets for the goals at £50 so that the Ewelme youths can have a full size pitch to play on.
RESOLVED – PL seconded, all agreed. SH/VM to order
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- Small goal to be given to school –
RESOLVED – SH to email school
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- Grass cutting – Barry had indicated that he may not take up the contract next season. VM proposed that council discuss the way forward.
RESOLVED – SH to contact Barry.
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- 78. Common** –
(a) Car park – MF was still awaiting response from Church contact.
RESOLVED – Noted.
(b) Stiles on common – Quotes being sought. SH to meet with OCC footpath

RESOLVED – Noted.

79. **Parish Plan** – Nothing to report

80. **Health & Safety** - Nothing to report

81. **Watercress Beds** – hay had been cut; DC was now the accounts person; new interpretation boards had arrived.

RESOLVED - noted

82. **Planning** –

(a) Manor Cottage (P08/W1033) – Conversion of cottage into two 1-bed flats, new dormers to NW elevation.

RESOLVED – approved

(b) Ewelme No 2 Landfill, Goulds Grove (P08/W0900) – Variation of condition 3 (landscaping) and condition 29 (phasing of development) of planning consent P04/W1169 to allow the relocation of a proposed new weigh bridge facility.

RESOLVED – no strong views

The following application had been approved by SODC:

The Old Post Office P08/0811- Erection of rear porch and store. Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof.

For information - Shepherd's Hut WE08/226 – the planning enforcement officer will visit.

83. **County/District Councillor's reports-**

Tony Crabbe – Hazel & Jefferies enforcement notice to be served; minerals development framework new strategy in progress; OCC encouraging recycling of electrical items – advisors to be at Oakley Wood site on 20th Sept; Exam results have been better than previous years throughout the whole county; new school planned for Didcot.

RESOLVED – TC to send SH information to put on the notice boards re the electrical items recycling.

TC/SH

84. **Correspondence** –

Councillors informed ahead of items not for discussion:

Oxfordshire Nature Conservation forum - Rebuilding Biodiversity Support for Parish Councils – offer of talk, funding for biodiversity report, help and advice

Items discussed under relevant sections: None

Items for discussion:

Air Ambulance – request for donation

RESOLVED – Felt to be a very worthwhile charity, but not directly related to Ewelme by some councillors. VM proposed a £100 donation, PL seconded. Voted 2 for and 2 against. Deferred to next meeting.

RESOLVED – SH to check ruling on Chairman's vote.

Sustainable Wallingford – donation request for cycle leaflet.

RESOLVED – already overspent budget, SH to pass onto village shop committee.

Consultations, Councillors to comment on as they wish:

None

85. **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) Insurance renewal quote was £1431.12

RESOLVED – All approved.

(d) PL proposed that the accounts been done outside the meeting.

RESOLVED – councillors felt that it would be better to move accounts to earlier in the meeting. All agreed

SH

(e) Councillors felt it would be fairer to move the County/District Councillors reports to earlier in the meeting.

RESOLVED - All agreed. SH to email TC/SC

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f) VM proposed that there be a £50 float for small item expenditure made by councillors. PH seconded.

RESOLVED – all agreed, although TR was concerned at the increased amount of work for the clerk.

(a) The village shop people had asked re delivering leaflets to the RAF houses.
RESOLVED – TR to follow up.

TR

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 8th October 2008** at 7.30pm, Village
Hall