

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th May 2009

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

Annual Parish meeting

Reports were given for the Ewelme society, Village Stores, School (sent after the meeting), Nolay twinning group, PCCC, Watercress Beds, Village Plan, Millstream day centre, Grundon's liaison Group, Chairman PC, Finance team, play area/pavilion, common/car park, RAF liaison, roads/transport, District and County Councillors.

Election of chairman and Vice Chairman-

TR proposed PL remained as chairman, VM seconded

RESOLVED - all in favour

PL proposed VM as vice chair, DC seconded

RESOLVED - all in favour

SH suggested that the roles be kept the same for council representatives

RESOLVED - all agreed. PL to help TR with communication under the new group Captain.

18. Apologies – Melissa Fletcher (MF), Paul Humphrey(PH)

19. Declarations of interest – DC - Watercress Beds

20. Minutes of last meeting –

RESOLVED – All agreed they were an accurate representation.

21. Matters arising – to be reported under relevant sections.

(a) Dog fouling signs-

RESOLVED - SH investigating

SH/PL/DC

(b) Parish Plan –

RESOLVED – Major issues to go on agenda.

(c) Bar-b-que insurance –

RESOLVED - SH to determine.

SH

22. District Councillor/County Councillor reports –

Given in Annual Parish Meeting

- 23. 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) ORCC subscription renewal -
RESOLVED – all in favour.
- (d) SH reported the finance team had proposed:
 - council should be made aware of the need to constrain expenditure and keep to the budget.
RESOLVED - noted
 - need to maintain the £10K balance when budgeting for 2011/12.
RESOLVED - noted
 - phone box, tractor and half King's pool should go on the list of assets
RESOLVED - agreed
 - that personal accident insurance be taken out for the volunteers using the tractor and that safety equipment (gloves, goggles, overalls) be provided for them.
RESOLVED – all in favour, SH to order from Screwfix
 - Clerk's salary be formalised in line with NALC salary scale at point 17 and progress to point 22 on an annual basis. **SH**
- RESOLVED – all in favour
 - DC proposed the clerk's pay rise be back dated to April according to NALC guidelines.
RESOLVED – all in favour
 - in line with auditor recommendations Cow Common value should be restated at a nominal £1.
RESOLVED – all in favour
 - the audit figures for the period 2008/9 produced by the clerk be approved and sections 1 and 2 of the external audit form be signed.
RESOLVED – all in favour, PL signed the paperwork
- 24. Wall behind Village Hall –**
- (a) Legal documentation relating to access alongside and behind the hall -
RESOLVED – DC to look over then PL/SH/DC to meet with Jays.
- (b) Village hall wall –
RESOLVED – The Jays felt it was their responsibility and would arrange repair. **SH
PL/DC**
- 25. RAF –**
 None
- 26. State of roads/bus services –**
 SH reported that a resident in Green Lane had written to the council requesting that the bus stop markings in the layby be painted as soon as possible. SH had contacted OCC who had agreed to do this.
- 27. Play area/pavilion –**
 None
- 28. Common car park & stiles –**
 None
- 29. Village Plan –**
 None
- 30. Health & Safety –**
 Litter bin at pavilion will need arrangements to empty as not on new service.
RESOLVED – SH to contact Grundons **SH**
- 31. Watercress Beds/brook –**
 Brook needs clearing of weed. VM proposed that Tim Ison be asked to do it again.
RESOLVED – all in favour

32. Planning -

Planning decisions made between meetings:

- Hampden Way P09/W0197– amendment to application, then withdrawal of application.

For decision:

None

33. Correspondence –

Items discussed under relevant sections:

Patrick Gossett – concerns about tractor users safety.

4 Green Lane – request for bus stop markings in layby.

Items for discussion at meeting:

None

Councillors informed ahead of items not for discussion:

(a) SODC – Application for temporary road closure for shop opening

(b) SODC – confirmation of temporary road closure

(c) SODC – Business rates deferral scheme

(d) Cholsey United – cancellation of booking

RESOLVED - noted

Consultations, Councillors to comment on as they wish:

None

34. Other issues raised for possible future discussion –

(a) Concern was expressed about the new step by the village hall play area as it was felt this was a trip hazard.

RESOLVED – VM to put a banister rail at both sides of it.

VM

(b) VM had arranged for drainage of water by phone box. Footpath in front of box and by play area needed attention.

RESOLVED – VM to get a quote, SH to speak to OCC re responsibility.

VM/SH

(c) SH proposed that the outfield cutting needed to be more flexible (day it can be done and who does it).

RESOLVED – Noted

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 10th June 2009** at 7.30pm, Village Hall