
Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd October 2006

Present: R. Martin, C. Bristow, T. Poole, L. Chitty, K. Perry, T. Bennett
Members of Public: M. Clark, R. Higham, S. Saunders

1. *Apologies for Absence:*
None
2. *Adjournment for Public:*
M. Clark if there was a schedule for maintenance on benches. Crosstrees bench needs linseed oil.
3. *To Receive Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest:*
None
4. *To accept Minutes of Last Meeting:*
Minutes of 27th June were approved and signed.
5. *Matters arising from the Minutes:*
Clerk reported that a letter was written to the Footpaths Dept. Maintenance is taking place in this area and the broken stiles and blockages will be looked at.
6. *Planning and Cemetery Committee:*
Planning: Old Rectory, Apsley Cottage, Cottage by the Church all granted. Tithe Barn- Broughton Poggs refused. Field Cottage- awaiting decision- K. Perry reported no objections from Planning Committee.
Permissive Routes- Oxleaze Farm. Routes 2,3 and 4 are not in the Parish Boundary so no comment can be given. Route 1 - letter is inconclusive it states swap but does not say what with.
Action: Clerk will contact C Mann and ask him to clarify for next meeting.
Publications: Enforcement of Planning Control, Conservation Area Character Appraisal, South East Plan: K. Perry raised there are some items which will affect us, he also noted there is to be liaison between SW border and Cotswold AONB.
L. Chitty entered meeting.
We have a chance to comment on this and it will be used to judge against when making planning decisions. We should also have all the Stone Slats included small and large. K. Perry has already made some suggestions but there are still some mistakes. The Welsh slate for roofing also needs to be addressed. Page 4 refers to wide open spaces and infilling, important open spaces may need to be stated and not allowed for infilling. There is also reference to thatched roofs.
Action: K. Perry will circulate a list of Parish Plan proposals. Then letter will be sent to endorse Parish Plan.
Cemetery: 3 applications have been received for headstones all were approved. Clerk outlined talks with E Taylor as to the purchase of the exclusive right to a plot. This must be taken out before a headstone can be erected on any plot.
Action: Clerk will add this to the rules.
A tablet has been set on the first ashes plot but this has been done incorrectly. Our marking stone has been taken away but the tablet should have been attached on top of this.
Action: Clerk will contact Taylors to rectify.

7. *Centre Committee Report:*

Post Office: L Chitty reported she has liaised with E Constable. Some amendments have been made and she is now happy with the lease. The amendments have been submitted to Crowdy and Rose- we are awaiting their reply.

Bowls Club: L Chitty reported that Crowdy and Rose have advised the Bowls Club constitution needs amending; but Bowls Club want to keep their own. The amendments concern holding property and trustees, these points have been raised with Crowdy and Rose and Lorraine is awaiting advice. Thanks were given to Mike Clark for the information he has given to L. Chitty.

Blue Plaque: M. Clark has completed the forms to apply for the Blue Plaque, these need to be signed by Parish Council before submission. The plaque will cost approx £400 and will be paid for by public subscription. All were in agreement and the application signed.

Action: Clerk will write covering letter and submit form.

8. *Treasurer's Report:*

Cheques paid list was circulated to Councillors.

Audit: This has been completed- there were no comments from the Auditor.

Swimming Club: Clerk submitted final account to the meeting. The total membership collected was £6,068.00. The membership statistics showed: 52 family in parish, 118 family outside, 17 single in parish, 19 outside, 488 guests. £105 was collected for RD cheques from 2005. Clerk was asked about refurbishment; this was paid for direct from the Swimming Club funds. Chairman added the club is encouraged to spend their money on refurbishment. Membership was sold out this year- Should villagers be given priority. Many members from outside the Parish thought the membership was too cheap. It was felt best for the Club Committee to sort out any membership issues. Thank you to all committee members who have worked hard this year.

Action: Clerk was authorised to hand over £3,034.00 being half the membership money collected.

Income and Expenditure: Figures were circulated by Clerk- RFO commented that it seemed to be a well balanced year and at the six month point the figures looked good. Level of Income and Expenditure will be reviewed at the next meeting in conjunction with setting the precept.

Hayes Palmer Trust: Bowls Club have submitted their quote- total £575. This was approved by the Council.

Action: Clerk will submit letter and ask for a balance on the amount available for distribution.

Charity Commission Update: K. Perry was asked to fill in personal details as a new trustee and pass back to the Clerk.

9. *Village of the Year:*

A public meeting will be held on Sunday 22nd October, the purpose will be to get villagers involved and use their quotes in the application for the national competition, display the presentation that one the Small village category and ask for suggestions on how to spend the £500. There are 6 categories that need to be addressed, and contributions are welcome from councillors, these should be submitted to Helen Holden. The main application has to be submitted by end of November and then a visit from the judges will take place in February. Consultation will be needed to maximise the effect of the visit. Wine, tea and biscuits will be provided by the Parish Council. Helen has also submitted some expenses from the first presentation £49.98. The Parish Council agreed to pay these.

Action: Clerk will circulate the list collated by Helen to all Councillors.

10. *Gambling Act 2005:*

To be circulated

11. *Minerals and Waste Consultation:*
K. Perry took to read through. There is mention of a new area of limestone in Burford/Witney area.
Action: K. Perry will look into this.

12. *FGWC Bench:*
A letter has been received from FGWC asking permission to go ahead with their arrangements for a bench at the top of the Burford Road. This was agreed.
Action: Clerk will inform FGWC.

13. *RAF Brize Norton visit:*
Wg Cdr Tony Toner has agreed to talk to the village on 11th October. Clerk has invited Kencot, Broadwell, Little Faringdon and Langford. Clerk will organise wine for the evening.

14. *Requests for Donations:*
Letters have been received from Citizens Advice Bureau and Chiltern Air Ambulance asking for donations. It was agreed to send £50 each.

15. *Affordable Housing:*
James Alcock has asked if Filkins will join Langford in their affordable housing scheme as they do not have enough people in need of housing. Councillors decided they would need more information before making the decision.
Action: Clerk will invite James to attend next Council meeting.

16. *Rouses Lane Improvement:*
Sandy Saunders has approached the Parish Council and asked to clear the footpath at the end of Rouses Lane up to the foot bridge. He has is willing to pay for the work if the Parish Council agree. This scheme my encourage people to use the footpath, it would be cleared to approx 6feet wide and gravelled. There are no large trees involved only saplings. Are there any photos of what it used to look like? The Chairman asked if all Councillors would look at the area and report back to the Clerk if they are in agreement or not. This will be done by Wednesday 11th October. If one Councillor objects then we will not be able to support this scheme. The Chairman thanked Mr Saunders for the generous offer.
Action: Clerk will wait to hear from Councillors and then inform Mr. Saunders of the decision.

17. *Highway Issues:*
Still awaiting instructions from Paul Wilson.

18. *Hardcastles Field:* S. Dore has written to ask if the willows could be pollarded. Agreed. Roger Craddock will be contacted.
FLOO: Several points have been raised on items to be seen to around the village. List will be circulated to Councillors. Clerk is acting on them.
Bulls Close: Dog fouling on grass verge is a problem, Chairman will talk to the person involved.
Hazells Lane: Hedge has been trimmed back but residents are still complaining. Chairman will talk to person who owns the hedge and ask them cut it back again.

- 19: *Public Consultation:*
R. Higham: It would be a mistake to urbanise the footpath. There are some dead elms that need removing but it is the other side of the bridge where the problems of flooding lie.

Policy on plastic windows: This will be raised with the Conservation draft Parish Council could ask District Council to pass an Article 4 to prohibit plastic windows.

Chairman asked to be recorded that the ideas for FLOO originated from him ,so we have some eyes around the village.

David Clifton has some cuttings etc. which have been left in the stream by his house. Parish Council will ask him to remove them.

20. *Next Meeting:*
Tuesday 14th November 7.30pm Filkins Village Hall.