

ORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

UnApproved Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the (back room) of the Village Hall on 15th December 2010 at 19:30 hrs.

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

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

208/12/10 **Guest Speaker – Jean Hunter CEO of South Cambs District Council**

RB introduced Jean Hunter to the meeting and thanked her for attending. Items discussed were:

SCDC budget cuts which could have an impact on the parish precept - there is to be a Parish Liaison meeting at SCDC Cambourne in January 2011 to discuss the issue of budgets.

Planning - There maybe changes to planning procedures with more powers going to the Parish Councils, however there are concerns being voiced with Parish Councils stating that they do not think they have the required background, knowledge or time to undertake some of the suggested changes.

The Localism Bill – it is believed that this will be a helpful tool and will work alongside the Parish Plans.

The Standards Committee - due to be abolished within the year. At the moment the SCDC Code of Conduct is being reviewed. Input from the Parish Councils will be sought but it would not seem possible to get a SCDC Code of Conduct that would be acceptable to all Parish Councils.

209/12/10 **Apologies for absence:**

There were no apologies all councillors were in attendance.

210/12/10 **Declaration of Interests both personal and prejudicial for items on the agenda:**

KR declared a personal interest in 65 Town Green Road due to her son being a neighbour.

211/12/10 **Public participation: for up to 15 minutes members of the public may contribute their views and comments to the Parish Council.**

There was one member of the public present who did not have any questions.

212/12/10 **Minutes of the last meeting: 17th November 2010**

It was proposed by RP that the minutes were a true record, seconded by WT all agreed. The Chairman then signed the minutes.

213/12/10 **CCC Report:**

1. Implementation of new speed restriction on A603 – Draft orders have been published in Cambridge Evening News. Objections will be considered in January 2011. It was asked if funding from the Parish Council would help in speeding this along, Cllr Kindersley explained that funding for this is from a separate budget, so there is no need for parishes to contribute. However, if parish councils want to undertake certain projects ie, white lines/yellow lines, grass cutting they should include these when setting their precepts.

2. CCTV scanning of surface water drainage in Town Green Road, to be carried out by Highways. Clerk to enquire if the report is ready. **Action: Clerk**

3. Blocked drains on High Street and Town Green Road – this has been advised to the Highways department.

Other items:

Winter Gritting – the A603 will be gritted along with the school and public bus route.

Guided Bus – is still experiencing problems.

Bus Routes – there are presently 80 bus routes being subsidised by CCC so there may be cuts in services which could involve Orwell.

214/12/10 **SCDC Report:**

1. Progress report on the enforcement order on 34 High Street – Cllr Bird has spoken with Gareth Jones who says that it is currently with the enforcement officer.

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It was questioned by councillors as to why this enforcement action was taking so long to implement. Jean Hunter will investigate.

2. Report on surface water from 7 High Street being directed onto the footway – Andrew Winter (SCDC Planning) is dealing with this and has forwarded information to CCC Highways.

3. Cambridge Water (CWC) concerning leaking clear water at base of telegraph pole (Leaden Hill) and at an adjacent fire hydrant (Town Green Road) – RB has reported this and is waiting to hear from CWC.

Other items

Addenbrookes Hospital – due to a £600k donation a helipad is to be constructed in the grounds of the hospital.

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Financial Matters:

1. Financial Statements for December – Proposed by RP, seconded by MK that statements were correct, all agreed.

2. Payments and Additional payments for December

J Damant	467.27	salary	LGA 1972 s112
J Damant	43.32	Expenses	LGA 1972 s113
Inland Revenue	150.01	PAYE/NI	LGA 1972 s112
MPC	70.00	December rent	LGA 1972 s111
I Rumbold	94.98	Christmas lights	LGA 1972 s111
I Rumbold	85.00	Christmas tree	LGA 1972 s111
Clunch Pit Committee	602.77	RPA grant	LGA 1972 s111
Hales Printers	770.00	Bulletin	LGA 1972 s 142
ACRE	25.00	Annual membership	LGA 1972 s 143

It was proposed by RP and seconded by JG that all payments were correct, all agreed. Cheques were then signed by RP and RB. (shaded payments are additional)

3. Deposits

S106 (land adj 60 High Street) £3,104.38

RPA Single Payment Scheme Year 2010 £ 602.77

4. Preliminary Precept Meeting – RP, RB and Clerk will meet on Tuesday 21st December to consider the figures for next year's precept. Heron is seeking a donation of £25 from each of the parishes they work with. It was proposed by RP and seconded by KR that this payment should be given as they do an invaluable service for Orwell residents, all agreed. Payment to be made in January.

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Planning:

1. Recent Applications:

S/2010/10, 63 Town Green Road, Extensions – Parish Council recommends Approval with no comments.

S/1926/10, 65 Town Green Road, Detached Garage – KR declared a personal interest. Parish Council recommends Approval with no comments.

S/1855/10, 9 High Street, Revised design to approved dwelling (S/1149/07/F) to include two new dormer windows above existing garage, change of flat roof dormer to pitched roof and insertion of roof light – The Planning Committee along with the Parish Council felt that as one member of the Planning Committee was refused entrance onto the site they were unable to make a recommendation.

SCDC Decisions

S/1741/10, Charter House, Permission has been granted for a canopy above the existing visitor entrance and the insertion of some east facing first floor windows.

S/1248/10, 50 Fishers Lane, Permission has been granted for an extension and refurbishment of office accommodation, change of use of land for car park extension and provision of cycle store, smokers shelter, bin store and compound.

2. Tree Work at 32 High Street – no comments

3. Affordable Housing

WT and RB will liaise with Planning Aid to prepare a letter for Circle Anglia outlining our concerns at their lack of activity.

Action:

WT/RB

Clerk to forward the Cambridgeshire ACRE Housing survey to WT.

Action: Clerk

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- 217/12/10 Community Grants**
Clerk has registered with the Big Lottery Grant
- 218/12/10 Correspondence and Clerk's Report:**
- abolition of Standards Regime
- speed limit review on B1042 and A603 (50mph) (see item 213/12/10.1)
- street lighting maintenance and energy – cost of street lighting, maintenance and energy for 2011.
- 219/12/10 Parish Plan:**
To be discussed at the January meeting
- 220/12/10 Village Maintenance:**
1. Trees at Manor Farm – Still waiting to hear from Highways.
2. Footway hedge on the A603 between the Wimpole turning and Fishers Lane. Clerk to enquire as to when this will be done. **Action: Clerk**
- 221/12/10 Committee Reports and Areas of Responsibility:**
Clunch Pit – Maintenance grant from Natural England is likely to be less this year. It was proposed by RP that the Parish Council renew its contract with Natural England for a further 5 years, seconded by RB all agreed. RB will contact Natural England. **Action: RB**
Allotments – Chapel Orchard have enquired as to who is responsible for the maintenance of the footpath leading to the allotments. There is also a question on the width of the bridge, leading to the allotments, as this is not wide enough to cater for a wheelchair.
Village Hall – RP reported that there appears to have been some further movement to the building. It has been agreed to seek further advice from a structural engineer.
Churchyard – Report was circulated to all councillors. The paths at the front and the back of the church require some maintenance. JG to obtain three quotes for this work. **Action: JG**
- 222/12/10 Councillors' Reports and agenda items for the next meeting:**
Agenda Items
MK
Could the clerk write to all the local farmers requesting they clean off their tractor wheels before driving on the village roads. It is an offence to deposit mud onto the Highways. **Action: Clerk**
JC
There has been further vandalism in the village with broken windows and Brookside has had some anti-social behaviour. PCSO's are aware of the situation and are presently looking into the matter.
KR
Energy monitors are now available and it was agreed that Parish Councillors would be the first to use them and report whether they are user friendly. Replacement of batteries will be the responsibility of the user. Monitors to be returned to KR.
CW
Do there need to be so many signs outside the pub? The drains along the High Street are still blocked.
Agenda items
Parish Plan
Affordable Housing
Precept allocation
Drainage issues

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm
The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th January 2011 in the back room of the Village Hall.

Chairman _____

Date _____

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