

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th May 2010 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present	Mr I Thompson	Chairman
	Mr R Beech	
	Mr C Broad	
	Mr F Dumbleton	
	Mr T Garrett	
	Mr B Morris	
	Mrs A Swannell	
	Mrs M E Morris	Clerk
	Mr S Lilly	County Councillor
	PCSO G Kirby	Area Beat Officer
	1 Member of the Public	

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mrs Turner and Mr Waite.
2. **Declarations of Interest**, there were none.
3. The Chairman welcomed Mr Richard Beech as the co-opted Councillor. Mr Beech signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
4. **Election of Chairman**
Mr Thompson was proposed by Mr Morris, seconded by Mr Broad and accepted by all present. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
5. **Election of Vice Chairman**
Mr Morris was proposed by Mr Thompson, seconded by Mr Garret and accepted by all present.
6. **Election of Officers**
Mrs Swannell said that for family reasons she wished to resign as a Parish Councillor with effect from the end of the Meeting. The resignation was accepted.
Planning Mr Thompson, Mr Morris, Mr Broad, Mr Beech.
VHMC Mr Morris, Mr Thompson will be substitute when Mr Morris unable to attend.
Footpaths MrBeech.
Transport / Road Safety Mr Thompson, Mr Dumbleton.
OALC Representative Mr Broad.
Western Villages Alliance Rep Mr Garrett
Stakeholder Group Mr Broad
Community Liaison Meeting Mr Thompson, Mr Morris
Playbuilder Committee Mr Broad.
7. **Area Beat Officer's Report**
PCSO Kirby reported that recently there had been a theft of scrap metal from Prospect Farm. There were no reports of raves on the Ridgeway over the Bank Holiday weekend. Operation Migrate against hare coursing has finished as crops are too high now, the operation will recommence again later in the year. There have been no more thefts of copper cable reported.

8. **Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting** were signed as a true record.

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10. **County Council Report**

Mr Lilly said that following the report at the last meeting, Oxfordshire Highways is worried about the sign that is sending trucks over an unclassified road (Hagbourne Hill) and they are following it up.

The start of the work on Didcot Station forecourt has been delayed until August.

There will be a Transport meeting on 12th May, when a joint ticketing arrangement between Thames Travel and Stagecoach will be discussed.

The application for an MBT plant at Sutton Courtenay is still being discussed. Frideswide Square in Oxford is to be redesigned, there is a questionnaire on the OCC website.

Mr Morris asked if Mr Lilly would get the bus route through Chilton included on the gritting list; Mr Lilly said he would do his best at the "Snow Summit" in June.

11. **Planning**

(i) **Applications Considered by the Planning Committee**

Application for erection of replacement sub-station. Building R61 RAL CHI/21136

Comments

No objections.

Application creation of a new car park facility to the front entrance of the building to accommodate the recent staff additions. (re-submission) HPA Fermi Ave

HAR/2571/15

Comments

No objections

(ii) **Applications Determined by the Vale**

Permission to convert roof space to bedroom. Installation of dormer and velux windows. 49 Limetrees CHI/17922/2

Refusal for single storey extension to link existing house to permitted garage block 2 Place Farm Cottages CHI/21103

Permission to erect a replacement sub-station. Building R61 RAL CHI/21136

(iii) **Applications in Circulation**

Application for replacement sub-station enclosure. Building R92 RAL CHI/20077/4

Application to erect a detached double carport. Fairlawne South Row. CHI/6625/6

Notification of Appeal for refusal to allow detached bungalow at Fairlawne.

(iv) The Clerk to contact Laura Hudson to ask for a reply to email requesting information regarding Fairlawne. The Clerk was asked to check the awarded width of South Row.

12. **Matters Arising from 24th March**

(i) **Letter re Inconsistent Planning Decisions**

Letter still in draft form, Clerk to re-circulate the letter for comments from Councillors.

(ii) **New Allotments**

Mr Morris reported that apart from a paving slab the work has now been completed. The water supply needed to be redone but is now correct. The allotments have all been let and are being cultivated. The Chairman thanked Mr Morris for all his hard work getting the allotments completed.

(iii) **Meeting with Dog Warden**

Mr Morris said he had met with the Warden from the Vale. Options were discussed and it was suggested that two new bins be ordered. One to go at the Lower Road end of Church Path and the other in the far corner of the recreation field. The Clerk to contact the Vale.

- (iv) Litter Pick Up
The Chairman said that eight people did a litter pick up. This included some help from the Scouts.
- (v) Graffiti on Sports Wall
Clerk had a price list of products from Community Clean. It was agreed to order a container of product AA-629 suitable for cleaning brickwork. Clerk also to check coverage of Graffiti Stop which will prevent further graffiti on the wall.
- (vi) “Up in the Down’s” Book
Mr Dumbleton has transferred “Up in the Downs” to a CD that will cost £10 each. Use of the photos by a third party was discussed and it was decided that the Parish Council Would not grant copyright and use of the photos. All the CD’s to have a label on them to say this.
- (vii) Crafts End Green
Waiting for the transfer document to be returned after amendment..

Matters Arising from APM

- (viii) County Council Report
The phone number for reporting potholes to be put in the Chronicle.
- (ix) Future Use of the Playing Field
As already agreed extra dog bins to be applied for.
- (x) Speed limit in Village
Letter to be sent to Peter Ronald asking about a 20mph speed limit.
- (xi) Boreholes
The extra bore holes being drilled on behalf of RSRL.
- (xii) X32 Bus Service
The Clerk will write to Thames Travel re drivers relieving themselves at the top of Limetrees.
- (xiii) Broadband Connection
Mr Broad had no further news.
- (xiv) Loss of telephone connections
The Clerk has written to BT.

13. Finance

- (i) Expenditure
Cheques

Thames Water - Allotments	16.59
Mr D Hall - Fencing for play area	135.69
Mr B Morris - grass seed, canes for new allots.	27.08
OALC - Annual subscription	158.94
Green Surroundings - landscape works	5886.52
Anne Ratnarajah - willow fedge	480.00
Wicksteed Leisure - new play equipment	41,543.13
Berinsfield - March grass cutting	106.34
L Rees - Chronicle 360	88.00
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Mrs Morris - April salary & expenses	297.76
Berinsfield - Allotment work	4758.81
<u>Total</u>	<u>53,550.25</u>

Petty Cash

9 weeks litter clearing 90.00

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| (ii) | <u>Receipts</u> | |
| | Scottish & Southern Energy - Wayleave | 31.01 |
| | 9 Allotment rentals | 67.50 |
| | 2 CD books | 20.00 |
| | 1 Allotment rental | 7.50 |
| | 1 st Instalment Precept | 6200.00 |
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- (iii) £4,500 has been transferred from interest a/c to business a/c to pay for the allotments.
- (iv) Subscription renewal for the LCR – the NALC magazine - £13.50. It was agreed to pay the renewal
- (v) Came & Co – Insurance renewal received, the new play equipment has been included in the premium of £1,741.04. If the Council agrees to a 3-year long-term agreement the premium falls to £1,653.99. This means that the premiums will only increase slightly because the property sums insured will be index-linked. It was agreed that the Council would take advantage of the long term agreement.
- (vi) It was agreed that the Chairman would draft a note for the Chronicle saying that the amount of money precepted for 2010/11 had been decreased.

14. Playbuilder Report

Mrs Swannell reported that Wicksteed's are still to come to do the extra work but it won't be done until after the Grand Opening on 23rd May. A child had been hurt by a piece of glass in the sand. The sand has been cleared and raked over. The Clerk will send back the RoSPA form to have the new equipment included in the annual inspection. It was agreed that a new litter bin would be purchased for the area. The position to be confirmed later. There will probably be approximately £1,500 left once everything has been paid for.

15. VHMC Report

Mr Morris reported

Finance - £19.71 a/c, £6517 interest a/c, £75 hirers dep. a/c, Petty cash £79.

The Scouts extra storage problem is still under active consideration, they have not yet decided on how to move forward.

It has been decided to move to monthly invoicing in arrears to prevent regular hirers owing large amounts of money.

It was agreed that instead of having hourly and daily commercial rates for the Hall there would just be a daily commercial rate for the hall.

16. Play Equipment Report

Mrs Swannell inspected the equipment, it was noted that matting under the swings was slightly raised and some large gaps on the matting by the multiplay unit. The netting on the basketball hoops needs to be renewed.

Mr Broad to do the next inspection.

17. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) There is to be a presentation on the new waste services, Mr Garrett will attend on 17th May.
- (ii) An Invitation had been received from ORCC to attend their 90th Birthday Celebration on 3rd July. No one was able to go, the invite will be passed to the VHMC.
- (iii) North Wessex Downs AONB is holding a planning training event at Lambourn on 17th June. Mr Thompson and Mr Dumbleton to probably attend.
- (iv) OPFA magazine to be passed to Playbuilder Committee when it has been circulated.

18. Dates of Meetings for Next 12 Months

The list of meeting dates for the next 12 months was accepted.

- 19.** The Chairman thanked Mrs Swannell for her work as a Parish Councillor and her contribution to Playbuilder. Mrs Swannell will continue as a parent member of the Playbuilder Committee.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm.