
***Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 7th February 2006***

Present: R. Martin, T. Poole, T. Bennett, C. Bristow

Members of Public: M. Neale, K. Perry, T. Hambidge, M. Clark, T. Mullen

70. *Apologies:*

L. Chitty

71. *Adjournment for Public;*

K. Perry reported that the Parish Plan had been printed and distributed; the committee will now meet twice a year to plot progress. Main action will be left to sub-committees. Plan sub committees must keep the Parish Council informed on their progress, if a representative is not on their sub committee then progress must be reported direct. Will there be a public meeting later in the year? May be. M. Clark reported that wording could be misleading as items were included in the plan which had already been implemented by the Parish Council. i.e. village markers on Alvescot Road, traffic on this road already being investigated. This part reads as if it is a plan initiative and not Parish Council.

T. Mullen- reported he attended the meeting to understand more how the Parish Council works and to explain why he is parking his car on the road outside Foxfield House. He is concerned about the speed of traffic past his house – he has spoken to T. Poole – and he would like to help find a solution. He apologized if his car was causing a nuisance but he has parked it so there is maximum reflection for oncoming vehicles. The volume of traffic will go down slightly now as Brize Norton has re-opened. Clerk did ask that they not come through the village but they could not agree to this. Problem is this is shown as a direct route from Carterton to M4 when it was upgraded by M of D. The road structure has not been upgraded to take into account the expansion of Carterton/ PC Patrick has advised PC and T Mullet to park cars on B4477 to help slow the traffic down.

C. Bristow arrived at meeting.

The traffic survey was done over a period of 10 days but data could not be downloaded. This will be repeated. This has also been on A361.

Meeting was reconvened.

72. *Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:*

- None
73. *Accept Minutes of Last Meeting:*
Minutes were passed as correct and signed.
74. *Matters Arising From the Minutes:*
None
75. *Planning and Cemetery Committee:*
Planning:
Little Barnfield- *Granted on 2nd submission. Councillors asked to keep eye on development.*
Rose Cottage- *Granted*
Dragon Cottage- *Granted*
Pip Cottage- *Granted*
Broughton Poggs Mill- *Granted*
Field Cottage- *awaiting decision*
Oxleaze Farm- *awaiting decision.*
Cemetery: *One inscription on existing headstone- accepted.*
76. *Centre Committee report:*
Playground- *Clerk reported there is a problem with children drinking in the playground. This has been happening since before Christmas with half drunk cans being left. Groundsman has approached and told them they should not leave cans around for the younger children to find and he reported this to the Clerk.*
Action: T. Bennett will ask Groundsman who this is and take further action if needed.
Village Centre: *Clerk has contacted Crowdy and Rose concerning leases but no reply. If they are received it was agreed these could be given to L. Chitty for execution.*
Maintenance: Clerk has been in contact with S. Scott and window in Post Office has been repaired. New lock was put on Ladies changing room door by Village shop committee.
Shop: *Trading going well plan to sell alcohol by end of week after licence passed- still in need of volunteers. Good product range including local suppliers. Current hours may change when the clocks change. Many customers coming from other villages especially Langford.*
Football field: *Lease has been signed for a duration of 5 years.*
77. *Treasurers Report:*

Cheques Paid: Clerk circulated cheques paid list from last meeting. One large cheque £9000 which was agreed to be paid to the village shop until Defra grant is received. T. Poole reported this would be through very soon.

New Bank Accounts: Clerk has received forms from Barclays to open two new accounts.

Action: RFO will complete these and hand back to Clerk.

Hayes Palmer Trust Accounts: Copies were given to all councillors after the last meeting. C. Bristow looked over account and felt the Trust was being handled correctly. The amount in hand is £8790, and investment has grown well over the last year.

Clerk reported that Swimming Pool Committee had asked if the Parish Council would support a request for money to refurbish the bottom of the pool. Chairman brought to their attention the account are being finalised and the S. Pool have approx £6000 in their account. It was agreed that an application would be supported.

78. **Thames Water Update:**

Thames Water have asked some properties at the north of the village if they can survey on their property as water table is 3-4 feet below the surface. This has not yet been acted on.

79. **Affordable Housing:**

No application received to date.

80. **Village Plan Grant:**

Grant application was submitted mid December by Clerk but was rejected as the style of form had changed. The new form was given to K. Perry to complete and Clerk has just received this back and given to T. Poole for approval.

Another village meeting may be held this year but possibly in conjunction with a village project i.e. affordable housing if an application appears, then it can all be tied together. Hayes Palmer Trust should also be publicised as to who has applied for money.

Best Kept Village application has been received. Clerk will complete forms. Oxfordshire Village of Year competition information also received. This could be good recognition for the village and prize would be re-invested back into the village. This was handed to T. Poole for pro forma to be written.

81. **Walking Club:**

Letter received from M. Clark asking if the bench was paid for would there be any other objections from Parish Council. The location of the bench would be

- at the bend off the A361 at the north end of the village opposite the old road.
The County Council would have to agree as it is their land.
Action: Clerk will contact OCC and ask if they object.*
82. *Election:*
Election to fill vacancy will take place on 23rd February. All notices have been posted and an article has been placed in the St. Filica Newsletter.
83. *A361 Update:*
G. Barrell is still deciding on the best way to deal with traffic. He will report shortly.
84. *M. Neale reported: WODC will be holding a green waste trial starting on 1st April, fortnightly collection for £30 per year charge. Clerk has put a notice in newsletter if anyone wants to sign up. District Council have revamped their web site features now include paying on line, more information on your area by putting in your postcode. Link to village website from WODC site.
C. Bristow has organised the village litter pick up for 25th February.
Meeting with Transport sub committee was proposed for 17th February, but Paul Wilson is not available.
T. Bennett asked if the pavement by the church could be highlighted for maintenance with OCC. Clerk has done this before and was told it is not bad enough to repair. Clerk will report again and also ask the granite kerb stones be replaced. There is also a pothole outside the entrance to Green Dragon House. Clerk will investigate.
Oxfordshire Association of the Blind- request for contribution to phone line £50 donated.
Statement of Involvement received: Chairman to complete questionnaire.*
85. *Date of Next Meeting:*
Next Meeting Tuesday 7th March 2006