

Minutes of Parish Council meeting

held on Wednesday 11th November 2009

Present

Vernon Miners (VM) Chair

Melissa Fletcher (MF)

Paul Humphreys (PH)

Theresa Redgewell (TR)

Sue Hill (SH)

- 120. Apologies** – David Cooper (DC), Peter Lemaire (PL)
- 121. Declarations of interest** – VM Watercress cottages planning
- 122. Minutes of last meeting** –
RESOLVED – All agreed they were an accurate representation.
- 123. Matters arising** – to be reported under relevant sections.
- (a) New step by the village hall play area is a possible trip hazard.
RESOLVED – VM to put a banister rail at both sides of it. **VM**
- (b) Bank interest –
RESOLVED – Ongoing, although difficult in this financial period **SH**
- (c) Telephone box land ownership –
RESOLVED – ongoing **VM**
- (d) Verdant phone number –
RESOLVED – Peter to put the phone number in Ewelme News so people can report missed collections **PL**
- (e) Water meter –
RESOLVED – SH to complain to Thames Water about them not reading the meter. **SH**
- 124. District Councillor/County Councillor reports** –
None **PL**
- 125. 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) Donations budget –
RESOLVED – SH to see if there is any guidance on level of expenditure for donations.
- (e) 2010/11 Budget – SH gave councillors the draft budget for discussion next meeting **ALL**
RESOLVED – All to study.
- 126. RAF** –
Aviation fuel smell being investigated; RAF liaison person to set up liaison meeting with local councils; Complaints number doesn't seem to always connect to anyone or even to an answer phone. **TR**
RESOLVED – noted
- 127. State of roads/bus services** –
Nothing to report
- 128. Play area/pavilion** –
- (a) Goal to be moved; pavilion repaint should be left until March; pavilion water heater needed mending; VM to tighten bolts on swings.
RESOLVED – noted **VM**
- (b) Water trough on common
RESOLVED – VM had found that this belonged to the council, SH to add to list of assets **SH**

- 129. Common/car park –**
 (a) Fallen or dangerous trees along edge of the common by Ewelme Down Farm.
RESOLVED – SH/MF to look at and get a quote. SH/MF
- 130. Village Plan –**
 No further forward
- 131. Health & Safety –**
 Inconsiderate parking on the corner by the hall and shop are causing difficulties.
RESOLVED – PL to quote Highway Code in Ewelme News and encourage residents to report badly parked vehicles to the police phone line. PL
- 132. Watercress Beds/brook –**
 More volunteers needed. Councillors and residents suggested more promotion was necessary.
RESOLVED – noted
- 133. Planning –**
 (a) Shepherd’s Hut P09/W0976 - New extension to accommodate dining for 40 covers, re-use smoking shelter for Aunty Sally, new smoking shelters. Councillors appreciated improvements in the design and understood the need to help the pub survive, but were concerned about level of noise. 2 in favour, 2 against. Couldn’t decide which box to tick. SH to write a letter.
 (b) School House P09/W1002LB - Permanent change of use from residential to educational, for school House to be used by Ewelme School, with associated fire precautions and refurbishment works. Councillors felt that the design was poor with little benefit to the children, but had no strong views.
 (c) 4 Watercress Cottages P09/W1081 – Demolition of rear extension & alterations. Councillors approved.
- 134. Correspondence –**
Items discussed under relevant sections:
 None
Items for discussion at meeting:
 Village Hall Management Committee – request for help with insurance payment.
RESOLVED – VM queried whether they were getting good value for money with their other bills; SH to check contracts and with Neil Blake; SH to check what savings could be found by merging the insurances.
Councillors informed ahead of items not for discussion, copied to circulation file:
 NATS - Update on airspace design for the Terminal Control North region
 OCC- Oxfordshire Fire Authority’s Integrated Risk Management Consultation Action Plan 2010-2011
Consultations, Councillors to comment on as they wish:
 None

135. Other issues raised for possible future discussion –

- (a) Garsington Opera – Carol Sawbridge informed Council that the owners were moving to Swyncombe which could have implications on traffic volume through Ewelme during the Opera period.

RESOLVED – SH to check whether there is a planning application.

SH

Signed:

Date:

Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 9^h December 2009** at 7.30pm, Village Hall

SH