

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9th JANUARY 2012 AT
7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL[/heading]

PRESENT: Guy Allen, Sid Bishop, David Lomax, Jonathan Miller, Maurice Spillane, Gordon Wilson (Chairman), Liz Carmichael (Clerk), Andrew Bennett (Ward Councillor).

1. APOLOGIES

Stephanie Penfold

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

David Lomax declared an interest in agenda item 10.4 as he is the Parish Council's representative on the Parish Plan committee.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Paragraph 5.6 was amended to show the vote was "4 votes to 1" and that Jonathan Miller left prior to the vote. Subject to these amendments the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December were approved and signed as a true record.

4. CLERK'S REPORT/MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Actions completed

Investigate obtaining Google Map of village

Action: MS

Continue to chase Rachel Ind

Action: GW

Check progress with build & utilities for new property at Rickfield

Action: clerk

Speak to Highways about site meeting with

GW/SB

Action: clerk

Speak to John Kent about working voluntarily or as Parish lengthsman

Action: DL

Organise meeting between Church, Village Hall & Parish Council

Action: GW

Actions ongoing

Contact Grass Roots people

Action: JM

Produce proposal for Village

Sign

Action:

GW/DL

Gordon Wilson advised the meeting that a site meeting had been arranged for 11 January to discuss the resurfacing of Church road. It was noted that Swindon Borough Council will be writing to the

resident about the cutting back of the grass verge to create a pull-in and requesting that it is re-instated. The clerk advised the meeting that the new build was on schedule and it is expected that the major works will be completed before the scheduled resurfacing of Church road. It was noted that John Kent was keen to get involved in any landscaping projects. A concern was raised regarding vehicles parking on the pavement in Purley and causing an obstruction. It is presenting a danger to pedestrians who have to go into the road to get around any vehicles. Gordon Wilson stated that he would speak to Mo Shaffi who is supposed to be looking into the problem. It was agreed that David Lomax should speak to the resident about the parking issue. Maurice Spillane advised that meeting that Google Earth Pro would be required in order to get a village map. It was noted that a discussion about the Diamond Jubilee was tagged onto the end of the Parish Plan meeting. Concerns about the conflict with the village fete had not been resolved.

Speak to Mo Shaffi about parking in
Purley

Action: GW

Speak to resident about vehicle obstructing
footpath

Action: GW

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Localism Bill Information Evening – It was agreed places on the information evening should be reserved for Sid Bishop, Guy Allen, Gordon Wilson and the clerk.

5.2 Members Bulletin – It was agreed that a paper copy of the Members Bulletin was no longer required and that the clerk should email the link to the online version to the Parish Councillors each month along with the meeting agenda.

9. GUEST SPEAKER POLICE INSPECTOR ROGER BULL

It was noted Inspector Bull is responsible for a large area including East Swindon, South Swindon and the Ridgeway villages. He advised the meeting that Community Speed Watch schemes were being set up in the Swindon area where local people are empowered to carry out speed checks. To facilitate the schemes Swindon Borough Council is purchasing 7 speed monitors and Wiltshire Police is doing match funding. The optical device used records the vehicle speed and licence plate and the Police send a warning letter to anyone over the enforceable limit. To determine eligibility for the scheme a speed survey is carried out. Inspector

Bull advised the meeting that violent crime in Wiltshire is down by 21% and that the statistics for Swindon are better than the County average. It was noted that Wiltshire is one of the safest counties in the country.

Andrew Bennett joined the meeting.

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.3 Diamond Jubilee – Gordon Wilson read out an email from Mark Gillingham. The Parish Council discussed the Diamond Jubilee and the potential conflict with the village fete. Gordon Wilson stated that he would speak to Mark Gillingham. It was noted that there was now probably insufficient time to organise a big event, however it should be possible to arrange a street party with games and some stalls.

It was agreed to extend the meeting by 15 minutes in order to finish the key matters.

5.4 Communication – Maurice Spillane handed out copies of the proposal for communications activities that he and Stephanie Penfold had put together. The proposal will be considered at the February meeting.

5.5 Village Sign – This matter was deferred to the February meeting

5.6 Dog Fouling – This matter was deferred to the February meeting.

9. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

9.1 Andrew Bennett advised the meeting that Jackie Moyles has a new role as locality lead for the Liddington area and that she was keen to attend a Parish Council meeting.

Andrew Bennett left the meeting

6. PLANNING

6.1 There were no planning applications to consider. It was noted that there was a planning application for the property Fairways on Ham road to be knocked down and rebuilt. This property falls within the Wanborough Parish Council boundary.

6.2 It was noted that no planning decisions had been received since the last meeting.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Account Summary – The account summary was reviewed.

7.2 The Parish Council reviewed and agreed the budget for 2012-2013. The budget for individual projects will be approved at the February meeting.

7.3 Sid Bishop proposed and Maurice Spillane seconded the

proposal that the precept remain the same at £6,000. This was unanimously agreed.

7.4 The Parish Council noted the letter from the Parish Plan Chairman and agreed that it would approve up to £400 for the printing of the Parish Plan at the February meeting subject to the provision of 3 quotes. It was suggested that the document should be smaller so that it could fit in a bookcase.

7.5 Parish Council approved payment of the following:

Stratton St. Margaret Parish Council, dog bins, invoices 2257 & 2267 for £15.46

Liddington Village Hall invoice 171813 £24

Mazars, external audit fee £210

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence for discussion/action

Notification of consultation on the Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements for the normal point of entry for 2013-14, Admission Policy and the Education Transport Policy for 2013-14 (deadline 28th February) – Given to Gordon Wilson to circulate

8.2 The Parish Council noted the following correspondence for information:

- SBC Members Bulletin, Issues 590 – 593
- CPRE Fieldwork Magazine Winter 2011

10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

10.1 Playing Field – Sid Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out safety inspections on the play equipment on 12th & 28th December and that there were no issues to report.

10.2 Village Hall – There was nothing to report.

10.3 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – There was no report.

10.4 Parish Plan – This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

10.5 Jeffries Land Trust – There was nothing to report.

11. PARISH MAGAZINE

It was agreed that the following items be put in the Parish Council's report:

Inspector Roger Bull's visit & villagers to watch their speed

Appointment of Jackie Moyles

Village clean up in February

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

The meeting concluded at 9.5pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th February 2012.