

ORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the (back room) of the Village Hall on
16th June 2010 at 19:30 hrs.

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

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

- 108/06/10 Apologies for absence:**
Apologies were received from Mr Chapman and Mrs Avery. No apologies received from Mr Watson.
- 109/06/10 Declaration of Interests both personal and prejudicial for items on the agenda:**
There were no declaration of interests declared.
- 110/06/10 Public participation: for up to 15 minutes members of the public may contribute their views and comments to the Parish Council**
There were no public in attendance.
- 111/06/10 Minutes of the last meeting: 19th May 2010**
The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by WT to be a true record, seconded by RP all agreed. The Chairman then signed the minutes.
- 112/06/10 Review of Declaration of Councillors Interests:**
1. JG signed the Declaration of Councillors interest.
- 113/06/10 CCC Report:**
1. A & B County road survey - implementation
The survey has now been completed resulting in the speed limit from the east end of Wimpole to the top of Hillside being reduced to 50mph.
The Council thanked Cllr Kindersley for his support in achieving this success.
2. Condition of roads and footways - Hurdleditch Road
Cllr Kindersley will contact Highways concerning the substandard condition of Hurdleditch Road and as to when it is going to be repaired or resurfaced.
Other items:
The Ouse Catchment Study is being conducted by the Environment Agency. Funding is to be cut on the water course section of the study, which may have an effect on the Orwell brook.
Regional Planning Targets are being reviewed including the Gypsy & Traveller grants.
- 114/06/10 SCDC Report:**
1. Flooding on Town Green Road/Leaden Hill
Cllr Bird has spoken to Sue Ellington (portfolio holder for Environmental Services) who is presently arranging a meeting with officers of SCDC and Anglian Water.

Other items

The slab under the bench at Lordship Close has been repaired.

The enforcement officer will be looking at two properties on the High Street.

The council is currently installing a new IT system for Planning Services, there will be a reduced web service between the 2nd and 26th July.

A recently published government programme referred to a forthcoming review of the Housing Revenue Account. Until more information is available SCDC have adjourned any decision on the matter.

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Financial Matters:

1. June Financial Statement

It was proposed by RB, seconded by MK that the statement was correct, all agreed.

2. Payments and Additional payments for June

It was proposed by RP and seconded by RB that all payments were correct, all agreed. RB and KR signed the cheques.

Additional payments were proposed by RP and seconded by MK, all agreed

J Damant	479.80	salary	LGA 1972 s112
Inland Revenue	137.48	PAYE/NI	LGA 1972 s112
J Damant	238.90	repayment of PAYE	LGA 1972 s112
A Lee	48.38	website	LGA 1972 s111
ASHTAV	15.00	membership	LGA 1972 s143
MPC	140.00	April/June rent	LGA 1972 s111
Sam's windows	9.00	bus shelters	OSA 1906 ss9&10
MPC	30.51	cllr paper	LGA 1972 s111
Aon Insurance	637.88	Insurance	LGA 1972 s 226
		(insurance was previously paid as agreed see item 96/05/10)	
LCR	13.50	membership	LGS 1972 s143

Local Government Act (LGA), Open Spaces Act (OSA) Additional payments are shaded.

3. Deposits

Inland Revenue £238.90 (overpayment of PAYE for Clerk)

Allotments £90.00

4. Insurance - cheque to Aon (Allianz) has been completed see item 2 above.

5. Change of Signatory forms - completed. RP has replaced KR as a signatory. Signatories are RB, RP, JC and the Clerk.

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Planning:

- Affordable Housing - update on the Hurdleditch Road project

RB has not had a satisfactory answer from Circle Angia for a date to give their presentation.

- The parish council are scheduled to receive S106 Recreation money resulting from the new build adjacent to 60 High Street.

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Community Grants

1. Update on fund raising for play equipment and outside gym

Some members of the youth club, as part of their Duke of Edinburgh, are progressing with grant applications. There are also grants available for the over 51's for promoting a healthy lifestyle. A meeting of the Recreation Ground User Group to be arranged.

Action: WT, RB

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- 118/06/10 Correspondence and Clerk's Report:**
 Response from Highways concerning ditches - still awaiting a response.
 Clerk has contacted the police with concerns that youths are congregating at the village hall car park.
 WT has drafted a letter for OFWAT - RB and Clerk to liaise. **Action: RB, Clerk**
- 119/06/10 Parish Plan:**
 1. Comments from the Summary Statement
 The first draft has been circulated. WT has had a meeting with Cambridgeshire ACRE who are happy with the draft summary. Councillors to comment before the final version is submitted in September. **Action: All Cllrs**
- 120/06/10 Village Maintenance:**
 1. Mulberry Tree area - has been cleared
 2. Village hall car park - trimming of vegetation - MK to ask Meadow Nursery for an estimate.
 3. Trimming of vegetation - general. The Chairman stated he has visited several residence and had requested that they trim their hedges since they were causing an obstruction. All but one have met with the request; the trimming of footpath no. 7 has yet to be undertaken. A further problem exists at Manor Farm where the trees are impacting on the double decker buses. CCC has been advised.
- 121/06/10 Street Lighting:**
 A request has been sent to CCC (Mr Tony Hull) for two street lights. A 5m folding column with 50w light outside 23 High Street and a 6m column with a 50w light opposite the main entrance to the Primary School.
 RP expressed concern that having had one failure of a street light attached to an electric pole other similar fittings may fail in the future and since replacement fittings needed to be mounted on columns he suggested that such expenditure might be considered in the next precept. RP volunteered to undertake a survey to establish the number of street lights affixed to electric/telegraph poles throughout the village.
Action: RP
- 122/06/10 Forward Planning:**
 1. Relocation of the football pitch - CW absent no report available. The Chairman to advice CW that the land owner is presently in residence. **Action: CW**
 2. Proposed draft plan of recreation ground - this is on assumption that the football pitch can not be relocated. Councillors inspected the draft plan, and it was felt that until the question of relocating the football pitch has been fully investigated then no decisions can be made at this time.
- 123/06/10 Committee Reports and Areas of Responsibility:**
Clunch Pit
 Minute have been circulated.
ORCA
 Minutes have been circulated
 Repair of the football shed doors is nearly completed.
Churchyard/burial ground
 Due to the weather it was felt that all graves, which need levelling and turfing, will be done in September 2010. The grass has been cut, and the hedges are to be cut soon. JG has contacted Mr B Andrews of the Unpaid Work Department, it is hoped that the resetting of the headstone will be undertaken soon. **Action: JG**
 The front wall of the churchyard is still waiting to be repaired.

Village Sign

Is looking good.

124/06/10 Councillors' Reports and agenda items for the next meeting:

RB

Has written to Rutland Broadband who are carrying out a survey on village broadband speeds.

WT

Youth bank account - re-establishing the youth bank account continues to be progressed.

Anti vandalism paint has yet to be applied to the school and church.

RB/WT - 'Planning Parish Forum' Meeting at SCDC on 14th June

RB reported that the meeting was interesting. It provided information on the new governments intentions to reform the planning system; sustainable parish energy partnership and community orchards.

KR

Neighbourhood Watch - cars are being broken into. Do not leave valuables such as handbags in the car even if they are out of view!

Items for next Agenda

1. Allotments

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45 pm. The next meeting is 21st July at 7.30 pm in the back room of the Village Hall.

Chairman

Date

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