

ORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF ORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Orwell Parish Council was held in the back room of the Village Hall on
Wednesday 16th July 2008 at 19:30 hrs.

Present: Mr R Bryant (RB) – Chairman, Mrs K Reid (KR) – Vice Chairman, Mr J Chapman (JC), Mrs J Graham (JG),
Mr M Kenyon (MK), Mr R Primett, (RP), Mr W Talbot (WT), Cllr S Kindersley (CCC), Cllr D Bird (SCDC),
Mrs J Damant – Clerk,)

Public Questions:

Ideas for spending the prize money arising from being winners of the Village of the Year Competition 2006, The Regional Environment Award 2007 and the Bulletin Small Community Award 2008, in all totalling about £1500.00, were discussed. It was suggested that the money could be used for improving the steps at the side of the church leading to the Glebe Field, having an additional notice board to be positioned at the side of the shop and devising some means of making the area in front of the shop more attractive.

Mr Krueger asked some general questions in respect to the parish and he also sought information on how the village could acquire a [tetrapak](#) (juice and milk glazed cartons) collection similar to that at Bassingbourn.

Action

1. Apologies for absence:

Mrs J Avery (JA),

2. Declaration of interests: (for items on the agenda)

There were no declarations of interests. Members returned their Register of Interests.

3. Minutes of the last meeting: (18th June 2008)

The minutes were agreed, proposed by RB, seconded by JC, agreed by all, they were then signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. CCC Report:

- a) Boundary Review – SCDC and the City Council have agreed in principal to the proposed change of boundaries subject to a definitive assurance from Central Government that the housing target fixed in the Regional Special Strategy will be readjusted to take account of the numbers of planned new housing going to the City as a result of the boundary review – no such assurance has been [forth](#) coming, as yet.
- b) New parish – arising from the new development at Arbury Park a new parish is to be instituted. It will be named Arbury Orchard and the council created will be named as Orchard Park Community Council.
- c) Neighbourhood Police Panel – next meeting is at Barrington on 23rd July
- d) Eco Towns – the Welcome Trust, landowners of some of the land for the proposed eco town at Hanley Grange, have pulled out of the project.
- e) Congestion Charge – the City Council have delegated the resolution of congestion charge problems to a consultancy organisation.
- f) CCC have under spent by £2 million, they have transferred this amount into their reserves. A proposal is to be put forward on how to spend some of the money. £1 million for highway maintenance and traffic issues and £250,000 to kick start security for post offices, support for young people ie youth clubs and climate change issues.
- g) The company who have responsibility of Comberton Village College are involved with the construction of a new primary school and secondary school at Cambourne. The Diocese of Ely is also taking and interest in the project. Comberton will by opening a new 6th form college in [2010](#).
- h) Minor Highways Funding – decisions have yet to be advised.
- i) Post Office closures – the nearest closure is at Arrington, it is planned as an outreach service.
- j) 34 High Street – Still waiting to hear from Dennis Vacher, however RB had heard that Mr Vacher is awaiting a response from the [developer](#). **SK/RB**
- k) The main road sign on A603 directing traffic to Orwell has been turned. Clerk will contact Highways. **Clerk**

5. SCDC Report:

- a) Lime trees fronting Lordship Close – Cllr Bird is waiting to hear from the Tree Officer. MK reported that a resident has trimmed the Lime tree on the path at Lordship Close but more needs to be done.
- b) Cllr Bird is currently obtaining information concerning recycling, he has forwarded some information to RP. **Cllr Bird**
- c) Four of the five councils in the county have transferred to Housing Associations. The [city has](#) retained their housing.
- d) Housing Futures – There is to be a drop in session on 21st July at Lordship Close.
- e) Chairman’s delegation – RB asked if Cllr Bird had attended the Chairman’s delegation meeting when the application for the school boundary fence was considered and whether the planners were aware of our land renting agreement with EDF Energy in that area. Cllr Bird to investigate. **Cllr Bird**

6. Financial Matters:

June Financial Statement – proposed by RB, seconded by JC all agreed.
July Financial Statement – proposed by RP, seconded by JG, all agreed.
July payments – proposed by MK, seconded by JC
July additional payments – proposed by RB, seconded by RP
Meadow Nursery Cut 6 & 7 £400.00
Clerk’s holiday allowance (statutory two hours) together with any hours worked during the holidays will be included in September’s salary.
Audit is with the internal auditor.
Prize money – to be discussed in September ideas so far:
Steps, notice board, bench and [enhancement of the shop front](#).
It was also suggested that an inscription plaque could be attached to the items once installed.

7. Planning:

KR agreed to go on the Planning Committee but only on a temporary basis.
S/1049/08/F - Land adj to 60 High Street – Siting of Mobile Home
Recommendation: Approval but with comments.
‘ Approval is subject to continuous use of the mobile home by the nephew as stated in the previous application S/0072/08/F. MK wished for it to be recorded that he opposed the condition.
S/1045/08/LB - Middle Barn, Malton Road – Internal Alterations
Recommendation: Approval
S/1088/08/F - Meadowcroft Farm, 6 Lotfield Street – Erection of shed to store farm machinery
Recommendation: Approval

SCDC permission

77 High Street S/0732/08/F – permission granted for a conservatory
60 High Street S/0706/08/F – permission granted for extension and conservatory
23 High Street S/0856/08/F – permission granted for a dormer window
65 Town Green Road S/0799/08/F – has been withdrawn
63 Town Green Road S/0795/08/F – permission has been granted for a double garage.

EDF registered land – Clerk has been in contact with EDF Energy. The payment of £11.50 is a five yearly payment for a cable, which runs from outside Orwell to Stocks ([not sure what Stocks insinuates, could be in another parish or could be Stocks Lane](#)) EDF do not know. The clerk has also written to EDF concerning the rental agreement for the land near the northeast corner of the school playing field, proposed for a sub station, waiting to hear. A letter has also been sent to Petersfield Primary School informing them of the situation.

8. Community Grants:

Jane Westgarth is looking into the grants. Mrs Jane Hamilton, CEO for Cambridgeshire Community Foundation still to be contacted.

9. Correspondence and Clerk’s Report:

- a) Connection Youth Bus – this had now been booked. There will be an additional fee of £20.00 for the renting of the pavilion as the bus needs access to electricity, all agreed to this request, they will not be using [any other of the pavilion facilities](#). KR will open up the pavilion for the youth workers. Posters will be placed around the village and on the notice boards. **KR**
- b) Post Office Closures – Orwell is not to be closed, however it is important to make sure that it is being used, as there may possibly be another phase of closures. **Pg 527**

- c) Eco Town **Objections** – Decision to reply as a Parish Council, concerns are: traffic congestion, lack of infrastructure; impact on the environment; why can't **Northstowe2** be an eco town, especially as building has not started yet? RB will write to SCDC but will wait until more information is available about the future of the Hanley Grange proposal (see CCC report). Not all the councillors were in favour of the objections as it is known that housing is needed in the area and it needs to go somewhere, **but the claim that it is to be an 'Eco Town' when the developers proposal does not back up this statement, is of concern.** **RB**
- d) Street Trading Questionnaire – RB has completed, Orwell would prefer not to have traders on the street.
- e) CDRP survey questionnaire – this was a very subjective questionnaire that could not be completed as a council. Additional copies were obtained for individual councillors to respond
- f) M11 Notices – M11 closure notices have been displayed on notice boards advising of the closure periods due to resurfacing.
- g) Dog fouling – RB has received a letter from Mr Leon Connington suggesting ways that dog fouling, through out the village, can be overcome. This will be discussed at the September meeting. KR reported that dog fouling is quite bad up Leadon Hill and the mound in the recreation ground is still an issue. Will put an article in the Newsletter. **KR**
- h) Affordable Housing – RB had received correspondence concerning affordable housing, Julie Mackie CEO of Rural Housing Trust, is willing to come and talk to the council, RB will enquire if she is available to give a presentation at the October meeting. **RB**
- i) BT Telephone Boxes – It is proposed that some telephone boxes will be removed. Orwell's telephone box is listed so will not be removed.

10. Parish Plan update:

WT is currently working through the data.

WT

11. Village Maintenance:

Fire damaged bench – Mills & Douglas to still to the quote for the concrete plinth

Trees in the Churchyard and Burial Ground – Meadow Nursery still to do

Painting of the benches – The bench at Meadowcroft needs the ironwork painted, Mills & Douglas were to do this. MK will enquire. The wooden slats of the benches in the recreation ground still to be done. KR will enquire.

Bench at Hurdleditch – Highways are chasing this with the grass contractor.

MK had been advised that some second hand benches were available from Shelford Tennis Club. He will go and inspect to see if they could be renovated and made suitable for use at Orwell.

Noticeboard renovation – RB will attempt to find someone to undertake this work.

MK

MK

KR

Highways

MK

RB

11. Committee Reports & Areas of Responsibilities:

Village Hall

RP read out the village hall minutes (July 2nd 2008), which were circulated at the meeting.

Next meeting is on the 8th October.

On the recommendation of Allied Westminster Village Guard Insurance the committee decided to postpone the installation of the tie bars but instead to monitor any movement by using a **tailtails**.

Clunch Pit

BBQ will be held on 26th July.

ORCA

Next meeting is on 3rd September. KR has asked SCDC to remove a mattress, which has been left near the play wall.

JC volunteered to put up the dog notices.

Football club will be paying a higher fee for their home matches.

Footpaths

JA and RB met with Andrew Stimson (PPP).

Mr Stimson will write to Mrs Ward and copy to Clerk, concerning the overhanging hedge on fp5 at the side of the church leading to the Glebe field.

Mr Stimson will send some posts and JA will organise a working party to install them.

It was confirmed that fp 2 no longer cuts across the corner of the field but goes straight up to meet the ridge.

When the renovation of the steps on fp6 has been completed JA to send images of the

JC

completed work to Mr Stimson.

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Carpark

Satisfactory at present.

Police/Neighbourhood Watch

The next Neighbourhood Police Panel meeting is scheduled at Barrington Village Hall on the 23rd July at 7.30pm. KR will attend

KR

There have been increased thefts of horse tack, car catalytic converters, and oil.

Village Sign

The replica village sign is currently with KR.

Tree Warden

The leylandii hedge at 34 High Street has been taken down, SCDC were informed but the Parish Council was not. As the area is in a conservation area the Parish Council should have been informed. The developers at 34 High Street have damaged the path at the side of the village hall. Clerk to write to the developers.

Clerk

The elm tree overhanging the footpath at the side of the church leading to the Glebe field is dead. RB will advise Mrs Ward.

RB

Churchyard/ Burial Ground

Cuts 6 and 7 have been done along with the hedge.

Glebe Field

The kissing gate leading from the Glebe field to the clunch pit needs a new spring.

Allotments

There are now 4 residents on the waiting list.

Clerk to look up correspondence concerning the land behind the Chapel Orchard.

Clerk

Website

[Eastspace have withdrawn their funding from community websites. Andy Lee has agreed to creating a Parish Council page on the Village website which will enable the parish council to display agendas, minutes etc.](#)

KR

Meeting closed at 10.10

Chapel Orchard

Mrs S Miller reported that the picnic will be on 13th July. The 'Apple Book' has been distributed and the signboard has been positioned at the front of Chapel Orchard, both these were requirements for the grant. Thank you to Debbie Johnson, Barry Russell and ???? for all their help and work in producing the Apple Book. This is now the end of major works and there is enough money in the funds to carry out minor works. Regular maintenance checks will be done. The Parish Council would like to congratulate all the members of Chapel Orchard for all their hard work in making this such a successful project which the whole community can benefit from. THANK YOU.

Reopened at 10.18

14. Councillors' Reports:

MK

Reported that he has experienced vandalism in his garden, panes of glass have been broken in his greenhouse and many plants damaged. Children have also been seen jumping on gates and running through gardens. Police have been notified. Clerk to request the PCSO to carry out spot checks.

Clerk

RP

The hedge at Volac's has been damaged.

KR

There appears to be a mini spring at the front of Lordship Close. RB will check.

RB

RB

It was proposed by RB to not have an August Meeting, seconded by RP, all agreed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.30pm.

Next meeting will be Wednesday 17th September 2008

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