

Notice of  
Meeting of the Parish Council on

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2006**

**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 – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2006 8pm

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- Parish plan** – Principal need is to identify a resident to champion the idea. All to make a list of possible volunteers, PL to put an ad in Ewelme News. NB to begin writing application in meantime. **AI/PL  
NB**
- Health and safety** – Bridleways Officer had been to look at footpath through the new pig area (on right of Cat Lane as it goes to the Watlington road) and was “going to keep an eye on it”. SH had contacted OCC and SODC. SH had reported damaged signs in Prospect lane. BB reported that ambulances were experiencing difficulties in locating properties, also the pub had asked SH if a house map was available as they get requests for directions. NB/SH/Carol Sawbridge to design a map. Rabbits Hill – sign in hedge is hidden. NB to ask Ford’s Farm to clear. **NB/SH/  
CS  
NB**
- Standing orders** – Following a discussion PL proposed that the standing orders be accepted with the change under Item 7, that the quorum be 4, BB seconded. All in favour. SH to publish on the notice board, website and if space, in Ewelme News. **SH/PL**
6. **Planning –**
- Linden House** – Permission granted by SODC for erection of 2 single storey rear extensions.
- High House, High Street** – Demolition of existing garage and chalet dwelling. Erection of one dwelling and changes to vehicular access. Application withdrawn.
- Little House, High Street** – Appeals decision: appeal dismissed
- Land adjacent to Loretto** – Appeals decision: appeal dismissed
7. **District Councillors’ Reports** –  
None
8. **Correspondence -**
- Countryside Consultants – Statutory duty re AONB.
  - Woodcote Parish Council – Youth Service Budget in Oxfordshire. SH to send a letter of support, CC to all on original, concurring with the views expressed and asking what the next step should be. **SH**
  - OCC – Discontinuation of Dial-a-ride service. PL to put a notice in Ewelme News. BB asked that Council write to SODC expressing their horror that their lack of financial support has led to the closing of the service and asking why they no longer wish to support transport in rural areas. BB to draft for SH to send. **PL  
BB/SH**
  - OCC - advice re weight limit in Prospect Lane. SH to contact Trading Standards Office **SH**
  - Tricia Scott and Lisa Holmes re sheep on common. Although NB had informally agreed to sheep on the common from Ford’s farm, after looking at the Grazing Rights Agreement it was apparent that they did not have such rights. NB to write to Ford’s farm and explain the situation. They had also raised the issue of generally falling price of grazing over the last few years. All agreed that the grazing value of the land should be reassessed independently. All agreed that a notice period re grazing animals should be implemented in future. NB to respond to concerned residents. **NB**
- Meetings/consultations:
- OCC – Children and young people’s plan **NB**
  - OCC – fares and ticketing. NB to complete questionnaire.
  - OCC - Information strategy Consultation.

- 9. Accounts & Administration –**  
 Payments in: £12 for Ewelme News ads  
 Cheques signed at meeting: Universal Play (£799), Thames Water (£125.34), clerk's wages (£193.50), Colourplus (£207.27).  
 Cheques signed between meetings: none  
 JL noted that there had been no donation from the cricketers. SH to contact them. **SH**  
 All accepted the current financial summary provided by SH.  
 Precept: No large tasks were planned, it was agreed that a village plan will indicate future new tasks which could be affect the 2006/7 precept. An increase in precept might then be justified. PL proposed that the precept be kept at this years level, SPJ seconded and all were in favour. SH to confirm to SODC at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Jan. **SH**  
 SH presented an updated summary of the play area. The project had come in under budget (£50k), at a total of £35,235 of which £9000 had been paid by Parish Council. NB to summarise in Ewelme News. **NB**
- 10. AOB –**
- Xmas cards should be sent to RAF, emails to TOE/ORCC/SODC grant team and Grundons. **SH**
  - SC had asked for feedback on a glass bank in Ewelme. Councillors generally felt that it was not essential and would have difficulty knowing where to place it.
- 11.** Meeting ended at 9.50 pm
- 12.** Dates of next meetings – Thursday 12th January and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at 8pm, village hall