

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th November 2008

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

- 105. Apologies** – Paul Humphrey(PH)
- 106. Declarations of interest** – MF planning application for High House
- 107. Minutes of last meeting** –
RESOLVED – All agreed they were an accurate representation.
- 108. Matters arising** – to be reported under relevant sections.
- a) RAF – flights and delivering leaflets
RESOLVED – TR to discuss leaflet distribution with RAF TR
 - b) Telephone Box-
RESOLVED – All agreed to take up £1 adoption offer if not too late SH
 - c) Small goal –
RESOLVED – VM awaiting response from School VM
 - d) Eyres Lane – SH to enquire about junction warning sign for Eyres Close
RESOLVED all agreed SH
 - e) car park sign –
RESOLVED - SH to pursue cost of 1 fingerpost. SH
 - f) Extra goal sleeves + nets for large goal –
RESOLVED – VM to find prices VM
- 109. District Councillor/County Councillor reports** –
Sue Cooper
PCSOs can now give fixed penalty notices for graffiti, littering, dog fouling and fly posting; District council was fined £45,000 late payment for audit; Chief Executive had announced a new management plan; New “Outlook” was published; walking to school NAGs trial, SC to find out if Ewelme School can be involved. SC
RESOLVED – noted
- 110. 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 suggested that a finance team be set up to oversee finances/budget with quarterly meetings. PL proposed, VM seconded. PH, DC, TR and MF were interested in being involved.
RESOLVED – All agreed
 - d) External audit report – SH summarised the report.
RESOLVED – All agreed it should be studied in more detail and actioned by the finance team.
- 111. Budget for 2009/10** –
SH reported that the budget needed preparing.
RESOLVED – All agreed this could be done by the finance team so that the precept could be agreed at the December meeting. SH
- 112. RAF** –
- Dave Powell was TR’s new contact.
 - There had been complaints about strong smells of aviation fuel from the base. The RAF is investigating this. Residents asked to record any incidents over the next few months to help identify the source. TR to put an article in next Ewelme News.
 - Constant engine noise at night was also a complaint. Incidences to be reported to TR.
 - New Group Captain Burr to start in late November. TR proposed a gift be sent to Group Captain Lyall, PL seconded.
RESOLVED – noted and all agreed a framed photograph of Ewelme should be sent to Group Captain Lyall. SH/TR
- 113. Planning** -
- Manor Cottage - Conversion into 2x 1-bed flats, new dormers to NW elevation. SODC refused permission

SODC granted permission
- Ewelme No 2 Landfill, Goulds Lane - Construction of 70m tarmac road to link existing entrance to new weighbridge facility. SODC granted permission
- Hare Hall, Roke, (Parish of Ewelme) - Erection of 2 storey and single storey extensions. Granted by SODC
RESOLVED - noted

Planning decisions:

a) Shepherd's Hut P08/W1115/RET - Retention of wooden framed smoking shelter.

RESOLVED - Councillors approved with the proviso that no heating or seating be provided to discourage people from using the shelter all evening in the winter since a neighbour had expressed concern.

b) High House P08/W1173 - Construction of new house and detached garage.
RESOLVED - After a presentation by the architect and much discussion Councillors unanimously felt that the application should be refused since it was felt it should be moved a reasonable distance (2-3m) nearer to High House; the roof line was felt to be out of keeping with the village and the chimney was felt to be a problem if on the Darmel Dell side of the property.

114. State of roads/bus services –

TR asked that the size of the buses coming into the village be discussed with the bus company.

DC

115. Play area/pavilion –

- VM reported that the gang mower needs storing overwinter.

RESOLVED – noted. SH to ask Grundons if they have any used gang mowers they wish to get rid of.

SH

- VM reminded council that Barry Rosier was not going to cut the grass next season and arrangements had to be made to do this. SH to investigate insurance for the tractor. Councillors suggested investigating the cost of a contractor cutting the area, Brian Thompson recommended Berinsfield Community Project.

SH

RESOLVED – SH to find costs.

116. Common car park & stiles –

- MF reported that a possible badger sett had been found in the undergrowth by the triangle.

RESOLVED – SH/MF to try and identify if it is still used.

- MF reported progress with the stiles grant application.

RESOLVED - noted

MF/SH

117. Parish Plan – Nothing to report

118. Health & Safety - Nothing to report

119. Watercress Beds/brook – Friday 28th November would be the first annual meeting of the Watercress Beds new team; possible sale of watercress was being investigated.

RESOLVED – noted

120. Correspondence –

Councillors informed ahead of items not for discussion:

(a) Oxfordshire Climate Xchange – Invitation to Join the Dots.

(b) Village Hall Management Committee – Increase in rental fee.

Items discussed under relevant sections: None

Items for discussion:

(a) BR Consulting – Internal auditor for next year.

RESOLVED – All agreed.

(b) Village Hall Management Committee – Mood lighting proposal for project expenditure.

RESOLVED – SH to write and thank them. Put on next meeting agenda

SH

(c) Village Shop Committee – Proposal for expenditure for project money.

RESOLVED – SH to write and thank them. Put on next meeting agenda

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(d) Ewelme Village Pre-school – Proposal for expenditure for project money.

RESOLVED – SH to write and thank them. Put on next meeting agenda

SH

Consultations, Councillors to comment on as they wish:

(a) Communities and Local Government – Communities in control: Real people, real power: codes of conduct for local authority members and employees – a consultation.

(a) DC had had complaints re speeding through the village.

RESOLVED – SH to contact PCSOs to see what can be done to discourage this.

SH

(b) SH reported that 83 households would be needed before gas suppliers would consider putting in a supply of gas to the village. Cost per household would be £3500.

RESOLVED - noted

(e) VM reminded all that Race Night was 7pm on Saturday 22nd and the working party to clear the bank in Days Lane would meet at 9.30 on the same day.

RESOLVED - Noted

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 10th December 2008** at 7.30pm, Village Hall