

ORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

UNApproved Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the (back room) of the Village Hall on
21st April 2010 at 19:30 hrs.

Present: Cllrs: R Bryant (RB) – Chairman, Mrs J Avery (JA), Mr J Chapman (JC), Mrs J Graham (JG), Mr M Kenyon (MK), Mr R Primett (RP), Mr W Talbot (WT), Mr C Watson (CW)

In attendance: Cllr Bird (District Councillor), Cllr Kindersley (County Councillor) and Mrs J Damant (Clerk)

66/04/10 Apologies for absence:
Apologies were received from Mrs K Reid.

67/04/10 Declaration of interests both personal and prejudicial for items on the agenda:
There were no declaration declared.

68/04/10 Public Participation:
There was one member of the public present.

69/04/10 Minutes of the last meeting: 17th March 2010
Following minor amendments the minutes were proposed by RP and seconded by RB to be a true record, the minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

70/04/10 CCC Report:
CCC are trying to repair all the damaged roads and footways, but it is a long process with many areas affected.
At a meeting of the Joint Area Committee on the 20th April, Cllr Kindersley had enquired why the County A & B road report, had still not been issued. He was advised that a part of the report was incomplete. A speed check on the A603, over the M11, needed to be undertaken.
Flooding - nothing new to add, but he would look into the prospect of getting a larger surface water pipe installed at Town Green Road.
Responsibility for clearing the leaves on footpath 5 and 7 is still not clear. The CCC have no objection to the residents clearing them.
Marshalls airport will not be resiting so the proposed 12,000 housing development will not take place there. Notwithstanding SCDC and City Council will be expected to meet their housing quota. SCDC are currently searching for an alternative site.

71/04/10 SCDC Report:
Grass maintenance map - Mr G Clark (SCDC) is providing the maps and will forward them. However, there is still the question of cost, Cllr Bird will look into this. The contract still has approximately 12 months to run, nearer the time the contracts will be looked at in more detail. However, the Parish Council does need to know before setting the precept for next year.
Flooding - A motion is due to go before full council on 22nd April, which is applicable to Cambourne and other areas in the district with similar problems. This is to give formal notice to the Senior Directors of the relevant development companies and Anglia Water that the Environment Agency have the power, under Section 85 of the Water Resources Act 1991, to take criminal proceedings against them.
Cllr Bird asked if the proposed polling station in Orwell for the 6th May General Election is accessible to disabled. The Parish Council confirmed that this was the case.
Council Housing - it is being proposed by the government that district councils take over the general housing debt. SCDC proportion would be approximately £188 to £198 million, one of the highest in the country. This has yet to go before full council.

72/04/10

Financial Matters:

1. April financial statement was deferred until the next meeting.

2. Payments/additional payments and deposits for April 2010

It was proposed by RP and seconded by RB that all payments were in agreement, agreed by all.

Solitech	£ 893.00	village hall	LGA
J Damant	£ 552.97	salary	LGA 1972 s112
Inland Revenue	£ 167.72	PAYE/NI	LGA 1972 s112
Mr S Simmons	£ 9.00	window cleaner	OSA 1906 ss9&10
J Graham	£ 22.38	expenses/ink	LGA 1972 s226
J Graham	£ 39.95	expenses	LGA 1972 s226
CPALC	£ 316.34	membership	LGA 1972 s143
Loan	£2,800.00	loan repayment	LGA 1972 s111
Root Force	£3,112.62	fencing of allotment	Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 ss23,26&42
Meadow Nursery	£ 200.00	Grass cutting	OSA1906 ss9&10
Meadow Nursery	£ 140.00	allotment rotavating	Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 ss23,26&42
Meadow Nursery	£ 120.00	bench maintenance	OSA 1906 ss9&10
Meadow Nursery	£ 90.00	grassing of graves	OSA 1906 ss 9&10

LGA - Local Governemnt Act, OSA - Open Spaces Act,
Shaded area - additional payments

A new company S Simmons has taken over the bus shelter cleaning contract from P Adamson, the Parish Council had not been informed of this prior to the invoice coming in. It was proposed by RP and seconded by JG that payment should be made but enquires should be made as to whether the local window cleaner would wish to undertake the work at the same charge. RB to enquire. **Action: RB**

73/04/10

Planning Matters:

Information Only

15a High Street S/0251/10/F re-rendering of dwelling. Parish Council recommends Approval with no comments.

It was proposed by JC and seconded by MK that the Planning minutes for 9th April 2010 were a true record, all members agreed. The Chairman of the Planning Committee then signed the minutes.

SCDC Decisions

Land to the west of Malton Road S/1820/09/F, permission has been granted for the erection of an agricultural building.

40 Fishers Lane, S/0192/10/F - permission granted for an extension

Affordable Housing

RB has been in contact with Circle Anglia who have proposed an informal display of the proposed Hurdleditch Road development. They had suggested either the 24th or 26th May from 16.30-19.00, WT felt that this was not convenient for many residents and proposed changing it to a Saturday from 10:00 to 13:00hrs this was seconded by RP, RB will contact the company to request a change of date and time. **Action:RB**

74/04/10

Correspondence and Clerk's Report:

SCDC Standards Committee questionnaire - RB and Clerk have completed and forwarded it to the Standards Committee.

RB has written to Andrew Lansley MP, on behalf of the Parish Council, with their concerns of the flooding issues in Orwell. Mr Lansley has acknowledged and has sought the advice of SCDC.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan consultation - has been responded to with no comments from Orwell.

Local Service Delivery by Parish Councils - RB will look through this and respond to the Clerk. **Action:RB**

SCDC and City Council Strategic Flood Risk Assessment - responses to be in by 10th May 2010 - RP will look over this and respond to the Clerk. **Action:RP**

A quotation from CCC for replacing the Street Light SC5, on the High Street, has been received, it was proposed by MK and seconded by CW that it should be questioned, with CCC, as to what happened to the original light. It is now not possible to use telegraph poles as light attachments so a new column would need to be purchased. The approximate cost would be £1,459.40 +vat- (also see item 80/04/10)

A quotation of £20 for removing the notice board on Hillside has been received. JC stated that he would remove the notice board. WT agreed to help. **Action:JC,WT**

Correspondence circulated: SCDC Liaison Meeting of 23.03.10 (notes), SMP play equipment leaflet, CCC - electronic consultation for planning, Clerks & councils direct, CCC Older Peoples Newsletter, S Kindersely newsletter, letter from Andrew Lansley MP on potholes, CCC locality newsletter, SCDC Planning monthly update, COPE, NHS newsletter, Neighbourhood Panel Notes, planning decisions, quotations for street light.

75/04/10

Chequers Close Congestion:

A reply has been received from Mr S Thulborn CCC with the costings of double yellow lines at the junction of Chequers Close and Town Green Road. It was proposed by MK and seconded by CW that introducing double yellow lines or using bollards would not stop people from parking in that area. It would therefore not be best value particularly so since it would not be possible to enforce the yellow lines. Clerk to inform Mr Thulborn that Orwell Parish Council would not be pursuing either of these courses of action. RB to write to Mr Franklin. **Action:Clerk, RB**

76/04/10

Allotments:

1. Perimeter fencing - Root Force have nearly completed, MK has inspected the work, so far, and reported that the fencing was very good with the correct tension.
2. A meeting had taken place on 9th April for the new allotment holders, 10 people attended and it was agreed to mark out the area into 10 individual allotments.
3. The allotments have now been rotavated twice with a final depth of approximately 8".

Other issues - Access through Chapel Orchard to the allotments involves crossing a small ditch. It was agreed that Root Force was to be asked to construct a bridge using railway sleepers. The cost to be about £100. RB will notify Root Force.

Action:RB

A letter has been received from Mr Flack, one of the new allotment holders, requesting to erect a 4ftx6ft shed. It was proposed by CW and seconded by WT that there should be a settling in period before considering the erection of sheds. The matter of equipment security also needs to be discussed. RB to write to Mr Flack. **Action:RB**

77/04/10

Parish Plan:

The information has been correlated, the next process will be to analyse the data. Energy - WT would like to invite representatives from 'Parish Energy Partnership' and 'Centrica' to the Annual Parish Meeting on 5th May. They will discuss the idea of the village being able to save money on energy. WT also requested if Parish Council representatives from the Village Hall (RP), Pavilion (WT), Chapel (JC), Church (WT) could provide the electric unit usage for the past year, this will help in collating the data and seeing if any savings could be made.

The idea would be to erect discreetly photoelectric panels on the above buildings, they would provide energy and the excess could be sold back to the electric company.

- 78/04/10 Village Maintenance:**
 1. The bench outside the Church has been completed
 2. JC and WT will remove the old notice board on Hillside
 3. JC has been in contact with Harry Stebbings Ltd, who provided the new notice boards near the shop, since they need to be re-varnished. The matter is in hand.
 4. Bench at Meadowcroft Road has been completed.
 5. The bench at the top of the Clunch Pit - RB and RP have looked at the bench and both agree that it does not require maintenance at this time.
- 79/04/10 Football Shed:**
 The quotes to repair the shed doors were considered. It was proposed by MK and seconded by RB that G Morley be given the contract, all agreed. RB suggested that Mr Morley inspect the condition the brick work before work commences. **Action: Clerk**
- 80/04/10 Street Lighting Outside the Primary School:**
 Clerk has received three quotations. It was proposed by RB and seconded by MK that a site visit with CCC be arranged with a view to installing a new light at this location and also outside No.23 High Street, see item 74/04/10. **Action: Clerk**
- 81/04/10 Forward Planning:**
 A meeting with representatives from ORCA, Youth Club, Football Club and Parish Council took place on April 7th to discuss the future development of the Recreation Ground. WT will circulated a plan to all Parish Councillors. One suggestion to be pursued by CW and RP is the relocation of the football pitch in a field behind Manor Farm (strawberry field). **Action: RB, CW and RP**
- 82/04/10 Annual Parish Meeting:**
 Will take place in the back room of the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th May at 7.30pm.
- 83/04/10 Committee Reports and Areas of Responsibility:**
Village Hall
 AGM has taken place on 13th April report to follow.
ORCA
 The drains on the school playing field, which were damaged by tree roots, are presently being investigated by the insurance companies.
Churchyard
 The first grass cutting of the season has taken place. At the same time, 3 of the graves which had sunk have been levelled and re-grassed. The slate plaque has been laid on the unmarked grave. With the improvement in the weather JG expects to hear soon from the Unpaid Work Department, if anyone has any ideas as to other jobs which they could do please let her know. The small field leading to the Glebe field is currently unlet, JG has the key. It is important that Carter Jones is aware that this field provides access to the Glebe Field and the Burial Ground. Clerk to contact them. **Action: Clerk**
Tree Warden:
 MK proposed that Meadow Nursery be asked to cut back the ivy from the Mulberry Tree and generally clear up the surrounding area, this was seconded by RP, all agreed. Meadow Nursery will charge at their hourly rate.
Footpaths
 The bolts missing from the footbridge leading out of Meadowcroft on footpath 11 have been replaced.
- 84/04/10 Councillors' Reports:**
RB
 Attended the SCDC Liason Meeting on the 23rd March, which he felt was very informative, the notes are in the circulation pack.
 The plastic bench which was positioned at the bottom of the Clunch Pit has been vandalised with graffiti using clunch.

RB was asked to invite the Environment Portfolio Holder to the next Parish Council Meeting.

Action:RB

Agenda items for next meeting:

Report from the Annual Village Meeting

Street lighting for High Street and Hurdleditch Road

Audit

Allotments

Mulberry Tree

Window Cleaner

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30pm

The next meeting will be on Wednesday May 19th at 7.30pm in the back room of the Village Hal, this will be the Annual Meeting (AGM)

Chairman:

Date:

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