

ORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the (back room) of the Village Hall on 16th February 2011 at 19:30 hrs.

Present: Cllrs: R Bryant (RB) – Chairman, J Chapman (JC), Mrs J Graham (JG), M Kenyon (MK), Mrs K Reid (KR), W Talbot (WT),

In attendance: Cllr D Bird (DB), Cllr S Kindersley (SK) and Mrs J Damant (Clerk)

237/02/11 Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Mrs Avery, Mr Watson and Mr Primett.

238/02/11 Declaration of Interests both personal and prejudicial for items on the agenda:

There were no declaration declared.

239/02/11 Public participation: for up to 15 minutes members of the public may contribute their views and comments to the Parish Council.

Guest Speaker: Schuyler Newsted (Housing Strategy and Enabling Officer SCDC)

There were 17 members of the public in attendance.

Mrs Newsted undertook to clarify the regulations governing the allocation of applicants to exception site properties. She explained that affordable housing would only be allocated to people who were registered on the SCDC housing register and to people with connections to the village. She also said that a residential qualification only needed people to be resident in the village for 3 months. This was thought to be a loop-hole which people could take advantage of.

Members of the public were also concerned about the lack of progress and the lack of information in regard to the project. Information on the composition of the development e.g number of houses/bungalows/adaptions was needed.

It was agreed that representatives from Circle Anglia and SCDC should be invited to meet selected Orwell residents for further discussion.

240/02/11 Minutes of the last meeting: 19th January 2011

The minutes were proposed by MK, seconded by JC to be correct, all agreed. The Chairman then signed the minutes.

241/02/11 CCC Report:

1. Implementation of new speed restriction on A603 – has been agreed by cabinet but unsure as to when the work will be completed.
2. CCTV scanning of surface water drainage in Town Green Road, to be carried out by Highways – CCTV scanning work was started but the telegraph pole adjacent to the pavilion prevented progress. Work has been postponed until a hole can be dug to investigate the problem.
3. Blocked drains on High Street and Town Green Road – still not been cleared.
4. Conditions of footways and roads in the village and also the condition of Malton Road – the potholes in Malton Road have been patched though many of the other roads and footways are still in very poor condition. It has been proposed that the budget for Highways will be cut again this year. RB reported large potholes in Lotfield Street and Stocks Lane. Cllr Bird reported that there were areas on Hurdleditch which also needed attention. Cllr Kindersley will report back to Highways. **Action: Cllr Kindersley**
5. Surface water from 7 and 9 High Street being directed onto the Footway (is being investigated by Highways)
6. Impact on budget cuts on local public transport (services C2 and 75) – it has been suggested that these two bus services may be cut as they are included in the list of subsidised services. The number 75 is particularly important since people are dependent on it for school, work and personal business. It was proposed that a survey be included in the Bulletin to investigate the number of people who use these services. **Action: Clerk, RB**

Other items:

The budget council meeting took place on 15th February, there is to be £160 million cuts over the next 5 years with some cuts being implemented within this year, such as the bus service and youth service. Council tax will probably be frozen for the next 5 years.

242/02/11

SCDC Report:

Brian Heffernan – report on the Quarterly Flooding Meeting on 9th February 2011
Anglian Water will send a summary of their report once completed. In general the public foul water sewer was found to be in good condition and there were no connections between the surface water system and the public foul water sewer. However, 15 sewer rods were found to be protruding from the school private lateral into the public sewer, 10 were removed. A root mass was found protruding from a Greenford Close lateral into the public sewer. In various locations there was high levels of fats, oils and grease that were cleared by jetting. Cllr Bird mentioned that one's service drainage charges maybe reduced if none of the surface water from one's property drains into the public sewerage system. To get further information on this call 0800 169 3271.

243/02/11

Financial Matters:

1. Financial Statements for February – to be signed off at the next meeting, not all councillor's received the correct statement.

2. Payments and Additional payments for February

J Damant	467.27	salary	LGA 1972 s112
Inland Revenue	150.01	PAYE/NI	LGA 1972 s112
MPC	70.00	December rent	LGA 1972 s111
MPC	30.00	Payrole training	LGA 1972 s113
CCC	2,236.30	Street lighting	PC Act 1957 s3

WT proposed that all payments were correct, seconded by JG all agreed, there were no additional payments. Cheques were signed by RB and Clerk.

3. Deposits

Cambridge funeral homes	55.00
Bulletin ad	40.00

245/02/11

Planning:

1. Recent Applications:

S/0119/11, Malton Workshops, Erection of Replacement Workshop
Parish Planning Committee recommends Approval with no comments, all agreed.

2. SCDC Decisions

S/1926/10, 65 Town Green Road, Permission has been granted for a detached garage.

3. 25 Lotfield Street, S/2171/10

Residents concerns – The application is going to SCDC Planning Committee – letter to neighbours advising on planning committee procedures.

Letters of complaint have been received from members of the public who had objected to the development. They had written to say that the Planning Committee decision was undemocratic as one of its members had only studied the plans and not been on site.

Moreover, the members of the committee had not given explanations for their decisions.

Meeting open to public at 9.40

Mr Sharman (architect) proceeded to counter the comments that had been submitted by the Parish Council Planning Committee to SCDC. The planning application to be heard by the SCDC Planning Committee on the 2nd March.

Meeting closed to the public 9.50 pm

4. Affordable Housing

a and b.- Report on Planning Aid discussions – still waiting for a response from Circle Anglia
c.- Comments on Schuyler Newsted's visit. - WT proposed that a working group comprising some Parish Councillors and selected residents be set up to meet with Mrs Newsted and Circle Anglia to discuss the matter further, this was seconded by KR all agreed. WT and RB will organise.

Action: WT/RB

- 246/02/11 Correspondence and Clerk's Report:**
 County Councillor's Report was circulated+-
 Localism Bill Report (clerk has the parliamentary document for reference)
 Parish Council Liaison Meeting in Cambourne on Tuesday 29th March, RB and JC will attend
 SCDC Planning Services – asking for questionnaire to be completed – this has now been completed.
 CCC meeting to discuss the HCV traffic will take place at Swavesey Village College on Wednesday 2nd March from 7-9pm – no one to attend, this matter has little impact on Orwell.
 Correspondence circulated in February 'SCDC – Emergency Planning Awareness - Do you wish for them to attend a meeting to discuss this further, NALC – Abolishment of the default retirement age, Playing Field, CCC Library Service, Sustainable Communities Act Update, Planning Policy – February, Recycling Banks, Highways Reporting system, SCDC Children and Young People, Government Requirements, SCDC – business relief, CCC – message from the CEO, Parish Matters Insurance
- 248/02/11 Parish Plan:**
 The document is presently being proof read by a member of the steering committee.
- 249/02/11 Village Maintenance:**
 1. Trees at Manor Farm – awaiting report from arboriculture officer.
 2. Footway hedge on the A603 between the Wimpole turning and Fishers Lane – has now been trimmed.
 3. Village furniture – MK will carry out the annual check, WT has the photographs and KR has a digital version, these to be passed to MK. **Action:MK**
 4. Hurdleditch Light – needs renumbering from SC21 TO SC19A – The new light on Hurdleditch is numbered SC20, this number also refers to a light in Meadowcroft Way. It was proposed by RB and seconded by WT that the light be renumbered to SC19a, all agreed. Clerk will contact Chris Sproston CCC. **Action: Clerk**
- 250/02/11 Elections/Annual Village Meeting/AGM:**
 1. Parish Elections will take place on 5th May.
 2. The date for the Annual Village Parish Meeting is the 4th May
 3. Parish Council Annual Meeting to be held on 18th May (AGM)
- 251/02/11 Committee Reports and Areas of Responsibility:**
Village Hall – RB read out the report. The building is to be inspected by a Structural Engineer (Mr C Bolton) as there are concerns that there has been some movement. Beginning in March it is hoped to start a bridge club on alternate Mondays.
ORCA/Youth Club
 The Youth Club under the guidance of Liz Cooke have submitted an application for a 'Jubilee People's Millions' grant. The Councillors are supportive of this application and the Clerk (Responsible Financial Officer) has provided banking information to back up the application. A grant is for an outside gym and play equipment, the grant will be under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council. The Parish Council expressed their gratitude to Liz Cooke, RB to write.
Burial Ground
 Following the collapse of a headstone all other headstones in the churchyard have been given a safety check. As a result one has been laid down and another recorded as leaning. The families concerned have been advised and are taking action. The paths are not in good condition, weed killing will take place in the spring. Rabbits have caused damage by digging a large number of shallow holes in the burial ground, but not in the immediate area of the graves.
- 252/02/11 Councillors' Reports and agenda items for the next meeting:**
JA
 P3 response – has been handed to RB
RB
 Cemex Report – Cemex Barrington Liaison Group met on the 20th January 2011. We were told that the cells of cement were poor. Barrington plant remains mothballed.

A planning application for infilling of the quarry using inert materials is presently with the County Council while they are seeking further information from Cemex. Tenders from rail contractors are being sought in regards to upgrading the railway line. The railway pass the houses is to be continuously welded to reduce noise and vibration. Badgers presently burrowing under the railway are to be rehoused.

KR

Has approached the Orwell Show Community Association (OSCA) and it was decided that there will not be any celebrations for the Royal Wedding.

WT

OSCA has donated money to the following organisations: Film Society, Goslings and the Friendship Club.

MK

The application for tree work to be undertaken for 33 High Street bears no resemblance to the work needing to be done. MK has contacted the Tree Officer at SCDC.

Agenda items for next meeting:

Great Poppy Celebrations

Parish Plan

Burial Ground – rabbit problem

Affordable Housing

Liaison Meeting with SCDC

Bus Survey

Blocked drains – Angian Water and Highways report/summary

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.15pm. The next meeting will be on 16th March in the 'back room' of the Village Hall.

Chairman

Date

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