

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20th JANUARY 2010 AT 7.30pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Sid Bishop, David Lomax, Jonathan Miller, Rochelle Seifas, Gordon Wilson (Chair), Liz Carmichael (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Stephanie Penfold, Maurice Spillane, Andrew Bennett (Ward Councillor)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in any agenda items.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th December were approved and signed as a true record.

4. UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was noted that as part of the Quality Parish Scheme Councillors' contact details should be published on the notice board or website.

Actions carried forward from previous minutes

Obtain electronic copy of map from Michael Enright Action: MS

Request statement of accounts Action: clerk

Consider designs for Liddington hill logo Action: All

Consider design for village sign Action: All

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Ongoing Matters

(i) Electricity Poles – It was noted that as no progress had been made with this issue, the clerk should ask the Ward Councillor for his assistance in moving this matter forward.

(ii) Quality Parish Council status – work ongoing

(iii) Dumping of garden waste – It was agreed that the Parish Council did not want any green waste being left behind by SBC. This encouraged other people to dump garden waste and left the village looking untidy.

Send letter to SBC regarding the dumping of green waste & a thank you to Annie Ellis for the kissing gates Action: clerk

5.2 New Village Boundary Sign – The Parish Council reviewed a draft scheme for the entrance to the village produced by Jonathan Miller. It was noted that a cultivation licence may be required and that may be other restrictions on what the Parish Council can do. The design for a village boundary sign was discussed and it was noted that

clarification is required regarding whether the Parish Council could have any design they wished or whether there are any regulations or restrictions governing the design of a village sign.

Speak to Emily Sykes regarding design for sign Action: GW

5.3 Parish Magazine – It was agreed that this be deferred to the next meeting.

5.4 Snow – Problems arising from the recent cold spell were discussed. It was noted that a grit bin was needed for Lidenbrook and that Medbourne lane required 2 grit bins. The grit bin at the top of The Street needed replacing. It was agreed that the snowplough should include The Street in the list of roads that get cleared. Clarification is required regarding SBC's policy for keeping villages operational. In particular the policy for clearing roads and for using local farmers to plough them. Grit bins will also needed to be replenished.

Get details of SBC's policy for snow ploughing and grit bin replenishment Action: clerk

Request additional grit bins Action: clerk

5.5 Guest Speakers – It was agreed that the main reason for inviting speakers to meetings was so that the Parish Council could speak with them directly and get them to progress issues. The clerk advised the meeting that Mr Peplow's agent had agreed to attend the February meeting in order to advise the Council of the overall development plans for Medbourne Farm. It was agreed that, as work on the traffic calming was due to be completed by the end of 2009 but nothing has been done yet, it would be beneficial if a member of the Traffic Calming project team could attend the February meeting to update the Parish Council on what is happening.

SUSPENSION OF THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to speak with the Parish Council.

6. PLANNING

6.1 There were no applications to consider.

6.2 Decisions – Application S/09/1794/CLMC – Permission granted for the erection of one dwelling and garage at Rickfield, Church road. Application S/09/1966/KIWA permission granted for the erection of a conservatory to the rear of 5 Lidenbrook.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Account Summary – The Parish Council has no comments on the account summary.

7.2 Village Gates – It was agreed that the actual cost of the gates should be confirmed before the Parish Council approved any contribution.

7.3 Clerk's Salary & Administration Payment -It was agreed that a payment of £100 would be made to cover administration costs associated with running the Parish Council office and this figure would be separate and distinct from the clerk's salary. The Parish Council discussed a possible increase to the clerk's salary as it has been set at £1500 for several years. No decision was made and the clerk's salary for 2010/2011 will be determined at a later meeting.

7.4 Budget & Precept – It was agreed that the precept for 2010/2011 should be set at £6000. The budget will be finalised at a later meeting. It was agreed that in future the budget setting process would commence in October.

7.5 Parish Plan Event Expenditure – It was agreed to reimburse David Lomax £11.55 and Gordon Wilson £55.80 for expenditure made in connection with the Parish Plan event.

7.6 Payments -The Parish Council approved payment of the following invoices:

Mazars, audit, invoice 589945-5921 for £161.00

Stratton St. Margaret, dog bin service, invoice 2089 for £9.61

Stratton St Margaret Parish Council, invoice 2089 for collection of dog waste, £9.61

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council noted the list of correspondence for information that had been received.

9. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report as the Ward Councillor was unable to attend the meeting. The clerk advised the Parish Council that Andrew Bennett had asked her to bring to the Parish Council's attention the Connecting People Connecting Places event at Wanborough.

10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

10.1 Playing Field – Nothing to report.

10.2 Village Hall – Nothing to report.

10.3 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Nothing to report.

10.4 Parish Plan – It was noted that the Parish Plan committee aimed to get the plan out by Christmas 2010. Input will be gathered from village groups and this will feed into the questionnaire. It was noted that the Parish Council needed to agree a new representative on the committee in replacement for Rochelle Seifas.

10.5 Jeffries Land Trust – Nothing to report.

11. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

Cold weather heightening sense of community and has highlighted need for more grit bins

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

None.

13. ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

The meeting concluded at 10.00pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th February 2010.