

Minutes of Parish Council meeting
held on Wednesday 11th February 2009

Present Peter Lemaire (PL), Chair Paul Humphrey (PH) Vernon Miners (VM),
Theresa Redgewell (TR) Sue Hill (SH)

- 157. Apologies** – David Cooper (DC), Melissa Fletcher (MF)
- 158. Declarations of interest** – PL (Village Hall correspondence), VM (Planning for 1 Lower End)
- 159. Minutes of last meeting** –
RESOLVED – All agreed they were an accurate representation.
- 160. Matters arising** – to be reported under relevant sections.
(a) RAF – flights and delivering leaflets
RESOLVED – TR to discuss leaflet distribution with RAF **TR**
(b) Extra goal sleeves + nets for large goal –
RESOLVED – VM to find prices **VM**
- 161. District Councillor/County Councillor reports** –
None present
- 162. 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 monthly financial report.
RESOLVED – report noted.
(c) SH to arrange meeting of finance team
RESOLVED – all agreed. **SH**
- 163. RAF** –
None
- 164. State of roads/bus services** –
None

- 165. Play area/pavilion –**
 (a) Cutting of the outfield -
 Quote for cutting the outfield £2000 received from cricketers, £2400 from Berinsfield Community group. Quote for cutting bank only of £850 from Barry Rosier.
RESOLVED – SH to get more quotes for cutting the bank.
- (b) Contractor versus volunteers:
 VM had a list of 8 volunteers for mowing the outfield at no cost to the council except for fuel and maintenance costs.
RESOLVED – noted
- (c) Insurance:
 Around £20 per annum if the tractor was not used on the road. Insurers required that safety equipment be supplied for users. SH had checked with Wilders who felt that PC should ensure users wear overalls, work shoes and possibly work gloves. No roll bar was required for use on a level area.
RESOLVED – noted
- (d) Tractor: **SH/VM**
 VM proposed that PC purchase the tractor for £700 from Barry Rosier and that this be used by the volunteer group to keep the outfield area cut and stored in the container. PL seconded. Cheque was raised at the meeting. SH/VM to take forward
RESOLVED – all agreed
- (e) Football:
 Cholsey men's football team had approached VM re use of the play area on Sundays during the season. It was noted that they would be unable to play on Sundays already booked by Ewelme CC and that they should measure the pitch size for suitability before booking.
RESOLVED – SH to print off standard terms for VM to discuss with them. **SH/VM**
- (f) Dog fouling on play area:
 There had been complaints about this to VM.
RESOLVED – SH to check with OPFA, VM to write an article for Ewelme News, SH to get quotes for altering the sign. **SH/VM**
- (g) Roller service:
 Ewelme CC had asked if council would now consider a donation towards the cost of servicing the roller since the conditions put on them had been completed. TR proposed £250, VM seconded. All agreed. SH to raise cheque **SH**
- 166. Common car park & stiles –**
 VM had had a verbal quote from Hazell & Jefferies for £800-900 to provide, lay and roll scalping. SH asked for a written quote. SH to get quote from Grundons, VM to get a third quote. **VM**
RESOLVED – agreed
 VM reminded council that the extension to the car park was still required. **VM/MF/SH**
RESOLVED – noted **H**
- 167. Parish Plan –**
 Copies of the plan had been circulated.
- 168. Health & Safety –**
 Footpath by Greyhound. Fence on the Greyhound side was falling in. VM offered to speak to the owners re mending it. **VM**
- 169. Watercress Beds/brook –**
 Friends AGM at 7.30pm Monday 16th Feb.
RESOLVED – noted

170. Planning -

Planning decisions to be made:

- Masters Flat, God's House - Supply and fixing of a gusset strengthening plate to a truss member within the roof void over the masters flat/teaching room.

RESOLVED - Approved

- 1 Lower End, Benson Road – Erection of conservatory and glasshouse to the rear SE corner of the property and garage extension

RESOLVED – Approved. VM abstained from vote.

171. Correspondence –

Items discussed under relevant sections:

- (a) Ewelme CC - Grass cutting quote

Items for discussion:

- (a) Village Hall Management Committee – thatch/hall money in budget

RESOLVED – thatch fund would be kept by PC in a new account. Budgeted money for hall would be kept in PC account. This was money budgeted for 2009/10 and would be assessed annually. SH to clarify to Cynthia.

SH

- (b) Anna Kennedy, ORCC – affordable housing survey results

RESOLVED – noted.

- (c) SOHA email re planning application for Hampden Way/Britwell Road.

RESOLVED – Council to await application. SH to notify residents when application is received. Application to be discussed at next PC meeting or have a special meeting if timing doesn't allow this. SOHA to be invited to discussion.

SH

- (d) Hog roast donation request by PCC/Ewelme CC

RESOLVED – agreed to give £250 as budgeted

- (e) PCC request for donation of £800 towards cutting new churchyard in 2009/10

RESOLVED – agreed as already in budget

Councillors informed ahead of items not for discussion:

- (a) SODC - Changes to Local Plan Policies from 20 Jan 2009. More info on www.southoxon.gov.uk/planning-policy

- (b) ROSPA - Play area inspection request form for 2009. SH had sent off.

- (c) UKAEA Culham - Invite for councillors and clerk to attend open day on Wed 22 April 6.30pm – 9.30pm

RESOLVED - noted

Consultations, Councillors to comment on as they wish:

South Oxon Community Safety Partnership - Community Safety Strategy 2005-8 final report plus 2008-11 report

172. Other issues raised for possible future discussion –

(a) TR commented that she was disappointed to see how severely the shrubs in Parson's Lane had been cut back.

RESOLVED – Noted.

(b) VM reported that Mr Luker, as a member of the British Legion, had volunteered to look after the memorial at no cost to the council.

RESOLVED – All agreed. SH to contact the school to check that they don't mind him taking this over.

SH

(c) Weeds on the bridge by the pub need clearing when the weather is better.

RESOLVED – SH to ask Terry.

SH

(d) Brian Thompson reported that the ditch by Gemma Clive's house needed clearing. SH had asked Barry to clear and since this had not been done had reported it to OCC.

RESOLVED – noted

(d) Brian Thompson also reported the ditch running along Parson's Lane was filling with gravel.

RESOLVED – SH to ask OCC to clear.

SH

(e) VM queried whether council had heard from the Trust re the bridge to the manor.

RESOLVED – SH to follow up.

SH

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 11th March 2009** at 7.30pm, Village Hall