

ORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs: R Bryant (RB) – Chairman, Mr R Primmitt (RP) – Vice Chairman, J Chapman (JC), Mrs J Graham (JG), M Kenyon (MK), Mrs K Reid (KR), Mr C Watson (CW)

In attendance: Cllr D Bird (DB), Mrs J Damant (Clerk)

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- 253/03/11 Apologies for absence:**
Apologies were received from Mrs Avery, Mr Talbot and Cllr Kindersley (CCC)
- 254/03/11 Declaration of Interests both personal and prejudicial for items on the agenda:**
There were no declarations declared.
- 255/03/11 Public participation: for up to 15 minutes members of the public may contribute their views and comments to the Parish Council.**
There were two members of the public present.
Questions were asked in regard to the commitments of a Parish Councillor and also the monitoring/counselling of troublesome families.
- 256/03/11 Minutes of the last meeting: 16th February 2010**
The minutes were proposed by RP to be a true record, seconded by JG, all agreed.
Chairman then signed the minutes.
- 257/03/11 CCC Report:**
RB précised Cllr Kindersley's report which had been previously circulated to all councillors.
1. Implementation of new speed restriction on A603 - In the light of the recent fatal accident at the Hurdleditch Junction Cllr Kindersley is presently ensuring that David Lines (CCC) is aware of the need for urgency in its implementation.
2. CCTV scanning of surface water drainage in Town Green Road, to be carried out by Highways- nothing to report at the moment.
3. Blocked drains on High Street, Lotfield Street and Town Green Road – still ongoing
4. Conditions of footways and roads in the village – still ongoing
5. Surface water from 7 and 9 High Street being directed onto the Footway (is being investigated by Highways) – MK reported that the guttering has been put in place but that water is still going on to the footway via the neighbours roof. This is still under investigation with Highways. Clerk requested to enquire with Highways as to what action is being taken.
Action: Clerk
6. Impact on budget cuts on local public transport. (C2 and 75) (see item 261/03/11)
- 258/03/11 SCDC Report:**
1. Quarterly Flooding report from Anglia Water has now been received. The information was similar to that previously mentioned in the February minutes. RB questioned when were Highways (CCC) going to take action on the CCTV scan of the surface water drains. Cllr Bird will make enquiries.
Action: Cllr Bird
Other items:
1. Council Tax – the budget went to Full Council and was passed. There needs to be 26% of cuts on the budget. The blue bin operation appears to be very successful ie, less is going to landfill sites and therefore saving money for the District Council.
2. Reserves – there is presently £7 million in reserves and this may be used to support the budget, a minimum of £2 million needs to be retained.
3. Chief Environmental Officer – will be replace, this has been budgeted for.
4. All Portfolio holders will have a token decrease in their allowances.
5. Council Housing Revenue – the council would like to be able to reinvest all the money received from the sale of their houses and not just 25% as it presently stands, the other 75% goes back to the government to be redistributed throughout the country. Negotiations continue.

259/03/11

Financial Matters:

1. Financial Statements for February and March

February financial statement proposed by RP seconded by RB all agreed.

March financial statement proposed by RB seconded by RP all agreed.

Chairman then signed both statements.

2. Payments and Additional payments for March

J Damant	466.31	salary	LGA 1972 s112
J Damant	19.86	expenses	LGA 1972 s113
Inland Revenue	150.97	PAYE/NI	LGA 1972 s112
MPC	70.00	March office rent	LGA 1972 s111
Carter Jonas	187.50	Glebe field rental	OSA 1906 s9/10
J Whiteoak	20.00	Bulletin expenses	LGA 1972 s113
Hales Printers	720.00	bulletin printing	LGA 1972 s142

RP proposed that all payments were correct, seconded by MK all agreed, additional payments are shaded. Cheques were signed by RB and RP.

3. Deposits

Bulletin ad 80.00

260/03/11

Planning:

1. Recent Applications:

S/2295/11, 11-13 Fishers Lane, installation of new windows and modification to flat roof
Parish Council Planning Committee recommends Approval with comments: 'The Committee have no objections to the zinc covering on the flat roof but the surface colour should be selected to prevent dazzle and glare'.

S/0119/11, Malton Workshops – amendment to erection of replacement workshop.

Parish Council Planning Committee recommend approval for the amendments.

2. Parish Council Planning Committee, Meeting held on 3rd March 2011 (Information Only)

S/1866/10, Land to the East of 52 High Street – Erection of a 4 bedroom dwelling

Parish Council Planning Committee Recommends '**No Recommendation**' with comments

3. SCDC Decisions

There were no decisions.

4. Affordable Housing

a.- Report on Planning Aid discussions - still awaiting response from Circle Anglia on the questions submitted.

b.- Councillors questions sent to Circle Anglia on the 27th January – still awaiting response.

c.- update of proposed meeting with residents and Parish Councillors with Circle Anglia and Schuyler Newsted (SCDC) – Circle Anglia are presently negotiating dates with SCDC, they then will inform the Parish Council. The Affordable Housing Working Group comprise of: Mr P Grant, Mr W Talbot, Mr B Cracknell, Mrs C Bailey, Mrs S Collins and Mr R Bryant.

261/03/11

Correspondence and Clerk's Report:

Parish Council Liaison Meeting in Cambourne on Tuesday 29th March, RB will attend, JC is now unable to attend.

Buckingham Palace Garden Party – nobody nominated

Highway Wardens (CCC) – following the success of two pilots schemes whereby Highway Wardens helped Highways to further the localism agenda and act as a single point of contact for their local highways service other councils have been invited to register their interest. - has been put in circulation

Other items:

Rural Payment Allocation (RPA) has been submitted.

Buses – presently the Orwell buses are not affected by the proposed reduction in services, but as they are on the list of subsidised buses they could be affected during the four years. A survey of bus users would be beneficial but it needs to be current. KR suggested that the matter needed to be continuously monitored in conjunction with the County Councillor and should be undertaken by the next Parish Council.

Clerk has contact Chris Sproston CCC, concerning the renumbering of the light on Hurdleditch Road. Invoice has not been received.

P3 Grant application has been submitted by RB.

S137 Allowance should be £6.44 per elector and not £6.40 as originally stated by CPALC.

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Recycling Banks Removals

Glass bank removal between the 26th April and 5th May 2011

Paper recycling will not be removed

Poppy Celebrations 90th Anniversary – it would appear that the date of June 10,11,12 conflicts with other village celebrations which are being held near those dates but there could be some limited activities.

Correspondence circulated 16.03.11

Police Surgeries, CPALC Bulletin, Localism Bill (SCDC) – important for Cllrs who are staying on to understand, SCDC Future of Standards, Journal of Local Planning, LCR – various articles, Neighbourhood Planning for the Community, Proposed Orwell Development, P3 Scheme, CPALC Training Schedule

262/032/11

Parish Plan:

KR circulated a report and discussed with the other councillors her concerns on the present layout and the information it states. Further clarification needs to be done, all councillors to read the report and comment to KR by 31st March 2011.

Action: All Councillors

263/03/11

Village Maintenance:

1. Trees at Manor Farm – still awaiting report from arboriculture officer.
2. Village furniture – MK is still waiting for the photographs so that he can proceed with the annual check. Will contact WT.

Action: MK

264/03/11

Elections/Annual Village Meeting/AGM:

1. Parish and District elections will take place on 5th May.
2. Date for Annual Parish Meeting on 4th May.
3. Parish Council Annual General Meeting to be held on 18th May.

265/03/11

Village Shop and Post Office

The village shop has been destroyed by an arson fire; milk, papers and bread can be obtained from the Chequers pub. The preferred location for a temporary post office is in the back room of the Chequers. Negotiations are under way with Punch Taverns, the Post Office and the insurers. There is a possibility that a portocabin can be used as a temporary shop but still unsure as to where it can be located.

265/03/11

Committee Reports and Areas of Responsibility:

Village Hall

A recent structural survey has yet to be discussed by the Village Hall Committee, a report will then follow. The next meeting is on the 5th April. A new list of charges for hiring the Hall has been introduced, they reflect a 20% increase.

ORCA

Pavilion has been broken into twice over the past month. A new domestic hot water boiler is required. As the pavilion is the property of the Parish Council RB proposed that the Parish Council pay for the boiler and subsequently deduct its cost from the 2011/2012 precept, this was seconded by RP and all agreed. ORCA will get quotations and let the Clerk know which quotation they decide on. KR will report back to ORCA.

Action: KR

Neighbourhood Watch/Police

Next police panel is on 18th April at Gamblingay Village College

Tree Warden

The tree application form for 33 High Street bore no resemblance to the work that was needed to be undertaken. With the authority of the SCDC Tree Officer the instructions were corrected and the work completed.

Burial Ground

The first cut is due on 6th April by Meadow Nurseries who will also treat the weeds in the burial ground, recreation ground and the carpark.

Glebe Field

There is very little grass due to the increase in rabbit activity.

Allotments

There is a new tenant for allotment 9 (Mr K Bailey). Rental payments are due in June 2011.

266/03/11

Councillors' Reports and agenda items for the next meeting:

JG

The bus stop sign at Fishers Lane needs removing as the bus no longer stops there. JG to advise the Clerk which bus service this is for so arrangements can be made for its removal.

Action: JG/Clerk

RB

There is an unsightly container of cobbles on the verge outside 34 High Street and the hedge is encroaching onto the footway. MK to request the owner to remove the container.

Action: MK

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm.

The next meeting is on 20th April 2011 in the back room of the Village Hall.

Chairman

Date

For the avoidance of doubt the only legally acceptable version of the Minutes of Orwell Parish Council are those signed in Public Meetings by the Chairman. They are available for public inspection from the Clerk.

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