

Notice of
Meeting of the Parish Council on

Wednesday 9th February 2005

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
 - Play wall/area
 - RAF
 - State of roads
6. Planning
7. District Councillors Reports
8. Correspondence
9. Accounts & administration
10. Any other business
11. Next meeting – 9th March 2005 8pm

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Minutes of a meeting of Parish Councillors
held on
Wednesday 12th January 2005

Present	Neil Blake (NB)	Dee Rosier (DR)
	Brian Benson (BB)	John Lockyer (JL)
	Peter Lemaire (PL)	Sue Pryce Jones (SPJ)
	Sue Hill (SH)	

Details	Action
1. Apologies – none	
2. Declaration of interests – none	
3. Minutes – Agreed	
4. Matters arising –	
Tasks outstanding from previous meetings:	
<u>June meeting</u>	
• Parking – SH to ask Geoff Gibson to attend a meeting. SH to do a poster for board.	SH
<u>November meeting</u>	
• SH to check that Paul Wyatt spreads out gravel in car park.	SH
• Footbridge on Benson path – SC awaiting a response.	SC
• Quotes for cutting new churchyard – SH to get 3 quotes by end of March.	SH
• Emergency responder – SC following up.	SC
• Erosion of verges – Council agreed to discourage people from doing this. For Burrows Hill it was felt necessary to put short, white posts in. Must be to County Highways specifications. SH to follow up.	SH
• Martyn’s Way – parking has become out of hand with several residents complaining to the council. SH to follow up.	SH
<u>December meeting</u>	
• SH to write to Grundons to thank them for the gravel donated for the common entrance.	SH
• Green lane pavement – grass encroaching onto it near the footpath by the RAF base, SH to contact OCC.	SH
6. Current tasks –	
RAF – NB has been asked to meet with the new CO.	
State of roads – SH to contact OCC with the list of outstanding issues: Cat lane path, erosion of verges (ideas for preventing), parking in Martyn’s Way (ideas for protecting the grass), encroachment of gravel (near Ford’s Farm), moving 30 mph sign (Rabbits Hill), speeding issues (further measurement, way forward), trees blown down.	SH
Play area/play wall – NB outlined the status of this: due to a great deal of consultation Council had not yet spent the grant offered by SODC. If not spent by March (or agreed to be held over by SODC) this would have to be discounted. NB to write to SODC to request delay. The issues were what was wanted and where should it go. Ideas such as goal posts, basketball net, reinforced surface, netball net and seating were discussed. BB asked that OPFA were contacted for advice (NB). RW had not been able to talk to the lads in the village. Councillors agreed that 1) something should be done for the older children of the village and done as soon as possible, 2) a kick wall was not felt to be required, 3) levelling of the ground, a surface	NB
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- protectant, goal posts and a back net, a basket ball hoop and some log seating should be provided, 4) these would be placed on the sports field at the back. All were in favour of following this plan. SH to get estimates. **SH**
7. **Planning –**
- Lower Farm (adj to Fields End), Parsons Lane** - Creation of two new dwellings by conversion of a disused barn and refurbishment of another barn on the same site, and associated landscaping. Councillors approved. It was noted that the old right of way across this land had been closed officially many years ago.
- Oakley Wood Waste Recycling Centre, Old Icknield Way, Benson –** Councillors decided to leave this decision to OCC.
- 2, Whitehouse Lodge, Brightwell Baldwin** - Retrospective change of use from agricultural land to garden. Used as a garden by previous owner in 2000. Councillors had no strong views.
- 11, Martyn’s Way** - Erection of a single storey timber garage. Timber clad with up and over doors, same as that erected last year at no. 12. To be placed at front of property behind hedge on Cat Lane. PERMISSION GRANTED BY SODC
- Mead House, Kingsmead** - Erection of a single storey rear extension. PERMISSION GRANTED BY SODC
8. **District Councillors’ Reports –**
None. Sue Cooper sent apologies.
9. **Correspondence -**
- **OCC, Speedwatch traffic data** – During the recording period (26/11/2004 to 3/12/2004) Eyres had 7353 vehicles with an average speed of 40.4 mph, which is too high; Parsons Lane had 5211 vehicles with an average of 28.6 mph. Destination of vehicles using Eyres Lane was to be looked into. BB suggested that we share the data with the RAF C/O. It was agreed that further info should be requested: a) data for morning (7-9am) and evening (4-6pm) traffic, b) further recording of data in Cat Lane, High St, Green Lane during term time, c) the way forward to reduce speed where it is shown to be too high, d) destination info. **SH**
 - **Grundons, traffic info in response to comments by council on the recent planning application** - PL to raise the issue of Grundons lorries using Prospect lane at the liaison meeting. SH to copy the letter to Dave Rushton, Green Lane for info since he had contacted council with comments. SH to thank Grundons for the constructive response. NB to write an editorial article for the Ewelme News about traffic problems and what’s happening. **PL**
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 - **SODC, more free trees** – SH to discuss with Paul Wyatt re the edges of the common. **SH**
 - **Orange, response to comments on mast installation** – NB summarised the situation to date. Orange had sent a pre-consultation proposal for a mast to be installed in the village opposite Ford’s Farm. Council had responded to say it objected because it would be too near homes and highly visible, and suggested alternative sites outside the village envelope if indeed it was required. Health hazard concerns were raised. The School was known to have objected on potential health issues. The next stage is that Orange would need to get District Council planning permission if they decide to go ahead with a proposal. Members of the audience asked what they should do if they object and were told to write to the Parish Council with their feelings so that

- Council can take their views into account when planning permission is requested. SH to display planning notice if/when planning permission is sought. SH
- **Woodcote PC, Youth support in Country villages** – SH to respond sympathetically, but Councillors felt that they had nothing to contribute. SH
 - **SODC, car parking questionnaire** – DR to complete. DR
 - **Ewelme Society, Speeding traffic in Eyres Lane /Green lane** – SH to reply stating that council had already started to take action and include the facts (copy original to them). SH
 - **SODC, Planning enforcement** – Response by Marie Ainsworth was discussed. NB to write back to let them know that Councillors were not impressed (CC Sue Cooper and Felix Bloomfield). NB
 - **The Times, letter re Parish Councillors** – NB to respond. NB
 - **SODC, Draft Community Safety Strategy** – no comment
 - **OCC, Fire Authority integrated risk management action plan** – no comment.
 - **SODC, Licensing Act** – SH to circulate for all Councillors to read.
 - **SODC, Partnerships and Funding meeting, Feb 8th** – none to attend.
- 10. Accounts & Administration –**
 Invoices paid between meetings: Paul Wyatt (£246.75), Village Hall Management Committee (£240).
 Invoices paid at meeting: SODC dog bins (£144.10), Country Mutual fidelity insurance (£262.50), Clerk wages (£187.50)
 Statement of finances – SH provided all councillors with a current statement of finances.
 Precept – After discussions outside the meetings councillors had agreed to raise the precept by inflation (3.2%). BB queried how this affected the amount paid per household.
- 11. Any other business –**
- DR suggested that the trees on Council land (down towards Ewelme Down Farm drive) should be attended to, guards need to be removed etc. To go to tender. SH
 - Dead wood on/at edges of the common – NB proposed a quick solution to removal of dead wood would be to ask Nigel Rosier to clear trees free of charge using the wood for his own purposes. DR declared an interest. Councillors agreed to it this year as an expedient, but agreed that it should be offered more widely in the future. SH to ask NR SH
 - NB informed councillors re discussions with BT concerning their posts on Parish Council land. They have agreed to pay the standard fee as a one time payment of £125 for 1 pole if acceptable. Councillors accepted. NB was then going to follow up on all of the other poles on council land (about 6) NB
- 12.** Meeting ended at 9.35pm
- 13.** Date of next meeting – 9th February 2005 at 8pm in the Village Hall