

## Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008

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

<b>Details</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>141. Apologies – PH</b>	
<b>142. Declarations of interest – PL – Horticultural Society</b>	
<b>143. Minutes of last meeting –</b> <u>RESOLVED</u> – All agreed they were an accurate representation.	
<b>144. Matters arising – to be reported under relevant sections.</b>	
a) Outstanding cricket payment – <u>RESOLVED</u> – PL to visit Gary Condon to follow up on outstanding payment.	<b>PL</b>
b) Electricity Charges - <u>RESOLVED</u> – All agreed to swap supply to British Gas, no standing charge offer.	<b>SH</b>
c) Donated goal posts – <u>RESOLVED</u> - VM to contact No.9 Chaucer Court	<b>VM</b>
<b>145. Cricket –</b> Planning permission – SODC had informed Parish Council that in their opinion the development came under permitted development. Councillors felt it unnecessary to apply for Certificate of lawful development. Letter from Patrick Gosset – councillors felt that several of the issues were covered, but a letter of agreement between the two parties would be appropriate. <u>RESOLVED</u> – DC proposed a letter of agreement between the parties covering damage, liability, insurance etc. All agreed, SH to draft. <u>RESOLVED</u> – Cricket Club (CC) agreed to trim round the edge of the nets as the gang mower would not be able to get close to them. <u>RESOLVED</u> – CC were devising terms of use of the facility and equipment. <u>RESOLVED</u> – VM to be around during the fitting of the practise net. <u>RESOLVED</u> – CC to contact Grundons re a second storage container. <u>RESOLVED</u> - CC to get a quote for servicing the roller, then PC to consider paying for this in return for cricket club rolling the outfield.	<b>SH</b>
<b>146. Thatch/flat roof –</b> <u>RESOLVED</u> - Quote received for flat roof needs redoing for bitumen process.	<b>VM/SH</b>
<b>147. State of roads/Buses –</b> Road along Manor wall needs clearing of leaf litter/vegetation. <u>RESOLVED</u> - SH to contact OCC.	<b>SH</b>
<b>148. RAF –</b> New liaison person is: Flt Lt Jason Murray, Safety Liaison Officer. Now meeting on a monthly basis. Flt Lt Murray to attend March Parish Council meeting to explain current rules, regulations and restrictions. RAF had agreed to give the village a demonstration of flying heights on an advertised date. Station Commander was keen to give a presentation at an open meeting possibly in April. He is hoping to open up the RAF sports facilities to local groups. <u>RESOLVED</u> – Noted	
<b>149. Play area/pavilion</b> VM proposed a willow play house for the toddlers. <u>RESOLVED</u> – SH to talk to pre-school. Small goal to be donated to school. <u>RESOLVED</u> – VM to arrange Latch to be replaced on play area gate to prevent dogs entering. <u>RESOLVED</u> – VM to action Litter bin needed in play area. <u>RESOLVED</u> – bin from Martyn’s Way to be placed in the play area. VM/SH to	<b>SH</b>  <b>VM</b>  <b>VM</b>  <b>VM/SH</b>

arrange emptying.

A member of the cricket club asked if council were interested in discussing applying for grants to improve the pavilion.

RESOLVED – SH to put on next agenda.

SH

**150. Parish Plan –**

PL informed council that the old Post Office had been sold and the new owners were offering the retail area for a community shop. Sarah Maine was to chair a team to take the idea forward.

**151. Health & Safety –**

Nothing to report

**152. Watercress Beds –**

VM reported that there was to be an open meeting on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February giving the villagers an opportunity to have their say about the draft management plan.

RESOLVED – Noted

**153. Car park –** VM proposed that the car park be extended onto the common.

RESOLVED – VM to write an article for Ewelme News inviting comments from villagers.

VM

RESOLVED - SH to arrange meeting with Chilterns Conservation Board Commons representative and interested parties.

SH

RESOLVED – for further discussion.

**154. Planning -**

Grundon Depot, Gould's Grove - Redevelopment of depot involving construction of workshops and offices, formation of car park, access road and landscaping.

Permission granted by SODC

SH

RESOLVED – noted.

**155. County/District Councillor's report –**

Sue Cooper:

a) Introduction of choice-based letting

RESOLVED - noted

**156. Correspondence –**

*Councillors informed ahead of meeting items to note:*

a) OCC – Speed management on B4009.

RESOLVED - noted

*Items discussed under relevant sections:*

a) Southern Electric lower price offer

RESOLVED – noted

*Items for discussion:*

a) Appointment of internal auditor.

RESOLVED – all agreed to use Brian Rollerson as internal auditor.

SH

b) Horticultural Society request for donation for hog roast.

RESOLVED – All agreed to a donation of £250.

SH

c) OPFA subscription renewal.

RESOLVED – all agreed to renew subscription.

SH

d) SODC - Code of Conduct training for Councillors.

RESOLVED – date conflicts with April PC meeting.

SH

*Consultations:*

Dept for Communities and Local Development - Orders and Regulations Relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England, Consultation.

**157. Accounts & Administration –**

a) New income and expenditure, cheques signed as per the form attached to minutes for councillors.

RESOLVED - All invoices paid to date.

b) SH presented the monthly financial report.

RESOLVED – report noted.

c) Financial Regulations presented for approval.

RESOLVED – all agreed to accept without change.

**158. Other issues raised for possible future discussion –**

a) VM proposed that council write to Grundons to thank them for the gravel.

RESOLVED – SH to action

SH

b) VM proposed that he head a team to clear dead trees on bank in Days Lane.

RESOLVED – all agreed

**VM**

c) TR reported that a resident in Hampden Way had contacted her re the gate in the fence. PL suggested she write to Ewelme News.

RESOLVED – TR to consider writing to Ewelme News.

**TR**

d) Keith Fletcher asked if signs could be placed at the common gate to encourage dog owners to clear up their pet's faeces.

RESOLVED – SH to action

**SH**

e) Chiltern Chase had written to VM asking if council would consider a donation to their charity.

RESOLVED – SH to put on agenda for next meeting.

**SH**

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008** at 7.30pm, Village Hall