

## Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009

**Present** Peter Lemaire (PL), Chair      Vernon Miners (VM)      Theresa Redgewell (TR)  
Melissa Fletcher (MF)      David Cooper (DC)      Sue Hill (SH)

- 35. Apologies** – Paul Humphrey (PH)
- 36. Declarations of interest** – PL – Village hall management committee
- 37. Minutes of last meeting** –  
RESOLVED – All agreed they were an accurate representation.
- 38. Matters arising** – to be reported under relevant sections.
- (a) Dog fouling signs-  
RESOLVED – all in favour of ordering £80 no dog fouling sign from Austin Reynoulds. **SH**
- (b) Bar-b-que insurance –  
RESOLVED - SH to determine. **SH**
- (c) Volunteer tractor drivers –  
RESOLVED – SH proposed gloves, goggles and overalls be purchased from Screwfix. VM offered to supply gloves and goggles to be kept in container with tractor; all agreed overalls not necessary; SH proposed that signs warning people to keep away from the area be used whilst tractor is in use. Councillors decided these were not required and that children should be told to keep away. **VM**
- (d) Litter bin at pavilion –  
RESOLVED - SH to contact SODC re delivery date of waste bins; SH to contact OCC re emptying of litter bins. **SH**
- (e) Footpath by ex-BT box –  
RESOLVED – awaiting response from OCC and quote from contractor **SH/VM**
- (f) 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**
- 39. District Councillor/County Councillor reports** –  
None
- 40. 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) Pavilion/sports area hire -  
RESOLVED – all agreed that the fee of £25 (£17 for block bookings) should be applied to all hirers, with no discounts. The key should not be given out unless the agreement has been signed and payment made and that all hirers should give a deposit. The key must be returned by the hirer or a charge will be taken out of the deposit. SH to write to both Chiltern Chase and the School PTA to clarify this for the future. **SH**
- (d) SH reported that a more up to date version of Sage may be required as she had upgraded her laptop.  
RESOLVED - All agreed this was acceptable if needed.

- 41. Access behind Village Hall –**  
 (a) Legal documentation relating to access alongside and behind the hall -  
RESOLVED – Councillors accepted DC’s recommendation to use the agreement.  
 PL to ask the Jays to look it over and to mention that the passageway should be kept clear at all times. Section 3.5 rules and regulations – TR proposed the following rule: That access ways should be left completely clear of any articles except for special dispensation for 2 council wheeled bins to be positioned at the side of the old Reading Room kitchen. DC seconded, 3 in favour, 2 against. **PL**
- 42. RAF –**  
 TR/PL to meet to agree a way forward with communication and discuss a joint approach from local parishes. **TR/PL**
- 43. State of roads/bus services –**  
 (a) Bus stop – a resident had queried whether council would consider moving the bus stop sign opposite the houses further up the road towards the RAF base.  
RESOLVED - councillors were not supportive of this idea due to the amount of consultation prior to the decision of where to site it and the level of disruption caused at the current site.  
 (b) Pot hole by Shepherd’s Hut –  
RESOLVED – SH to report to OCC as reporting it to Greene King had no effect. **SH**  
 (c) Vegetation along path in Benson Road–  
RESOLVED – SH to report to OCC **SH**
- 44. Play area/pavilion –**  
 (a) VM asked if councillors would agree to storage container for Chiltern Society tools for a small fee.  
RESOLVED – Councillors agreed in principle. VM to take forward. **VM**  
 (b) Play area bark needs topping up.  
RESOLVED – SH to get a quote. **SH**  
 (c) Grass behind cricket practise wicket – VM asked the cricket club to cut it.  
RESOLVED – Andy Climpson, representing the Cricket Club, agreed  
 (d) Rabbit damage to the cricket square – Cricket Club asked for permission to erect some chicken wire around the square to deter rabbits.  
RESOLVED – all agreed as long as it was made visible to prevent children running into it.
- 45. Common car park & stiles –**  
 (a) Replacing of stiles – MF reported that the work would start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>.  
 (b) Car park – MF to prepare plan for possible improvements to the current car park. Temporary use of common for a limited number of days a year was acceptable by SODC planning office. Ford’s Farm had requested that any groups using this facility should ensure that if cattle were on the common, someone should be responsible for looking after the electric fence for the duration that it is used.  
RESOLVED - noted **MF**
- 46. Village Plan –**  
 None
- 47. Health & Safety –**  
 Several residents reported that the cattle on the common were quite frisky.  
RESOLVED – noted, but councillors pointed out that there were notices on gates advising users that there were cattle on the common, thus users can decide whether to enter or not.
- 48. Watercress Beds/brook –**  
 Weed disposal was an issue. Council suggested putting it on compost heaps in the allotments.  
 War shrine is being well kept by Mr Luker.  
RESOLVED – noted

**49. Planning -**

Planning decisions made between meetings:

None.

For decision:

None

**50. Correspondence –**

*Items discussed under relevant sections:*

(a) Leaflet on Ewelme for Wallingford Tourist Office.

RESOLVED – all agreed that SH should draft a leaflet, PL to get it printed by Vista Print in small runs.

(b) Felix Bloomfield had asked for council support for free transport to Wallingford School for Ewelme children.

RESOLVED – all strongly supported this, PL to write.

*Items for discussion at meeting:*

None

*Councillors informed ahead of items not for discussion:*

None

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

None

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

(a) Shepherd's hut due to open shortly. TR suggested that council try to help them encourage residents to make use of the facilities.

RESOLVED – SH to contact them to offer them a free page in Ewelme News to introduce themselves.

(b) Village Hall Management Committee have several tasks that need doing and wish to spend some of the allocated money in council budget.

RESOLVED – they should send SH the relevant invoices for payment as they get them. The budgeted figure of £1500 in 2009/10 will be spent on these until the money has been used up.

(c) SH reminded councillors that SOHA had asked to meet with them on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June for an information session about their upgraded plans for new properties. DC suggested a site visit during the meeting.

RESOLVED – Noted

SH

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009** at 7.30pm, Village Hall