

ORWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the (back room) of the Village Hall on 17th March 2010 at 19:30 hrs.

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

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

Guest Speakers: Cllr Nick Wright SCDC Planning with Economic Development and Mr Nigel Blazeby SCDC Planning Officer.

Cllr Wright thanked the Council for their invitation and addressed the meeting. He advised of some of the restructuring that had taken place within the Planning Department in recent months aimed at saving money since the Council is committed to reducing its 2009/10 budget by 1/2 million pounds and 1.6 million pounds in 2010/11.

The measures taken include an overall reduction in the size of the planning teams, the introduction of a Duty Officer, a 106 Officer, a Monitoring Officer and re-establishing an Administrator into each of the planning teams.

Mr Blazeby responded to the members general concerns that although they attempted to following the Design Guide their views often differed than that of SCDC. In particular the materials used in the construction of No.34 High Street; the distance permitted between buildings and the apparent inconsistency of SCDC decisions. He stated that having taken into consideration the views of all parties involved in the planning process it was nevertheless in part a subjective decision and the Design Guide was for guidance only.

In response to a question linking the possible development of affordable housing along Hurdleditch to the present drainage/sewage problems being experienced Mr Blazeby stated that Anglian Water had a statutory duty to provide drainage and the present sewage problems would not be a justification to refuse planning permission, albeit it could be a condition.

45/03/10

Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Mrs J Avery, Mr W Talbot and Mr C Watson.

46/03/10

Declaration of Interests both personal and prejudicial for items on the agenda:

RB declared a personal interest in item 56/03/10

47/03/10

Public Participation:

Members of the public expressed considerably concern in regards to the sewage overflow which occurs in the area of Hurdleditch/Leaden Hill following heavy rain falls. This manifests itself by human sewage over flowing into local gardens and backing up in peoples toilets. A meeting with Cambridge Water, Anglian Water, SCDC (Environment) and CCC Highways has not, thus far, resulted in any remedial action being taken. It was agreed that future actions to be taken were:

- For the Chairman to involve the Environment Agency and the Local MP.
- To continue dialogue with Anglian Water and send them the results of a questionnaire completed by those residents affected.
- To make further pleas to the CCC for them to enhance their surface water drainage.
- Request SCDC to dredge the brook in the region of the bridge.

Cllr S Kindersley (CCC) and Cllr Bird (SCDC) were both involved in the discussions and have been asked to advise their respective councils of the Orwell sewage situation.

48/03/10

Minutes of the last meeting: 17th February 2010

Following minor amendments it was proposed by MK and seconded by RP to accept the minutes as an accurate record, agreed by all. The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

49/03/10

CCC Report:

- 1. Repair of village roads and foot-ways - The CCC workers are getting around to all the villages. It was reported to Cllr Kindersley that Hurdleditch Road and Lotfield Street are needing urgent attention.
- 2. A & B County Roads - The report has still not be distributed, it is presently awaiting police comments.
- 3. Hillside Road Speed Survey - Some confusion arose at the last Neighbourhood Panel over speed survey, mobile cameras and speed watch. The result is that the Hillside Road Speed Survey will not take place.
- 4. Flooding - as been covered in item 47/03/10
- 5. Footpath 7 - Cllr Kindersley still to find out who is actually responsible for clearing leaves from this footpath.

Other items

The Transport Innovation Fund - which looked at transport improvements and the introduction of Congestion Charges has been cancelled by the Minister. It is being replaced by an 'Urban Challenge Fund' which offers clear and measurable benefits for urban areas. It is early days, we wait to see.

Guided Bus - is behind schedule and £41 million above budget with no definite date for opening.

50/03/10

SCDC Report:

- 1. Grass maintenance map - Cllr Bird has requested a map
- 2. Flooding - already covered in 47/003/10

Other Items:

The budget has been passed and the council tax will rise by 2.99%

The Conservation Department has granted £100 to Malton Golf Course to plant a 30 tree mixed orchard as part of the Wildlife Enhancement Scheme.

Brook - there is a tree trunk in the brook, needs to be removed. Clerk to action.

Action: Clerk

51/03/10

Financial Matters:

1. March Financial Statement - It was proposed by RB and seconded by RP that the statement was in order for both the Current and Deposit account, all agreed. The Financial Statement was then signed by the Chairman.

2. Payments/additional payments for March 2010

It was proposed by RP and seconded by MK that all payments were correct, all agreed.

Clerk salary	£ 479.80	Salary	LGA 1972 s112
Inland Revenue	£ 137.48	PAYE/NI	LGA 1972 s112
Hales Printers	£ 740.00	Bulletin	LGA 1972 s1
Carter Jonas	£ 187.50	Glebe field rent	OSA 1906 s9/10
Meldreth PC	£ 105.00	Office rent/clerk training	LGA 1972 s113
CCC	£2,647.15	Street lighting	PCA 1957 s301
G Morley	£ 460.00	Village Hall	LGA (misc)1976 s19
Clunch Pit	£ 726.00	Grant from Natural England	LGA 1894 s8(4)
Meadow Nursery	£ 120.00	Notice board at Hillside	LGA 1972 s113
Meadow Nursery	£ 120.00	Clunch pit bench	LGA 1972 s113

LGA - Local Governemnt Act, OSA - Open Spaces Act, PCA - Parish Council Act

Shaded area - additional payment

52/03/10

Planning Matters:

To be discussed

60 High Street, S/1687/09/F, amended plans for dwelling and garage.

Parish Council Recommends: Approval.

40 Fishers Lane, S/0192/10/F, amended plans for extension, plus alteration to roof material.

Parish Council Recommends: Approval

Information Only

Planning meeting of 4th March 2010 - 40 Fishers Lane, S/0192/10/F

Parish Council recommended: Approval with comments.

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SCDC Decisions

59a Town Green Road has been granted permission for extensions, replacement garage/cartlodge.

Affordable Housing - RB has received an email from Helen Wren of Circle Anglia with regards to the proposed development at Hurdleditch Road. RB will invite Darren Blake, who will be replacing Helen Wren, to the Annual Parish Meeting on the 5th May. **Action: RB**

53/03/10

Correspondence and Clerk's Report:

Salt Bins - Clerk has requested the two salt bins which will be placed at Leaden Hill to replace the bin currently in situ and one to be placed behind Lordship Community Centre.

Footpath training dates - no one taking up the training.

Drain damage at the school - Letter has been forwarded to ORCA following a letter received by the Parish Council from Petersfield School with regards to a school drain which appears to have been damaged by tree roots from a neighbouring tree on the Recreation Ground. ORCA have informed their insurance company.

Cambridgeshire ACRE in partnership with South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership - Invitation to look into parish planning and how it can benefit your community - Wednesday 31st March at 6.30 at Histon and Impington Recreation Centre - responses by 25th March. This is mainly dealing with those parishes who are considering producing a parish plan, and not for those councils already in the process.

Circulation circulated.

Small Business Engagement Accord and Parish Council

Salt bins

Adoption of Statement of community involvement and supplementary planning documents (LDF)

Email from Russell Watkins (SCDC) Flooding & sewerage concerns

Community Action magazine

Neighbourhood Panel update for parishes

Notes from Cllr Kindersely

Planning Policy monthly update

COPE

Big Lottery Fund

Standards Committee Newsletter

Standards Board - request for including on the AGM nominations for Standards Board

CPALC bulletin - members to take their marked copy

54/03/10

Notice Board for Hillside:

Has now been erected. Clerk to ask Meadow Nursery for a price to remove the old notice board. **Action: Clerk**

55/03/10

Chequers Close:

Clerk read out the response received from Steven Thulborn CCC who suggested inserting wooden posts along the pavement. It was thought that this could cause even greater congestion since cars would be forced to park on the road. Clerk to enquire about the installation of yellow lines. **Action: Clerk**

56/03/10

Allotments:

1. Quotations - Three quotations have now been received, however there were some areas that councillors felt needed further clarification i.e., gate details, the size of the wire mesh and the coating of fencing and posts. MK will enquire with the companies concerned whether these changes will effect the quotation already received. It was proposed by MK and seconded by JG to accept the lowest quotation as all three quotes were very much alike, all agreed. MK will inform the Clerk and Chairman of his findings. **Action: MK, RB Clerk**

57/03/10

Parish Plan:

WT was absent.

- 58/03/10 Village Maintenance:**
 1. Bench outside the Church - Quotation of £70 for painting the concrete was accepted, proposed by JG, seconded by MK all agreed.
 2. Clearance of brambles along the ditch on Hurdleditch Road - has now been completed.
 3. Bench damaged in the Clunch Pit - has been replaced with the plastic bench removed from outside the Church.
 4. Bench at Meadowcroft - metal work still to be painted.
 5. State of benches:
Burial Ground: Quotation for £125 for repairing the bench was put before the council, MK proposed, seconded by RB all agreed. Clerk to report decision. **Action: Clerk**
Garden of Remembrance: This was a donated bench and the family have agreed to repair and maintain it.
Bench at the top of Clunch Pit: MK still to check. **Action: MK**
- Other items:**
 Notice board opposite village shop - it appears that the varnish finish is coming off. JC will contact the firm. **Action: JC**
- 59/03/10 Football Shed:**
 1. Update of replacement Door - Clerk still waiting for third quote.
- 60/03/10 Street Lighting outside the Primary School:**
 Clerk still awaiting for third quote.
- 61/03/10 Forward Planning: - (Replacement of the Village Hall)**
 1. Update of grants available from the Football Association
 CW has now received the application form which has been passed onto RP. RB proposed that a working party be established to look at the various ideas which are being considered for the future of the Recreation Ground/Pavilion. Representatives from the Paris Council, ORCA and Football Club to be invited. **Action: RB**
- 62/03/10 Public Toilets:**
 RB circulated the ORCA minutes. ORCA have agreed to continue to be responsible for the toilets.
- 63/03/10 Annual Parish Meeting:**
 Suggestions for topics are: Affordable Housing, the Parish Plan and the future of the Village Hall.
- 64/03/10 Committee Reports and Areas of Responsibility:**
ORCA
 In response to a members suggestion that the charges for the recreation facilities were inconsistent the Chairman stated that use of the MUGA by the 5-aside football, basketball, and casual tennis is charged by the hour; the football charge by the match. The tennis club charge members an annual subscription of £35. The tennis club does not hold any money except for general expenses eg. balls, all other money is held in the ORCA fund. In future this money will be shown on the ORCA financial statement.
Clunch Pit
 The Butterfly Conservation Group have trimmed the perimeter. ACER Conservation have cut back the scrub and treated the stumps.
Churchyard/burial ground
 JG has purchased the slate memorial slab which will be positioned when the weather improves. JG will ask Meadow Nursery to level the grave before the slate is positioned.
- 65/03/10 Councillors' Reports:**
RP
 The front wall of the Churchyard is crumbling again. JG has already reported this to the Church Warden who has it in hand.

RB

Attended the Cemex display at Barrington Village Hall. It presented the future plans to infill the Eastern side of the quarry and restore it to agricultural use.

RB stated that he would not be standing for Chairman at the next Annual Meeting in May and it was time to consider nominating a successor. As none of the other members indicated any wish to succeed him as Chairman he suggested that he should refer the vacancy to the SCDC Monitoring Officer. Members stated that they did not wish for the Chairman to take that action yet.

JG

Has the key for the field which provides access to the Burial Ground.

Agenda Items for next meeting:

Items for the Annual Parish Meeting

Football Shed

Allotment fencing

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday April 21st at 7.30pm in the back room of the Village Hall

Chairman:

Date:

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