

Minutes of the Meeting of Chilton Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st October 2009 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr I Thompson Chairman
Mr C Broad
Mr F Dumbleton
Mr T Garrett
Mr B Morris
Mrs A Swannell

Mrs M E Morris Clerk

Mr S Lilley County Councillor
PCSO L Gardener Area Beat Officer
Mrs C Dunsdon Head Teacher Chilton School

1 member of the Public

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mrs M Turner and Mr R Waite.
2. **Declarations of Interest** Mr Thompson declared a personal interest under Planning 9(vi), 5a The Orchids, as he is a neighbour. The Register of Interests was signed by Mr Thompson.
3. **Open Forum**
 - (i) Mr Woods asked if the pavement on Newbury Road could be cleared of weeds. Clerk to notify OCC.
 - (ii) Mr Woods complained of dog fouling in Main Street and at the entrance to the allotments. A notice to go in the Chronicle.
 - (iii) Mr Woods complained about speeding in Main Street and asked if a speed check could be done at the bottom of Church Hill. The Clerk will speak to PCSO Clayden.
 - (iv) Mr Woods asked if the Village Hall would have 3 wheelie bins when the new refuse collection comes into service. There will be 3 bins.
 - (v) It was reported that the Police have continued to do extra checks on the allotments.
4. **Minutes** of the last Meeting were signed as a true record.
5. **Chilton School Report- Food for Life**

Mrs Dunsdon said that Chilton School has been made a flagship school by Foods for Life in order to develop school meals and to promote the children's knowledge of cooking and healthy eating. This means that the School will receive assistance from a variety of experts in order to improve practice and achieve the Food for Life gold standard mark, the School will also be a centre for training staff from other schools in good practice. The School will be following three strands of development; Food, Farming and Growing. The Growing strand will involve developing a garden area and an Awards for All grant has already been successful. In order to make sure the project is sustainable the school is applying for a Local Foods grant. If successful this will provide part time educators to work in School. The Parish Council were asked to support this project by writing a letter of support to the School. The Council agreed to this, the Clerk will write a letter to Mrs Dunsdon.

6. County Council Report

Mr Lilly reported that the Planners at the County Council had refused the planning application for the waste incinerator. It is probable that Viridor will appeal against the decision.

The Cabinet have approved the taking forward of the SCOT'S Report. The public consultation document should be ready for publication in March.

The Great Western Park Development should commence in February with Taylor Wimpey starting with the Housing Association part.

The Environment Agency will meet up with Parish Councils if they have any major water issues.

The Fire Service is to undergo some restructuring.

The X32 operating costs are almost covered each week.

Mr Dumbleton noted that there was a patch of resurfacing by Pond Cottage in Dene Hollow that is not very good. It was suggested that the householder contacts Oxfordshire Highways.

7. Area Beat Officer's Report

PCSO Gardener said there were no reported crimes in Chilton this week. Following the broken bottles in the car park extra checks were being made on the area. The questionnaires that had been circulated out with the Chronicle were being collected by Mrs Pearce. The information will go back to the Neighbourhood Action Groups and the priorities identified.

8. District Council Report

From a written report it was noted:-

- (i) Great Western Park - information regarding the development can found on SODC's website, application no. P02/W0848/O in a folder named Discharge of Conditions.
- (ii) Council Tax dodgers in southern Oxfordshire are to be targeted by a massive antifraud crackdown.
- (iii) Get Oxfordshire Active is looking for motivated individuals to lead local jogging groups for adults of all fitness levels. All the training and support is provided by GO Active and the VWHDC.
- (iv) During the year to 31st March 2009 Veolia collected 41,340.13 tonnes of waste. This is broken down as follows:-

Tonnage of waste recycled	9,657.62
Tonnage of garden waste composted	5,084.65
Total tonnage saved from landfill	14,742.27 (35.66% of all waste collected)
Tonnage of waste landfilled	26,597.86
- (v) A compost bin offer is now available to Oxfordshire residents with bins from £18.50 including delivery.

9. Planning

(i) Applications Considered by the Parish Council

Application to provide a temporary storage unit for Scout Troop. Village Hall
CHI/1468/8

Comments

The Parish Council had no objections to this application but would like a condition placed which excludes storage of liquid or gas fuels in it as it will be adjacent to the Village Hall.

Application to amend permission to demolish Fairlawne. Fairlawne South Row.
CHI/6652/2

Comments

Chilton Parish Council did not object to this amendment but would like to see the flat porch on Plot 2 changed to match the gabled 1st floor on the same house and the gabled porch on Plot 1.

(ii) Applications Considered by the Planning Committee

Application to erect a rear conservatory. 30 Crafts End. CHI/4908/2

Comments

The Parish Council had no objections.

Application to erect a rear conservatory. 9 Elderfield Crescent CHI/20985

Comments

The Parish Council had no objections.

Application for proposed extension and part re-cladding of existing building. Building R6 RAL CHI/6922/5

Application in circulation.

(iii) Applications Determined by the Vale

Permission for retrospective application to erect a chiller pump. Building R46 CHI/20899

Permission for loft conversion and juliet balcony. Meadow Way South row CHI/14775/1

Permission for proposed ground floor rear extension, loft conversion including new dormer windows and front extension. New detached garage. 45 Crafts End CHI/20929

(v) Ridgeway Farm

It is possible that some dog kennels have been constructed, the Clerk to contact the Vale regarding the gatehouse and other concerns.

(vi) 5a The Orchids

A complaint regarding 5a The Orchids about smoke from the chimney stack had been received. It was suggested that Environmental Health be contacted. The status of the Enforcement Order to be checked. Also it was reported that there was a trip hazard just outside the house. The Clerk to report it.

10. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

(i). Vacancy for Councillor

The Vale has been informed of the vacancy and it has been advertised. As no request has been made to the Vale for an election the Council now need to co-opt a member. To be discussed at the end of the Meeting under the Confidential item.

(ii). Lawson Lane

No further news

(iii) Pavement Elderfield Crescent

The pavement in Elderfield Crescent has been inspected and money is being sought from the budget to resurface it.

Church Path by the Churchyard has been inspected and 7 metres of patchwork has been authorised. It should be done in the next 14 days.

(iv) Crafts End Green

A reply has been received from Wates. To be discussed at the end of the meeting under the Confidential item.

(v) Play Equipment

The spring dog is being renovated and will be in place by the weekend..

(vi) Dog Waste Bin

The Dog Waste bin is scheduled to be put in during the next financial year.

11. Finance

(i) Expenditure

Cheques

Mrs Morris - Sept salary & expenses	293.00
SLCC - Clerks Manual update	14.75
Mr Oliver - gazebo reimbursement	115.00
Thames Water - allotment water	10.66
L Rees - Chronicle 355	63.99
Shaw & Sons -meeting notices	30.18
Berinsfield - September grass cutting	236.23
All Saints' Church - churchyard maintenance	814.00
Anthony Stiff - 1 st Stage payment	603.75
Total	2181.56

Petty Cash

5 Weeks litter clearing 50.00

(ii) Receipts

VHMC - payment for Chilton Active 247.00
OCC - 1st stage Playbuilder payment 5,000.00
Land rent - Mrs Hillier 97.50
Precept - 2nd payment 6,424.50

11,769.00

Charity land rent 15.50

- (iii) The Annual Return has been received. There were no matters that needed attention. The Annual Return was accepted by the Council
- (iv) A new signatory is required for the accounts as Mrs Launchbury is no longer a Councillor. It was agreed the three signatories would be Mr Broad, Mr Garrett and Mr Morris. Form to be completed at end of meeting.
- (v) Request for a donation received from Sue Ryder Care, it did not meet the Council's criteria.
- (vi) The new pay scale for Clerks has been received. They are payable from 1st April 2009.

12. Playbuilder Report

Mrs Swannell reported that the OCC have approved the design that was proposed by Caroline Place. This was looked at by the Councillors. It was noted that a sand play surface was used around two of the play areas. Concern was expressed by the Parish Council regarding dog fouling particularly of these areas and how the sand will be kept clean. The design is to be displayed at School.

The invoice for the second stage payment has been sent in. The bid for a grant to add inclusive equipment was successful and a further £7,600 has been awarded.

The last Saturday in March 2010 has been set for the Open Day.

13. North Wessex Downs Forum Meeting

Mr Dumbleton reported on the meeting that:-

- (i) There is a new acting director, Henry Oliver and also a new acting assistant director, Oliver Cripps. There will be a new planning adviser, Andrew Lord who will start in November. Sir Charles Nunneley remains in the chair.

- (ii) The AONB's achievements this year are securing £2.5 million of Leader funding and publishing a revised management plan. Copies of this were distributed at the forum, to be circulated.
- (iii) Ian Ritchie reported on Leader funding. He is concerned that they are not getting enough applications. The £2.5 million funding is spread over 5 years, so they have £1½ million for this financial year, but so far applications only amount to £¼ million. The money can be used for projects like community shops and village halls, to sustain tourism or the rural economy.
- (iv) Henry Oliver, who has a background in planning, said he would like Chilton Field to be a beacon of good design that will be an example to future major developments in the AONB. The revised AONB management plan states: 'In the AONB, the authorities will take a strategic approach to requests for major developments with the support of planning briefs and sub-regional strategies.' It was agreed that a letter of welcome should be sent to Henry Oliver and Andrew Lord, possibly asking for a meeting to discuss how we can achieve our aspirations for Chilton Field.

14. Village Hall Management Report

Mr Morris reported :-

- (i) Balances at 21st October were Main a/c 3,730.96; Business a/c 1,511.09; Social fund a/c 1,750.70.
- (ii) Some of the damaged double glazing panels are to be replaced and the hall is to be redecorated.
- (iii) The family theatre show will be on 11th Dec.

15. Play Equipment Inspection

Mr Garrett had inspected the equipment and found it good condition. The Spring Dog to be replaced at the weekend. A suitable covering for the Horizon unit ropes is still being looked into. Mr Morris to do the next inspection.

Mr Morris reported on the OPFA Annual Meeting that he had just attended where there was information regarding adult fitness stations. These stations are for adults to use in parks and open spaces. The information to be circulated.

16. Correspondence

From the circulated list it was noted:-

- (i) There is to be a Town and Parish Planning evening organized by the Vale on 18th November. Three members can attend, Mr Thompson and Mrs Swannell to attend plus one other.
- (ii) The SLCC are holding a training course on Village Greens and Rights of Way on Monday 9th November. Mr Morris to attend the course.
- (iii) A consultation document from the Vale has been received regarding proposed changes to the planning delegation scheme. Councillors to give their views to the Clerk by 12th November.

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 the public were excluded from the following two items at 10.10pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30pm.