

Notice of  
Meeting of the Parish Council on

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 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
  - RAF
  - State of roads
  - Housing needs survey
  - Parish plan
  - Health & Safety
  - Standing orders
6. Planning
7. District Councillors Reports
8. Correspondence
9. Accounts & administration
10. Any other business
11. Next meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005 8pm

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- enquire with Environment Agency to see whose responsibility it is. The odd job person could contact SODC re any litter clearing.
- Road safety meeting – SH to contact Steve Wood re Wed 19<sup>th</sup> at 8.30am or Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Nov at 8.30am. SH
  - Parking by the school – SH to ask Community Police to come out again and issue fixed penalty tickets since people had been warned about illegal parking. BB mentioned problems with the school coach – SPJ to ask school to write to coach operators that it was in everybody’s interest to make sure that they know the best route. SH  
SPJ
  - Grundons lorries using Green Lane before 6.30am – SH to send email address of Owen Dimond to Brian Thompson, so he can contact him directly. SH  
SH
  - Ditch by Shepherd’s Hut – SH to contact the pub. SH
  - King’s Pool annual meeting – NB and PL to attend. SH to arrange. SH
- 5. Current tasks –**
- RAF** – No comments.
- Play area/play wall and Pavilion** – full size goal outstanding. ROSPA report to be done on completion. SH raised the issue of parking on the verges/triangle. Councillors felt that although it was good to see the facilities being well used, alternatives for parking should be investigated. Cynthia Winfield suggested the field by the triangle. SH to investigate ownership using the land registry. SH
- State of roads** – The road report still needed to be done by DR/SH. DR/SH
- Housing needs survey** – DR and SH had attended a meeting about affordable housing. The main concerns were: a) councillors felt that if houses were built in Ewelme they should be only for Ewelme residents. This could not be guaranteed by the current system, since allocation would be done on SODC housing register points, b) shared ownership was not well thought of due to a variety of reasons, such as people being trapped in them and c) parish councils who had experience of having affordable housing warned of agreements being changed by all parties. Councillors requested that they meet with Suzanne Willers re the 8 needy people and seek assurance re concerns. BB was concerned that if a reasonable site was identified would it be then forced upon the council as a non-exception site and would building affordable housing in the village be setting a precedent for future housing plans. SH queried whether affordable housing for Ewelme residents could not be built by the Ewelme Trust, giving them the control over who lives in them. Councillors felt that this should be investigated. NB suggested that council put a proposition together. It was agreed that councillors were resolved to pursue the idea of affordable housing cautiously, looking at various possibilities. SH
- Parish plan** – It was agreed to put a flier in the next edition of Ewelme News to find out whether people want a new plan. PL will do an editorial feature whilst NB will draft a questionnaire including some controversial questions to encourage a good response. News deadline is 6<sup>th</sup> November. NB
- Health and safety** – The wooden fence (with barbed wire on top) along the footpath by the Greyhound, owned by Ewelme Trust, was falling into the path. SH to ask the Manor House to fix it. The footpath through the new pig area (on right of Cat Lane as it goes to the Watlington road) needs to be designated as a footpath and treated as such. SH to contact the farmer PL  
SH  
SH

- (thought to be Richard Davey).
6. **Planning –**  
**The School House** – Temporary removal of some kitchen fittings in the school house kitchen for use as a school staff room. Conversion of freezer room in modern extension to school staff wc, and temporary installation of kitchen units in dining room of school house. Permission granted by SODC.  
**Blenheim Cottage, Ewelme (parishes of Ewelme/Nuffield)** – Erection of “Ambassador” style open fronted barn. SODC decided that a formal application was not required.  
**Copper House** – Demolition of existing outbuilding. Erection of 2 storey side and front extensions. Permission granted by SODC.  
**Linden House** – Erection of two single storey rear extensions. Councillors approved.  
**High House** – see start of meeting.  
**Shepherd’s Hut licensing** – NB read out the results of the hearing.
7. **District Councillors’ Reports –**  
Sue Cooper – reported new licensing hours for The Crown, The Three Horseshoes and The Shepherd’s Hut; a contact number for complaints about community safety and anti-social behaviour; monitoring of poor air quality in Wallingford; autumn sale of eco sacks. Sue’s report will be published in Ewelme News. **PL**  
Felix Bloomfield’s report was to be published in Ewelme News. **PL**
8. **Correspondence -**
- OCC, Oxfordshire Structure Plan 2016 – notice of intention to adopt. For info.
  - SODC, Monitoring Officer’s contact details.
  - South & Vale Carers, request for donation. DR proposed that council donate £50, seconded PL, all in favour. **SH**
- Meetings/consultations:
- SODC, South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011: proposed modifications.
  - OCC, Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement, Consultation Draft
9. **Accounts & Administration –**  
Payments in: £5418 for precept, £84 for Ewelme News ads  
Cheques signed at meeting: Village Hall Management Committee (£45), Colourplus (£190), SODC dog bins (£33.77), clerk’s wages (£193.50).  
Insurance premium (£1372.81) SH needs to confirm with insurers re the renovations.  
SH reported that the auditor, Elaine Green, is no longer self-employed.  
SH gave councillors the financial report, DR suggested that the village hall management committee payment of £3000 should not go under S137. **SH**
10. **Standing Orders Review** – not discussed. Carry over.
11. **AOB –**
- SH reported that there had been no response from SODC re the Old Gym. Others had noticed that little seemed to be happening there.
  - NB requested that SH write to OPFA to thank them for their advice. **SH**
  - BB raised the problem of parking outside the village hall. Anyone wanting to post a letter can’t park. DR reported that the hall committee were investigating a disabled parking space which may solve the problem.

12. Meeting ended at 10.10pm
13. Dates of next meetings – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005 at 8pm, village hall