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**Filkins & Broughton Poggs Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

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Present: Richard Martin, Rob Bohm, Sue Long, Keith Perry, Charlie Payne, Trish Poole.  
Members of Public: P Care, C Daniels, F Cowburn

68 Apologies:

David McFarlane

69 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:

K Perry – Abbeystones, Horseshoe House and Filkins Bowls Club planning applications

70 Adjournment for Public:

P Care: B4477 traffic survey results. PC page in newsletter was very good. Could bus timetable be put in holder at bus shelter? Need to find allen key to open. Clerk has put one on notice board. Extension to footpath Alvescot road in gravel and cut through to paddock. We are in discussions with the Hervey Trust concerning footpath through to paddock. Extension to footpath on Alvescot road- we would not be able to use gravel and cost of tarmac prohibitive. Permission from householders would also need to be obtained.

71 To Accept Minutes of Last Meeting:

Minutes from meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Alteration was made to wording on The Gassons planning application then were accepted and signed.

72 Matters arising from Minutes:

K Perry: Item 59 War Memorial plaque any progress. Chair needs to see Andy Hoad. Date for meeting with WODC concerning bund. Chair has date and will circulate. Survey results show clay is near the surface so there should be enough in the field for the bund.

C Payne: A Cripps has cleared the stream from the mill boundary up along Cheveau's filed.

73 County Councillor's Report:

D Seale was delayed; item postponed.

74 Planning and Cemetery Committee:

Abbeystones- Granted

Goodfellows: Granted

Corn Barn: awaiting decision. Alterations mostly internal, external will improve appearance.

Horseshoe House: awaiting decision. New front entrance

Filkins Bowls Club: Erection of porch using material already purchased, only 2.4m high same height as guttering on clubhouse. Land noted as freehold, but under lease from Parish Council. We will need to inform planners and Bowls Club.

Cemetery: Correspondence received concerning mowing of certain graves. This has been dealt with.

- 75 Centre Committee Report:  
Cellar: R Bohm reported no change in the water depth when checked three weeks ago so he proposes to take out the last few inches of water and then let it dry naturally. Look again in late spring.  
T Poole reported the Village shop plans to display artwork and other items in the room above the village shop from February.
- 76 Treasurers Report:  
**Charity Commission:** R Martin has written to Charity Commission to ask if the Parish Council can take over the assets for a small fee. R Martin has found a Conveyance of Trust Deed for the swimming pool and playground. If this is still current the Parish Council owns these areas not the Centre Trust. Therefore, the revenue generated would belong to the Parish Council and not the Centre Trust. The land is not registered at the Land Registry. If this was transferred it maybe that the Village Centre was as well. S Pool deed dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 1937. If true the insurance of the swimming pool would be bolstered. We have a photocopy of the Trust Deed for the Village Centre which includes the flat, changing rooms, shop and post office. Only this part is lodged with the Charity Commission. If the PC manages the assets of the Trust what would we lose? COIF account, Rates Relief- take advice on latter as it is community based activity. The Bowls Green is leased by the Parish Council to the Club. When we receive a reply from the Charity Commission we may need to take advice from NALC.  
**Swimming Pool:** Clerk is now permitted to hand over half of membership to Swimming Club. Cheque was duly signed. The sub-committee will arrange to meet with their committee when their accounts are finalised to discuss finances.
- 77 Litter Pick:  
Date has been arranged for 5<sup>th</sup> March. The format will be the same as last year but not such a wide area. Roger Chitty is organising.
- 78 B4477 Update:  
Survey took place from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November from 11am but not for full 7 days as the battery ran out. The survey was explained showing number of vehicles per hour, 85<sup>th</sup> percentile (speed at which 85% of traffic is travelling) and the average speed. The speed limit is set 8-12mph below the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile which shows the speed limit is correct and working acceptably. The summary page is calculated over 7 days automatically so is not quite correct on the average figures as we did not get 7 days data, all the other figures are correct. However, the data shows no cars are travelling over 56 mph and only one car between 51-56mph. The average taken over the full day's data shows an average speed of 33.8mph. PC Barnes has commented that the average speed and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile are exactly as speed limit control should show. Clanfield and Bampton had their speed surveys carried out at the same time and show they have a very large problem. The figures will now be held by Highways Agency as evidence on the road. 2004 average was 38.4mph.

We are already committed to put a band of red tarmac on the road- we have been advised this may make a difference for 2-3 weeks but will be ignored after this. PC Barnes will try and bring the speed camera down at peak times.

C Daniels commented that the weather was bad that week and there was a traffic diversion. He says he does not have much faith in the results as he spoke to PCSO when they visited with the speed gun and they said they were "having a good day". We could have a problem with cars speeding one way and not the other. He requested it be carried out again as he still thinks there is a problem.

PC will check the weather for that week. "Having a good day" could mean that not many cars were speeding. Results of that trial were 68 out of 69 cars were doing 30 or less as reported by PC Barnes. Survey shows there are 92% of cars travelling below 40mph. 39.4mph is acceptable in 30mph limit by standards of TVP. C Payne offered to circulate the absolute numbers to the Council.

We could request it be carried out again in the spring as we did not get a full week, if the tarmac is laid then we could ask for a second survey to see if this has made a difference. We will look at C Payne's figures before we make a decision.

It will depend on figures and weather report.

Clerk will contact Highways Agency- our representative has just been changed so we may have to start our program again.

#### 79 Environmental Project:

**Vale Wood-** Lease is with Stephen Clark for the Land to be registered but there is a problem with the Charity Clause. Woodland Trust is re-writing this paragraph.

C Maunder has been approached by a resident asking him to lay gravel inside the wood at the stile as there is a puddle there. Clerk advised him not to do this as the wood should remain natural and we do not want gravel introduced. This will disperse naturally in a couple of weeks but some bark will be laid.

**Hardcastles Field:** A letter has been received from S Dore terminating her lease on the field. On inspection the field is very boggy and there are a large amount of mole hills. The field is also open to the river up and down stream. It was felt that only small ponies (14.2 or less) or sheep should be allowed in the field especially as we intend to have a footpath around the field along the river. Moore Allen will be asked to value the land and set the price for renting.

**Footpath Link to Village:** Trustees are happy with the proposal of a footpath link to the village hall. They are investigating the sewage works at The School House and this may be able to be linked together.

**Environment Group:** As Hardcastles field is now able to be used and the link is looking possible they will pursue the matter of a permissive path again with Goodenoughs or David Jenkinson. Also maybe a small section of Hardcastles field could be used as an orchard. An allotment site has been found on the land between the Playground and Goodfellows Yard. Andrew Cripps is in favour of this. It is slightly smaller and will have to be measured out it may only contain 8-9 half size plots. Most people will want mini allotments. Access will be via the garden at the back of the centre, part of the wall to the playground will be rebuilt to allow a gateway. Communal sheds could then be allowed in the garden, they would have to all look the same. The rabbit fencing will need to be looked into but it would be helpful to turn the land over before it is fenced in. It would be helpful if this was done in plots so that the paths in between are left grassed. K

Perry will work out the plot sizes. Water could be laid on from Centre to the allotments with an isolation valve. R Bohm to give an estimate on the cost. Donald Puffitt will be asked to quote for relocating the wall, no stone will be required. Will there be a gate into the allotments? It was decided the garden gate would be used as the entrance point so no gate would be needed by the wall. Clerk will write to the Village Shop and ask for the storage shed to be returned to the Parish Council in March.

- 80 Refuse and Recycling:  
Bin collections over the holiday period did not take place. The information from WODC was not consistent or helpful. A letter will be written to WODC asking them to improve this service.
- 81 Four items:  
Road closure at Newbridge  
Electoral Areas review: Councillors to look at website [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)  
Snow Report- document read out  
Watermark- Flood meeting- details given to C Payne.
- 82 Date of Next Meeting:  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm in Filkins Village Hall Committee Room.