

Notice of  
Meeting of the Parish Council on

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 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
  - Play wall/area
  - RAF
  - State of roads
  - Housing needs survey
  - Parish plan
  - Health & Safety
6. Planning
7. District Councillors Reports
8. Correspondence
9. Accounts & administration
10. Any other business
11. Next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005 8pm

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## Minutes of a meeting of Parish Councillors held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2005

<b>Present</b>	Neil Blake (NB) Brian Benson (BB) Sue Hill (SH)	John Lockyer (JL) Dee Rosier (DR) Sue Pryce Jones (SPJ)
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	<b>Details</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	<b>Apologies</b> – Peter Lemaire (PL)	
2.	<b>Declaration of interests</b> – None	
3.	<b>Minutes</b> – Agreed	
4.	<b>Matters arising</b> –	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martyn’s Way – SH had a quote of £325 + vat from Paul Wyatt for putting scalplings around the edge of the grass plus white posts. DR proposed that the job be done, SJP seconded. All agreed.</li> </ul>	<b>SH</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement full size goal – ordered</li> </ul>	<b>SH</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basketball hoop – SH to ensure that it is painted green.</li> </ul>	<b>SH</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning enforcement – SH to write a list of planning enforcement issues and send to SODC to remind them as we are still awaiting a response.</li> </ul>	<b>SH</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village map – Ongoing</li> </ul>	<b>SH</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Odd job person – 2 applications had been received. SH to complete the list of odd jobs with frequency needed (add cleaning pavilion monthly) and offer it to them. Richard Winfield had informed Parish Council that he would be unable to prepare the cricket square after the end of September. SH to add to odd job list.</li> </ul>	<b>SH</b>
5.	<b>Current tasks</b> –	
	<b>RAF</b> – NB to meet with Station Commander re flying over the village.	<b>NB</b>
	<b>Play area/play wall and Pavilion</b> – The Hog Roast had been a success. DR suggested having it on an annual basis. ROSPA inspection had been done of the play area, with only the raking of the bark and the gate being problems. SH to put bark raking on odd job list and to ask Paul Wyatt to look at the gate. The new play equipment had been installed (apart from the full size goal), SH to ask SODC to inspect it once the goal was installed. JL had heard complaints that the small goal was not used much as the older kids find the 5-aside goal too small. NB decided that it should be reviewed in the spring. Cleaning of the pavilion was an issue, SH/JL to keep an eye on. All agreed that a non-refundable £5 deposit should be charged for residents booking private functions in the pavilion. SH had bought a first aid kit for the pavilion and arranged for the fire extinguisher to be checked.	<b>SH</b>
	<b>State of roads</b> – DR/SH to meet on 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct to take photos for report. SH to include loose kerb stones in Wingfield Close, Chaucer Court pavement, Parsons Lane kerb stones opposite Saffron House. BB suggested that often kerb stone damage is caused by SODC contractors. SH to check OCC policy on replacing kerbstones.	<b>DR/SH</b>
	<b>Housing needs survey</b> - Councillors were invited to a meeting at Benson Parish Hall on Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30. DR and SH agreed to go.	<b>SH</b>
	<b>Parish plan</b> – SH had talked to people at the Horticultural Show. Not done	<b>DR/SH</b>

- at the Hog Roast due to weather. NB to summarise the main points of the last plan/appraisal for the notice boards and possibly Ewelme News. NB stated that having a parish plan would help with grant applications. **NB**
- Health and safety** – ROSPA report needed for the new play equipment. **SH**
- 6. Planning –**
- Little House, High Street** – Demolition of kitchen, erection of single and 2 storey rear extension – Notice of appeal against refusal of planning permission.
- 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. Amendments for info only.
- Clare, High Street** – Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2 dwellings. Refused by SODC.
- Orchard house, Chaucer Court** – Addition of new dormer to rear. Changes to dormer window on front. Erection of new car port, new rear extension and changes to boundary walls including amendments. Granted by SODC.
- Blenheim Cottage, Ewelme (parishes of Ewelme/Nuffield)** – Erection of “Ambassador” style open fronted barn. Councillors approved.
- Ford’s Farm** – Conversion of barn to single permanent residence. Listed building consent. Councillors approved.
- Orange mast on land opposite Ford’s Farm** – Withdrawn. NB commented that the application had been full of inconsistencies and that despite consultation with the parish council and others, all of the inputs had been ignored. NB complimented the residents for responding quickly and in large numbers.
- Shepherd’s Hut** – new license including change in hours. PC had received copies of letters sent to SODC from several residents opposed to the changes.
- Ford’s Farm** – a resident asked councillors to keep an eye on the use of the land fenced off by the new barn owners. Permission had not been given to change to garden.
- 7. District Councillors’ Reports –**  
Sue Cooper sent apologies.  
Felix Bloomfield had sent in a report which NB read out. SH to put a copy on Notice boards and to thank Felix.
- 8. Correspondence -**
- Diane Younger – letter re near miss in Eyres Lane whilst on a horse.
  - Trisha Scott – email re traffic issues. Trisha gave Council an article on what some villages are doing to deal with traffic problems. SH had written to Roads Policing HQ to ask for advice. Councillors agreed that there is a need to document a case for traffic issues in the village.
- It was agreed in general that we need to dissuade people coming via the village. One way systems could help, but could increase speeds. SH to ask Speedwatch to have a meeting with councillors for further advise. **SH**
- Parking by the school was still an issue, being worst at the junction. A resident suggested that the school does a road safety initiative with the kids who may the feed that to parents. SPJ to talk to school. **SPJ**
- Brian Thompson – emails re Grundons usage of Green Lane, also hedging/footpath issues. PL to raise at the next liaison meeting. SH **PL**

- to mention the ditch by pub to the tenants and check with OCC whose responsibility it is. Brian also mentioned financial standing orders, councillors noted it. SH
- Councillors and residents noted other hedges and footpaths in the parish which had not been looked after. SH and Carol Sawbridge to contact OCC and land owners where possible.
- Richard Winfield – Confirmation that he wished to stop preparing the cricket square after the end of September.
  - SODC – review of concessionary fares. SH to coordinate views before 7<sup>th</sup> October. ALL/  
SH
  - Local Works – Campaign for sustainable communities bill. SH to circulate. SH
  - Abingdon Crime Prevention – Community Safety Day in Wallingford Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. BB to email to PL for Ewelme News. BB
- Meetings/consultations:
- Society of Local Council Clerks – Regional one day conference. It was felt that the agenda was not that appropriate.
- 9. Accounts & Administration –**  
 Cheques signed between meetings: Paul Wyatt (£182.13), Sound system for hog roast (£25)  
 Payments in: £1262.35 for BT wayleave, £92 for Ewelme News ads  
 Cheques signed at meeting: Richard Winfield (£1100), clerk's wages (£193.50).  
 Vernon Miners had been paid by Grundons on behalf of TOE for the outstanding payment for the work done on the pavilion.  
 Councillors agreed that the cutting of the sports area should be put for tender next year.  
 The Village Hall Management Committee had sent a letter to council requesting helped with an outstanding £3000 for cost of work done to the toilets. Councillors had agreed in the March 2005 meeting that they would help out if the total was not received in grants. John proposed that the full amount be met, BB seconded it. All agreed. DR reminded council that it had suggested that an amount could be added to next year's precept if necessary.
- 10. Standing Orders Review –** not discussed. Carry over.
- 11. AOB –**
- The tenants of the Shepherd's Hut had asked if council would contribute to a firework display to be held in Felix Bloomfield's field and the pub. Councillors felt that the PC could not support a commercial venture although they wished to encourage usage of the pub. It was generally felt that if the display had been held on the common they would be keener to support it. All agreed to a free page ad in Ewelme News. SH to contact the pub re the decision. SH
  - King's Pool – SH proposed that representatives from the council meet with residents who live around the pool and members of the watercress society on an annual basis to discuss the way forward. All agreed, SH to arrange. SH
- 12.** Meeting ended at 9.35pm
- 13.** Date of next meeting – **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October** 2005 at 8pm in the Village Hall

