

## Minutes of Parish Council meeting

held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008

**Present** Peter Lemaire (PL), Chair Theresa Redgewell (TR) Vernon Miners (VM),  
David Cooper (DC) Melissa Fletcher (MF) Paul Humphrey (PH),  
Sue Hill (SH)

**122. Apologies** – None

**123. Declarations of interest** – None

**124. Minutes of last meeting** –

RESOLVED – All agreed they were an accurate representation.

**125. Matters arising** – to be reported under relevant sections.

(a) RAF – flights and delivering leaflets

RESOLVED – TR to discuss leaflet distribution with RAF

**TR**

(b) Eyres Lane – SH to further discussions about junction warning sign for  
Eyres Close

RESOLVED all agreed

**SH**

(c) car park sign –

RESOLVED - SH to pursue fingerpost and to resend email about alternatives.

**SH**

(d) Extra goal sleeves + nets for large goal –

RESOLVED – VM to find prices

**VM**

(e) Eyes Lane – Ewelme sign no longer had 30mph on it. SH to report.

RESOLVED – noted

**126. Accounts & Administration** –

(a) New income and expenditure reported as per the form attached to minutes.

RESOLVED - All invoices paid to date.

(b) SH presented the new format monthly financial report.

RESOLVED – report noted.

**127. Budget for 2009/10 –**

SH presented the draft budget prepared by the finance team.

(a) Contingency level.

RESOLVED – DC proposed a contingency of around £10,000 would be prudent, PH seconded. All agreed.

(b) Thatch fund.

RESOLVED – TR proposed that a thatch fund be set up and £1,000 each year be put in a new high interest account, VM seconded. All agreed.

(c) Sports ground maintenance.

RESOLVED – All agreed that this would require £3000 in the budget after noting several quotes received.

(d) Clerks salary –

RESOLVED – DC proposed that the clerks salary be based on 9.5h per week at the NALC rate. PL seconded. All agreed.

(e) Training budget.

RESOLVED – PL proposed that £200 be budgeted for so that the clerk could go on an end of year finances course. TR seconded, all agreed.

(f) Legal fees –

RESOLVED – all agreed that £1000 would be sufficient for legal fees to draw up an agreement with the Jays for the land behind the hall.

(g) Donations.

RESOLVED – All agreed with donations and contingency totalling £1750 listed in the budget.

(h) Village Hall.

RESOLVED – All agreed that £1500 each year should be given to the Village Hall Management Committee.

(i) Other expenses –

RESOLVED – all agreed with putting these up by 3% as appropriate. Ewelme News copies to RAF should be checked by TR.

(j) Precept.

RESOLVED – VM proposed that the precept be raised to £13,526 to achieve the results. PL seconded. All agreed. SH to inform SODC.

TR

SH

**128. District Councillor/County Councillor reports –**

Sue Cooper

SC reported that a special cabinet meeting to decide the waste management contract was to take place.

RESOLVED – noted

Tony Crabbe

TC reported on the enforcement process at the Hazel and Jefferies site as a result of it being too intensively used. A site meeting was to be held with an enforcement officer and TC invited a member of Ewelme PC to attend. TC to

let

council know the date.

RESOLVED - noted

TC

- 129. Project expenditure -**
- (a) Donation request  
 PL proposed that the air ambulance vote at the September meeting was invalid as he should have been allowed a casting vote which would have carried the proposed donation. VM proposed a £100 donation to Air Ambulance, PL seconded it. 2 votes for, 3 against, 1 abstained. All agreed to put on hold until SH check whether the September vote should be held.  
RESOLVED – SH to check about the September vote. **SH**
- (b) Pre-school request –  
RESOLVED – all agreed to resubmit the lottery funding request from Parish Council. SH to take forward. **SH**
- (c) Village store –  
RESOLVED – PL proposed council donate £2250 for the chiller cabinet, VM seconded. 3 voted for, 2 against, 1 abstained. Some councillors preferred to give a lump sum without specifying how it was spent. SH to inform Village Store team. **SH**
- (d) Mood lighting for the village hall – PL declared an interest.  
RESOLVED – PH proposed a donation of £500, TR seconded. 5 voted for. SH to inform Village Hall Management Committee. **SH**
- (e) First Aid  
RESOLVED – All agreed it would be more appropriate to encourage organisers of village events to ensure they had appropriate expertise at hand e.g. medical responders, St John’s Ambulance or Red Cross. SH to contact village event organisers when appropriate.
- (f) Speeding  
RESOLVED – MF proposed that £1250 be carried over to next year’s budget for projects such as speeding. All agreed.
- 130. Environmental Policy**  
 SH had circulated a draft environmental policy prior to the meeting.  
RESOLVED – All in favour of accepting the policy without changes.
- 131. RAF –**  
 TR reported that there had been no contact with her RAF counterpart.
- 132. State of roads/bus services –**  
 SH had reported pot holes in Benson Lane.  
 DC reported kerbstones had been removed by Thames Water and left in the verge in Eyres lane opposite the Pytalls. SH to report. **SH**
- 133. Play area/pavilion –**  
 VM reported that the trees donated by SODC had been planted on the common.  
RESOLVED – noted.  
 VM to grease gang mower and move.  
RESOLVED – noted
- 134. Common car park & stiles –**  
 - MF nothing further with the car park extension.  
RESOLVED – noted  
 - MF reported that the stiles grant application had been submitted and would be considered by Trust for Oxfordshire’s Environment in February.  
RESOLVED – noted  
 - MF reported a broken slat in the fence by the top gate leading out onto Rabbit’s Hill. SH to get mended. **SH**
- 135. Parish Plan –** Nothing to report
- 136. Health & Safety –** a resident raised the problem of parked cars/vans opposite the old post office.  
RESOLVED – SH to contact PCSOs. **SH**

**137. Watercress Beds/brook –**

New team was working well, more volunteers were helping. Planted trees donated by SODC and extended the bridge. Following an oil leak from a house in High Street the Environment Agency had put in barriers to prevent contamination.

RESOLVED – noted

VM reported a problem with the bridge to the Manor which goes over the brook.

RESOLVED – SH to write to the Trust.

SH

**138. Planning -**

- Ewelme Down Farm, demolition of redundant agricultural storage buildings. Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to provide 4 residential units, construction of new stables. SODC granted permission with conditions.

RESOLVED - noted

Planning decisions:

None.

**139. Correspondence –**

*Councillors informed ahead of items not for discussion:* None

*Items discussed under relevant sections:* None

*Items for discussion:*

(a) Freedom of Information Scheme

RESOLVED – DC proposed that the new model publication scheme be adopted.

PL seconded. All agreed.

*Consultations, Councillors to comment on as they wish:*

None

**140. Other issues raised for possible future discussion –**

(a) VM reported a successful session clearing the bank in Days Lane. This would be continued in February.

RESOLVED – Noted.

(b) Ewelme News deadline Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009.

RESOLVED - noted

(e) SH gave councillors dates for new year's meetings.

RESOLVED - Noted

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2009** at 7.30pm, Village Hall