

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting  
held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

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

- 102. Apologies** – Paul Humphrey (PH)
- 103. Declarations of interest** – none
- 104. Minutes of last meeting** –  
RESOLVED – All agreed they were an accurate representation.
- 105. Matters arising** – to be reported under relevant sections.
- (a) New step by the village hall play area is a possible trip hazard.  
RESOLVED – VM to put a banister rail at both sides of it. **VM**
- (b) Bank interest –  
RESOLVED – Ongoing, although difficult in this financial period **SH**
- (c) Telephone box land ownership –  
RESOLVED – ongoing **VM**
- 106. Fireworks**–  
VM proposed that a donation be made to this year's firework display  
RESOLVED – All agreed in principle, amount to be decided during donation requests discussion later. VM to inform Mr Luker of Council's final decision. **VM**
- 107. Donation requests** –  
Seven requests had been received.  
RESOLVED – DC suggested we look at the financial situation before agreeing amounts of donations. All agreed.
- 108. District Councillor/County Councillor reports** –  
Sue Cooper – residents should contact Verdant on 03000 610 610 to ask for litter bins to be emptied. PL to put the number in Ewelme News; SC on Scrutiny Review Group looking at how District Council liaises with Parish Councils, SC asked for comments. **PL**

- 109. 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) Donations budget – DC proposed that £150 be transferred from the sports area budget to the donations budget line.
- (d) Donations – VM proposed that Fireworks, Chiltern Chase, Air Ambulance, Sue Ryder, South & Vale Carers and Home Start be supported. PL seconded. **SH**
- RESOLVED – all agreed
- (e) Donations – PL proposed that the budget be split: Fireworks £100, Air Ambulance £100, Chiltern Chase £100, Sue Ryder £50, South & Vale Carers £75 and Homestart £75. MF seconded. DC proposed an amendment of fireworks £150 and Air Ambulance £50. 2 voted for the amendment, 3 against. **SH to arrange**
- RESOLVED – All in favour of PL’s proposal.
- (f) Insurance renewal – Quote from Aviva via Came & Co. brokers had been studied by DC. TR proposed to change insurance to Aviva using Came & Co. MF seconded. **SH**
- RESOLVED – all in favour, with the proviso that the Fidelity Guarantee covers all councillors or can be extended at modest cost, if not SH to renew existing cover.
- (g) Finance team meeting needed to discuss budget for 2010/11 and to go through audit comments. **SH/PL/TR/DC**
- RESOLVED – agreed
- (h) Village Hall wall – 2 quotes had been received. PL proposed going with the cheaper one providing VM is satisfied with how the work is to be done. VM seconded.
- RESOLVED – all agreed
- (i) Village Hall steps – invoice had been presented to council for payment as part of the budgeted £1500 donation to the hall, this would take the budget over by £30.  
RESOLVED – all agreed this was fine.
- 110. RAF –**
- Nothing to report. Outstanding issues: Councillors expressed dismay at the lack of communication and of sensitivity to the local community during the Riders Skills Day, TR to inform RAF; setting up of liaison meeting with local councils. **TR**
- RESOLVED – noted
- 111. State of roads/bus services –**
- (a) DC reported: potholes in High Street, edge of road by school, SH had reported problems with runoff from highway and missing kerbstones at car park entrance.  
RESOLVED - noted
- (b) DC reported changes to Wallingford- Goring bus times.  
RESOLVED – noted.
- (c) VM reported a problem with gutters along brook, SH to discuss with OCC and ask Barry to clear them if OCC do not remedy. **SH**
- (d) VM queried progress on the Manor bridge. SH to follow up. **SH**
- 112. Play area/pavilion –**
- (a)  
 Cricket nets being removed; water meters being fitted; goal to be moved; pavilion repaint should be left until March; pavilion water heater needed mending; mower doesn’t require a service; second tyre in play area Keith Fletcher agreed to replace; VM to tighten bolts on swings. **VM**
- RESOLVED – noted
- (b) SH reminded VM that the mower needed putting away as agreed. **PL/VM**
- RESOLVED – PL/VM agreed to try to put in the container or cover it for the winter if not possible.
- (c) Complaints from residents re parking during a large cricket event – councillors could not recommend buying cones to put outside the properties.  
RESOLVED - noted

**113. Common/car park –**

(a) SH had tried to fill potholes with gravel to no avail. A quote of £260 to repair potholes in the entrance had been received. SH to ask Grundons for a donation of type 1 scalplings.

RESOLVED – as it needed doing urgently all agreed.

(b) VM suggested that resurfacing of the whole car park be included in next year's budget.

RESOLVED – All agreed. VM to get quotes for road planings as soon as possible for the budget.

SH

VM

**114. Village Plan –**

No further forward

**115. Health & Safety –**

None

**116. Watercress Beds/brook –**

Annual meeting had been on 11<sup>th</sup> September; Thieves had been caught stealing watercress; quality of the watercress being checked.

RESOLVED – noted

**117. Planning –**

(a) 3, The Bank P09/W0671 - Erection of single storey extension. Approved by SODC.

(b) Grundons P09/W0727 - Removal of conditions to secure improvements to Clack's Lane and to provide new access (conditions 16 and 17 of P04/W1169). Retention of existing access Approved by SODC.

(c) 18 Green Lane P09/W0808 – garage conversion to living accommodation. Granted by SODC.

(d) Shepherd's Hut P09/W0728– application withdrawn

RESOLVED – noted

**118. Correspondence –**

*Items discussed under relevant sections:*

Came & Co. insurance quote

BDO Stoy Hayward – audit comments

*Items for discussion at meeting:*

None

*Councillors informed ahead of items not for discussion:*

OCC – use of Road Safety Team's mobile unit – given to DC for info for the

Parish Plan Speeding team/ village events.

*Consultations, Councillors to comment on as they wish:*

None

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

- (a) A meeting had been held with OCC officers, Benson & Brightwell Baldwin parishes, Tony Crabbe & John Howell MP. OCC maintain that current usage does not constitute a material change of use from the provisions of the Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use or Development. Parishes to conduct their own traffic survey and obtain legal advice. Awaiting response from OCC on data to collect in the traffic survey. SH/DC had written for advice from NALC legal team.
- (b) VM had suggestions for next year's budget: new oven for hall and 2 tables/benches for the sports/play area.
- (c) Bulb planting day in Day's Lane on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October. SH to chase bulbs from Grundons.
- (d) Lord & Lady Jay had asked permission to put up white Christmas lights in the pound.
- (e) Village Hall damp course still to be repaired
- (f) Cricket season had ended, club to repair and reseed wicket and surround with chicken wire to prevent rabbit damage.
- (g) Stile on path by the old Greyhound could do with removing.

**Finance  
team  
SH**

RESOLVED – all noted and agreed.

**SH**

Signed:

Date:

Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 11<sup>h</sup> November 2009** at 7.30pm, Village Hall