

Notice of  
Meeting of the Parish Council on

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 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
6. Planning
7. District Councillors Reports
8. Correspondence
9. Accounts & administration
10. Any other business
11. Next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2006 8pm

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## Minutes of a meeting of Parish Councillors held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2006

<b>Present</b>	Neil Blake (NB) Brian Benson (BB) Sue Hill (SH)	Peter Lemaire (PL) John Lockyer (JL) Dee Rosier (DR) Sue Pryce Jones (SPJ)
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	<b>Details</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<b>NB welcomed Meg Wicket, Community Development Worker, RAF Benson</b>	
1.	<b>Apologies</b> – Sue Cooper	
2.	<b>Declaration of interests</b> – SPJ planning	
3.	<b>Minutes</b> – Agreed	
4.	<b>Matters arising</b> –	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village map – ongoing. NB/SH to use 1999 OS map as basis.</li> <li>• Councillors how assets, such as maps can be stored/viewed/made publicly available. To be followed up.</li> </ul>	<b>SH/NB</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency services map will use the 1999 OS map with a grid and key to house names.</li> </ul>	<b>SH/NB</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BB raised the problem with the name of the Street/High Street. To be incorporated on maps and checked with OCC/SODC.</li> </ul>	<b>SH</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terry Allsop had reported deterioration of bark in play area. Will need topping up.</li> <li>• Triangle – parking had been prevented by roping off. Councillors agreed that it would be better to put long logs on each side so that ropes could be removed. Barry Rosier to quote on job and to cut grass in summer as part of odd job tasks.</li> <li>• JL and SH had contacted police many times re confirmation of possible/alleged arrests for car window damage, with no response. Councillors agreed that SH should pursue in writing on behalf of residents.</li> </ul>	<b>SH</b>
5.	<b>Current tasks</b> –	
	<b>RAF</b> – Date had yet to be arranged for RAF meeting. Meg Wicket agreed to get date set. SH to ensure Tinkers Moon are invited. PL to put date when known in Ewelme News. Posters will need to be done. Hall to be booked. RAF may be interested in loaning SID, although they have their own to borrow from other bases.	<b>BB SH PL</b>
	<b>State of roads</b> – Steve Wood (Safer Roads) had agreed to loan council a portable SID. SH to progress. Councillors were keen to see how useful it was. Mr and Mrs Williams had approached councillors re speeding traffic and accidents at Lower End, which should be added to list of sites for SID use.	<b>SH</b>
	<b>Affordable Housing</b> – Affordable Housing – Suzanne Willers had agreed to do a poster presentation on Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March at a village meeting about affordable housing/parish plan. Posters needed doing, hall needs booking, ad in Ewelme News. All councillors to spread the word about the evening. Council to provide tea/coffee.	<b>SH PL ALL</b>

- Parish plan** – Councillors discussed the grant application form. NB was still looking for a volunteer coordinator. Meg Wicket had experience of plans and was happy to advise. RAF links could be included in grant application. NB asked Harriet Akoulichev to ask Ewelme Society re volunteer.
- Health and safety** – no matters reported
6. **Planning** – SPJ left the room.
- 8 Green Lane** – Erection of conservatory to north-west elevation. Councillors approved.
- 16, Eyres Close** – Erection of conservatory to rear of house. Councillors approved.
- 45-49 Green Lane** (Old Gym, edge of) – Orange mast pre-application consultation. Councillors felt this was not appropriate. Queried interference with RAF base, if not a problem it would be preferable to site on the edge of the base. NB to respond urgently . **NB**
7. **District Councillors' Reports** –  
 FB – copy of response from Environment Agency to FB re water levels in Ewelme Brook, given to all councillors.
8. **Correspondence** -
- SODC– Licensing Act 2003: Enforcement policy. For info.
  - Home Start – donation request. Councillors agreed not to donate and that SH should, in future, only bring such requests if highly relevant to the residents. Too many requests from all sources now.
  - OCC – Funding of youth services. For info
  - Oxfordshire Association for the Blind – donation request was refused
  - SODC – proposed new garden waste service. Poster to go on board.
- Meetings/consultations:
- SODC – housing strategy 2006-2011. Possibly incorporate into affordable housing meeting.
  - OCC – Invite to parish council's meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March. PL may go. **PL**
9. **Accounts & Administration** –  
 Payments in: £108  
 Cheques signed at meeting: Colourplus (£224.55), SEB (£50.20), clerk's wages (£193.50).  
 Cheques signed between meetings: Paul Wyatt (£80 football goal), Paul Wyatt (£255, barrier/trees).  
 Clerk reported the application for reduced community charge for the pavilion had been sent.  
 Annual parish meeting will be on April
10. **AOB** –
- Benson Parish Clerk was retiring, DR asked that this be recognized. Councillors agreed to send a card. **SH**
  - NB had written to SC re S137 as to what limits are applied if parish council were able to give grants/donations to worthy village enterprises. It was agreed that it would be better to give donations to village groups rather than in response to the charity letters sent in each month.
  - BB summarized the police crime report. Ewelme had low incidences of reported violent crime, burglaries and auto crimes, but higher reports of criminal damage than surrounding villages and towns.
  - The issue of the gate next to the village hall was raised. VHMC

preferred it to be left at present, but Councillors advised that appropriate steps be made to avoid the land being taken over.

- NB reported an unfruitful exchange of messages concerning antisocial vehicle parking in the village. Discussions focused on avoiding discrimination amongst any residents doing this.
- Brian Orpwood asked when the posts in Martyn's Way were to be completed as someone was deliberately driving between posts and parking on the verges. Councillors agreed that extra posts should be added so that the money already spent was not wasted.
- Brian Orpwood queried whether the County Councillor was going to attend any other meetings. SH to email him the dates of meetings.

**SH**

**11.** Meeting ended at 9.40 pm

**12.** Dates of next meetings – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at 8pm, village hall