

Notice of
Meeting of the Parish Council on
Wednesday 10th November 2004

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
 - Pavillion
 - RAF
 - State of roads
6. Planning
7. District Councillors Reports
8. Correspondence
9. Accounts & administration
10. Any other business
11. Next meeting – 8th December 2004 8pm

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Minutes of a meeting of Parish Councillors

held on

Wednesday 6th October 2004

Present Neil Blake (NB) Sue Pryce Jones (SPJ)
Brian Benson (BB) John Lockyer (JL)
Sue Hill (SH)

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| 1. | Apologies – Dee Rosier(DR), Peter Lemaire (PL) | |
| 2. | Declaration of interests – none | |
| 3. | Minutes – Agreed with changes made. | |
| 4. | Matters arising – | |
| | Tasks still outstanding from previous non quorate meetings: | |
| | <u>June meeting</u> | |
| | • Notice board for Green Lane – ordered | |
| | • Maintenance jobs done by school. SPJ to raise with school. | SPJ |
| | • Cat lane footpath – SH to keep hassling OCC, put under current tasks | SH |
| | • Litter picking – SH to discuss with Martin Spence | SH |
| | • Play area – NB had drafted disclaimer notices NB. Councillors agreed changes, BB to laser print and laminate. | BB |
| | • Bridleways – SH awaiting reply from the Bridleways Officer to see if this was progressing. | SH |
| | • Pond Management Plan – A poster had been produced and put up on the board, letters sent to pool neighbours. Some planting of local species was to be done. | |
| | • Parking – School had altered collection point to try and relieve situation. SH to contact traffic warden to check parking and try to educate foolish parkers. | SH |
| | • Bus shelter – Paving stones were broken in the shelter. SH to see if Vernon Miners can replace. | SH |
| | • Twinning – Village Hall Management Committee was asked to find a solution to display items donated to the village by Nolay. | PL |
| | <u>July Meeting</u> | |
| | • Bus timetables - SPJ to draft a letter for PC to send re the unsuitability of the bus timetable changes. | SPJ |
| | <u>August meeting</u> | |
| | • TOE grant - SH to let Vernon Miners know when the quotes will be discussed at council meeting. | SH |
| | • Football – Benson football teams were still using the area. Another group had approached JL re using the area on Sundays. JL to follow up and ensure that PC gets a reasonable contribution towards costs. BB had approached RAF re using the cricket pitch and they would like to use occasionally. | JL |
| | • Insurance – SH to carry forward under general admin. | |
| | <u>September meeting</u> | |
| | • Town and Parish Forum – BB had attended several sessions, one on enforcement. Report to be sent when produced. | |
| 5. | Current tasks – | |

RAF – Back from exercise in Morocco. Likely to get increased flying around here as no longer using other training fields.

State of roads – Cat lane still on list to be done. Sue Cooper had contacted OCC re some outstanding issues.

Play area – A grant for £15,000 had been offered from Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE). For refurbishment of the pavilion to make it more vandal proof and bring it up to current Health and Safety standards/fire regulations. PC thanked Grundons for their suggestions that we apply for a grant to TOE. SH to write to them. The roof was identified as a problem, alterations should include making it less attractive to climbers and make it difficult to rip parts off it.

SH

Children's play area has a problem with older children climbing on it in evenings. Parents also get on the equipment. Nearby properties were experiencing problems with this behaviour. Trevor Stewart (TS) to be asked to review any possible changes. The hedge could be encouraged to grow. SH arrange for TS to come out and include neighbours in meeting.

SH

For the older children, PC agreed that it would still be a good thing to have a play wall for them. The positioning of this was under question. It needs to be close enough for youngsters to get to, but also somewhere that it wouldn't cause noise and danger issues. A play net (like in Benson) rather than a wall was suggested as this may cause less noise, no graffiti and would be less obvious. NB to produce a sketch of possible sites. SH to arrange a meeting at the common to discuss. OPFA to be invited along with any residents who are interested.

NB
SH

DR to consult youngsters in village to check that they want a play wall.

DR

Car parking was becoming a problem when the playing field is in use. JL to talk to the club re car sharing.

JL

6. **Planning** –

2, Cottesmore House, Cottesmore Lane – Remove casement window, cut outer wall below opening and fit new hardwood French doors to match those on front elevation. Form sent between meetings due to deadline. Councillors had no objections.

Linden House - Extension to existing dormer window. Councillors approved.

3, Lower Farm Barn – Amendment to previous application of single storey extension. BB declared an interest. Parish Council voted to object to this as before (they believed that the original covenants of the barn conversion did not allow any external alterations).

Grundons Waste Management Ltd – 2 applications for continued development. Councillors agreed to defer to district planning.

7. **District Councillors' Reports** –

Sue Cooper – Grundons are about to have an application for expansion.

Will be well screened from view, but concern about increased traffic, particularly in Clacks Lane. SODC were keen to sort out the large number of enforcement items before giving new permission.

Wallingford Area Forum – Citizens Advice Bureau presentation on debt management.

New licensing Act update – will simplify, but lots of pitfalls/concerns.

District council were having a property review.

Five new Community Safety wardens were being trained. BB to be the focal point for contact. BB to write an article for Ewelme News.

BB

Town and Parish Forum – BB had also attended. One of sessions on waste collection which disappointingly seemed to be aimed at reducing amount of waste rather than the amount forced upon households. Campaign to get community skips back and to have them placed at entrances to rubbish tips.

Affordable housing – Councillors had met with a representative from ORCC to discuss the concept. It had been agreed that it would be useful to survey parishioners to see if there was a need. SH to take forward.

SH

Felix Bloomfield – no report

8. Correspondence -

- Sarah Maine - Thanking Council for play area refurbishment
- SODC - Provision of litter bins, SH circulated for comments
- Home Start - Request for donation. PC decided not to send a donation
- South & Vale Carers - Request for donation, poster. SH to display poster. PC decided not to donate this year, but may do so in future. SH to reply.
- SOHA Housing - Use of available sheltered housing schemes. SH to discuss with DR and respond.
- Greenbarnes Ltd - Order acknowledgement for notice board
- TOE - Offer of grant

SH

SH

Consultations: SH to circulate around councillors for comments

SODC Sustainable development strategy consultation

SH

SODC Licensing policy consultation (BB took)

SODC Performance plan 2004/5

SODC Housing strategy report 2003-6

Meeting invites:

- Chilterns - Conservation Board forum. Nov 4th at Berkhamsted. None wished to attend.
- SODC - Successful partnership working in the countryside. 14th Oct, None wished to attend.

9. Accounts & Administration –

Invoices paid: Colourplus (£180.95), Grundons for TOE grant (£1652.40), Clerk wages (£187.50), Audit Office (£141).

Payments received: £72 for ads in Ewelme News, £5250 half precept. JL had received a further £25 donation from football, Richard Winfield had £110 donation from cricket pitch users to pass onto clerk.

Audit had been returned to PC. Councillors approved and accepted the final version.

10. Any other business –

NB had written to church commission re possible land uses.

The railing at the top of Burrows Hill had been placed farther back than before and people were now parking on the grass. It was suggested that if it became a problem PC would consider further changes. Disappointment at the look of the railing was mentioned.

Concern was expressed about the rector having to cut the churchyard grass. Council has approached the PCC with an offer to pay for some of the new church yard cutting instead of the usual donation. It was suggested that parishioners should contact the PCC with their concerns.

11. Meeting ended at 10.15pm

12. Date of next meeting – 10th November 2004 at 8pm in the Village Hall