

Minutes of Parish Council meeting
held on Wednesday 11th March 2009

Present Peter Lemaire (PL), Chair Paul Humphrey (PH) Vernon Miners (VM),
Melissa Fletcher (MF) David Cooper (DC) Sue Hill (SH)

- 173. Apologies** – Theresa Redgewell (TR)
- 174. Declarations of interest** – None
- 175. Minutes of last meeting** –
RESOLVED – All agreed they were an accurate representation after amendment by VM.
- 176. Matters arising** – to be reported under relevant sections.
- (a) RAF – flights and delivering leaflets
RESOLVED – TR to discuss leaflet distribution with RAF **TR**
 - (b) Extra goal sleeves + nets for large goal –
RESOLVED – VM to find prices or discuss with Cholsey FC **VM**
 - (c) Ewelme CC had concerns about the state of the outfield when the cricket and football season overlapped.
RESOLVED – councillors felt that having Cholsey FC using the facilities was a great opportunity for Ewelme residents (youngsters and adults) to play/watch football, both sports have used the facilities in previous years, Cholsey FC not allowed to play the same day as Ewelme CC as therefore 1 week of any problems to be sorted out, both sports only have an agreement for one season, so not long term agreements.
 - (d) Dog fouling of the play area -
RESOLVED - SH to get quotes for a new sign, dog warden could be called upon if it continues on a regular basis **SH**
 - (e) Scalpings for the car park –
RESOLVED - SH and VM to get written quotes. Council to consider putting gravel board to prevent gravel spilling onto the grass. **SH/VM**
 - (f) Greyhound fence needs mending –
RESOLVED - VM to ask owners to repair it. **VM**
 - (g) Drain outside 5, Hampden Way – **VM**
RESOLVED - SH to report to OCC **SH**
- 177. District Councillor/County Councillor reports** –
Felix Bloomfield – report from Felix, to be included in Ewelme News for circulation round all households.
Sue Cooper – new waste collections – properties with problems to be listed by council, frequently asked questions circulated by email, households to be given a trial period after which they can amend their requirements.

178. 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) OPFA subscription renewal – PI proposed, VM seconded

RESOLVED – all agreed.

(d) Millstream Day Centre donation –

RESOLVED – all in favour

(e) Petty cash – SH reported that PH had checked and signed off the petty cash. All had been spent so it required topping up.

RESOLVED – noted, all agreed.

(f) Financial regulations – £20 limit for councillors contract expenditure without authorisation.

RESOLVED – all agreed to alter this to £50.

(g) Risk assessment –

RESOLVED – all approved, SH to copy list of clerk’s tasks plus documentation on storage information to all councillors.

SH

(h) Ewelme News advertising –

RESOLVED – all noted that timing of invoicing affects income between years, all agreed that advert income contributed to but didn’t have to necessarily cover production costs.

(i) Register of assets – Cow Common had been revalued at a nominal £1, new assets had been added.

RESOLVED – all agreed

(j) Bank statements –

RESOLVED - PH had checked all statements against cheque books and signed them off.

(k) Clerk’s statement of PAYE/NI payment –

RESOLVED – noted

(l) Review of effectiveness of internal audit –

RESOLVED – all agreed.

179. RAF –

None

180. State of roads/bus services –

(a) Still holes in Benson Road to be mended, although the worst had been filled. (b) Bus service timetable had been replaced in Green Lane, request for reduced size of buses had been noted by Thames Travel who had agreed to try to avoid large buses except for school service.

(c) Thames Water had been out checking for leaks.

(d) OCC to replace kerbstones in Eyres Lane

181. Play area/pavilion –

(a) Tractor -

VM to take possession of tractor on Friday, training session planned

RESOLVED – SH to confirm with insurers. Noted

SH

(b) Goal:

VM reminded council that provision will need to be made for the lad’s football goal when the adult goals are in place.

RESOLVED – noted

(c) Football:

Cholsey men’s football team need to confirm booking by signing agreement and sending deposit.

RESOLVED – noted

- 182. Common car park & stiles –**
 MF reported that council had unofficially heard that the grant from TOE would be forthcoming.
RESOLVED – noted, to go on next agenda
 VM reminded council that the extension to the car park was still required.
RESOLVED – SH to put on next agenda
- SH**
SH
- 183. Parish Plan –**
 none
- 184. Health & Safety –**
 VM queried whether council should provide a skip in the village whilst the tip was closed.
RESOLVED - Councillors voted against the idea.
 Day's Lane – bin not being emptied.
RESOLVED – SH to report
- SH**
- 185. Watercress Beds/brook –**
 None
- 186. Planning -**
Planning decisions made between meetings:
 - Huntinglands – erection of replacement garage to farmhouse – council had no strong views
RESOLVED - noted
 - Hare Hall, Roke – council had no strong views
RESOLVED – noted.
 - Potters farm, Old London Rd – councillors approved, but commented on siting of barn
RESOLVED - noted
 - The Old Post Office, amendment to flat – councillors approved
RESOLVED – noted.
- Discussions:
 PL/VM to talk to Jays about the amendment since this may require access across council land and some form of agreement.
- PL/VM**
- 187. Correspondence –**
Items discussed under relevant sections:
 none
Items for discussion:
 none
Councillors informed ahead of items not for discussion:
 (a) SODC – Oakley Wood redevelopment
 (b) SODC - electronic consultation on planning applications
 (c) SOHA – non pursual of Britwell Road application
 (d) OPFA – advice on dog fouling
RESOLVED - noted
 (e) SODC – email re properties which may have problems with wheelie bins
RESOLVED – each councillor to send list of possible problem properties to SH for SODC to check.
- ALL**
- Consultations, Councillors to comment on as they wish:*
 None

188. Other issues raised for possible future discussion –

(a) DC expressed concern that the Shepherd's Hut had lost the tenants and asked council to write to them offering best wishes.

RESOLVED – SH to write.

SH

(b) DC asked if council would write to Green King to encourage them to keep the pub open.

RESOLVED – All agreed. SH to write.

SH

(c) PL had been offered bar-b-que equipment for the village, to be stored in the container.

RESOLVED – All agreed to accept. MF queried insurance, SH to find out.

SH

(d) Cynthia Winfield has asked if the sport area could be used for parking during the open gardens in July.

RESOLVED – Councillors felt that the sports area should only be for access to events held on the common. The council voted against the idea. PH suggested asking if the school would allow parking on the playing field with a small charge to raise money for the school. SH to report to Cynthia.

SH

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 8th April 2009** at 7.30pm, Village Hall