

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting
held on Wednesday 12th August 2009**

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

69. Apologies – none

70. Declarations of interest – VM - Planning – Watercress Cottages, DC – Watercress Beds

71. Planning –

(a) Hampden Way –

Concerns from residents were lack of turning space by garages, provision of parking for SOHA properties next to the new build, lack of space for visitors/delivery vans, width of the access track, drainage, sewage and water pressure problems, traffic exiting the access track, flooding, need for garages. Councillors agreed that although there was a proven need for affordable housing and the site was good, it would be irresponsible to approve the application when so many concerns had not been addressed.

(b) Grundons – Councillors recommended refusal since removal of the condition would not help the poor state of Clack's Lane.

(c) 4, Watercress Cottages – VM left the room. Councillors recommended refusal of the application due to the size of the side extension, width of access for no.3, look of the rear extension and lack of symmetry with the adjoining properties.

(d) Shepherd's Hut – Council supported the idea in principle, but recommended refusal of permission due to the appearance and effect on neighbours.

72. Minutes of last meeting –

RESOLVED – All agreed they were an accurate representation.

73. 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) Second hand mowers –

RESOLVED – ongoing

VM

(e)Volunteers for watercress beds –

RESOLVED - Anne Truesdale to write text for next Ewelme News

SH

74. District Councillor/County Councillor reports –

Sue Cooper – New litter bin collection in place, bags can be obtained from SODC for council owned-bins.

Tony Crabbe - Review of A & B roads. TC had been voted chairman again for this year. Hazell & Jefferies – residents reported problems last weekend. TC would follow up with enforcement officers. SH to draft press release to send to OCC, media, trading standards, MPs.

SH

- 75. 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.
- 76. RAF –**
 TR had made contact with a liaison person. Council’s dissatisfaction with communication had been registered. RAF had proposed a monthly meeting with all parishes. TR had raised the smell of “aviation fuel” and night flying. Home coming parade in Benson on 10th September. Residents raised the noise from the microlight/autogyro.
- 77. State of roads/bus services –**
 (a) Pothole in Green Lane outside Coopers –
RESOLVED – SH to report **SH**
 (b) Residents of Green Lane requested that the “bus stop” be removed from the carriageway –
RESOLVED – SH to request **SH**
 (c) Residents of Green lane requested that 30mph be painted on the carriageway -
RESOLVED – SH to request **SH**
- 78. Play area/pavilion –**
 (a) Free trees this autumn.
RESOLVED – VM to give SH a list of trees needed by watercress Beds and for other sites around the village. **VM**
- 79. Common car park & stiles –**
 (a) Notice board –
 SH to arrange for notice board to be put in so that the grant can be reclaimed. MF to decide where it should be placed. **MF/SH**
RESOLVED – all agreed
 (b) Car park – One quote had been received. Awaiting 2 more. TOE grant to be applied for.
RESOLVED – all agreed. **MF/SH**
- 80. Village Plan –**
 None
- 81. Health & Safety –**
 (a) Residents complained about a car blocking the pavement outside Salad days
RESOLVED – SH to write to them. **SH**
 (b) Tractor drivers asked that crowns be raised on the trees as it was dangerous.
RESOLVED – SH to get quotes **SH**
 (c) Footpath along Benson Road – overgrown again
RESOLVED - SH to write to Andrew Walker to ask if the bushes could be trimmed. **SH**
- 82. Watercress Beds/brook –**
 Events coming up include hay making, BBC filming and the annual meeting on 11th September.
RESOLVED – noted

83. Correspondence –

Items discussed under relevant sections:

None

Items for discussion at meeting:

(a) Village hall Management Committee - Village hall wall – PC were pleased to hear that Lord & Lady Jay's builders had completed their work on the wall. The end of the wall now needed supporting.

RESOLVED - Village Hall Management Committee to arrange for the work to be done, payment to come from the council's budget for the hall.

(b) Horticultural Society - Parking on the sports area –

RESOLVED – all agreed that for the forthcoming Flower Show, visitors be allowed to park on the area. Parking on the sports area should be reviewed at the next meeting.

Councillors informed ahead of items not for discussion:

(a) OCC Review of A & B roads speed limits. SH had emailed councillors and responded.

(b) SODC – an assessment of support needs on the Code of Conduct. SH to respond.

Consultations, Councillors to comment on as they wish:

None

84. Other issues raised for possible future discussion –

None

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 9th September 2009** at 7.30pm, Village Hall