

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13th JULY 2011[/heading]

PRESENT: Sid Bishop, David Lomax, Jonathan Miller, Stephanie Penfold, Maurice Spillane, Gordon Wilson (Chairman), Liz Carmichael (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

### 1. APOLOGIES

Andrew Bennett (Ward Councillor)

### 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 and Stephanie Penfold declared an interest in agenda item 10.2 as she is the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall committee.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was noted that Bob Sanders not Bob Saunders had attended the June meeting and all references to the surname Saunders were amended to Sanders. Subject to these amendments the minutes of the meeting held on 8 h June were approved and signed as a true record.

### 4. UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Actions completed

Send letter to residents Action: clerk

Submit response to Core Strategy Action: GW

Submit response to Electoral review of Swindon Action: GW

Actions carried forward

Speak to housing about getting a parking bay Action: AB

Request minutes/agendas be sent to GW & LC Action: clerk

The clerk read out an update from Bob Sanders on the highways matters that were discussed with him at the June meeting. It was agreed that the Parish Council wished to explore further the possibility of putting up 'quiet lane' signs along Bell lane and Medbourne lane.

Speak to Bob Sanders about 'quiet lane' signs Action: clerk

It was noted that buses from the Barnes Coach company had been seen speeding through the village on a regular basis. It was agreed that a letter be sent asking that their drivers be mindful of the speed limit.

Send letter to Barnes Coaches Action: clerk

### 5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Parish Councillor Role & Responsibilities – It was noted that if a Councillor is unable to attend a meeting they should send their apologies to the clerk rather than the Chairman. The Chair advised the meeting that the attendance figures for the previous year indicated that meetings were only just quorate on several occasions. The Councillors ability to attend meetings held mid-week was discussed and it was agreed that, for a trial period, the Parish Council meeting would be held on a Monday rather than a Wednesday. Responsibilities will be reviewed at the September meeting.

5.2 Jubilee Gardens Notice board/Sign – It was proposed that there should be a notice board, with the village emblem across, placed on the Jubilee Gardens. It was agreed that the Councillors would review the proposed site and discuss the matter further at the September meeting.

5.3 Landscaping Project – David Lomax proposed that work should commence in the autumn and that the trees and bushes should be thinned out and that a pathway running down Purley road should be made.

5.4 Church Road Sign – The proposed designs for the sign were reviewed. It was agreed that the blue letter P (to indicate parking) should be removed and that the Parish Council should seek feedback on the design and location of the sign from local residents.

Superimpose sign on grass verge and circulate to residents for feedback  
Action: GW

5.5 Website sign – The clerk advised the Parish Council that the proposed website sign would need planning permission. It was agreed that as the cost of planning permission was excessive the Parish Council would not progress this matter any further.

## 6. PLANNING

6.1 It was agreed that the Parish Council had no new objections to the revised planning application S/11/0689RM for the Sun Inn, 41 Purley road.

6.2 It was noted that application S/ADV/11/0444/SAC had been granted advertising consent.

## 7. FINANCE

7.1 Account Summary – The account summary was reviewed by the Parish Council.

7.2 The Parish Council approved payment of the following:  
– Stratton St. Margaret Parish Council, dog bins £7.73

– Clerk’s remuneration Apr-June 2011 £375

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 The following correspondence for discussion/action was reviewed and it was agreed that the Parish Council had no comments to make on these consultation documents.

– Notification of consultation on the proposed submission draft Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document (deadline 8 August)

– Notification of consultation on the Wiltshire Core Strategy Development Plan document (deadline 8 August)

8.2 Correspondence for information – The Parish Council noted the following correspondence:

– SBC Members Bulletin, Issues 564 – 568

– Swindon News issue 90, 5 copies

– Notification of planning refusal of application for development at Commonhead

## 9. WARD COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

9.1 The Chair read out a report from Andrew Bennett who was unable to attend the meeting.

## 10. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

10.1 Playing Field – Sid Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out safety inspections on the play equipment on the 11th and 25th June and that there were no issues to report.

10.2 Village Hall – It was noted that instead of holding the autumn BBQ a big village event will be held in 2012 to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee.

10.3 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Nothing to report.

10.4 Parish Plan – It was noted that the groups were refining the reports and that the objective was to get the plan out in the autumn.

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:

Solutions to traffic issues on Bell lane & Medbourne lane being considered

Meetings moving to Monday

Autumn cleanup & landscaping from Jubilee Gardens down to Purley

## 12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

It was noted that there was an unofficial path that is considered unsafe that is currently being used by residents. Maurice Spillane volunteered to speak to John Peplow about the path and the hand rails. Matters to do with paths will be discussed at the September meeting.

It was noted that, due to a burst pipe, there was water on the bend at Bell lane. Gordon Wilson stated that he would raise the matter with James Garrad.

The meeting concluded at 9.40pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th September 2011.