
Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 14th November 2006

Present: R. Martin, L. Chitty, K. Perry.

Members of Public: M. Clark, P Clark, M. Pearce, James Alcock

59. *Apologies:*
T. Poole, D. Seale, M. Neale
60. *Adjournment for Public:*
M. Pearce expressed she is very concerned about the plan S. Saunders had for the end of Rouses Lane. She has always believed the land was left to the village of Filkins and she will investigate this further. The Land Registry states it is owned by the County Council and (?) under the stewardship of the Parish Council. M. Clark reported on the deed maps it is shown as an extension of Rouses Lane only thinner ~ 1951.
61. *Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest:*
None
62. *To accept Minutes of Last Meeting:*
Minutes of 3rd October were approved and signed.
63. *Matters arising from the Minutes:*
None
64. *Affordable Housing:*
R. Martin thanked J. Alcock for attending the meeting; the Langford project will be going ahead and we can be recommended to join so we will be offered housing for our residents if not enough Langford residents come forward. The need identified 10 households requiring housing which would be approx. 6 houses in Filkins. The preferred allotment site is not available there is no indication whether it will be in the future. The farmyard development may be applied for although the planners did not approve of the scheme. The Langford scheme will build 6 houses for Langford and associated parishes which will include 5 hamlets; they did carry out a new survey and needs were exactly the same. The site is at the end of The Elms, some legal issues need to be settled before progressing. The time scale would be 2 months for the planning application, plans are already prepared and would not need full committee, request to release site form PC and then 9 months to complete. Funding is already agreed. Filkins does not need to join this scheme for it to go ahead, they have already identified a need within Langford and the other parishes, Radcot, Grafton, Kencot and Broadwell. Filkins option is to become an associated parish and try and convince housing association for a larger development- Langford and District Council would not look favourably on this- or return to Filkins and look for alternative sites. If a site was agreed on ORCC would approach the landlord if PC feel this would gain a better response. Filkins residents need to be on the housing list to be considered for affordable housing. J Alcock has worked hard to ensure Langford residents are

on the list and he would do the same for Filkins collecting names and addresses if we wish to pursue our own scheme to ensure full occupancy. The best way forward is to look at site option in Filkins, If site is suitable and village/planners/owner happy then re-assess the need but at the same time express an interest in Langford. District Council will suggest Filkins be included, then when we receive confirmation and 106 agreement is in place Filkins will be an associated Parish. J. Alcock will see to this.

The allotment site is complicated as they want to develop the farmyard site first and then the allotments for a scheme to include affordable housing, but the planners do not like the farmyard scheme and there cannot be one without the other. The farmyard was ruled out as the development was not in line with district policy with the commercial side included.

Action: Clerk will contact J Alcock with some dates for the Parish Council to walk around the village.

J. Alcock was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

65. *Planning and Cemetery Committee:*

Field Cottage- granted

St. Peters Church Filkins- application to replace wrought iron fencing along the footpath. Planning committee were not in favour- comments have been submitted to District council- The railings are in keeping with the age of the Church and should be repaired rather than replaced. Rob Parkinson from Conservation Dept has also recommended that this is repaired. There is some confusion as to whether they have applied for a faculty from the diocese and if they need listed building consent or planning permission. A marker has been laid down with R. Parkinson do we wish to object. This was agreed. K. Perry stated it was wrong but there may be a Health and Safety issue with the pointed railings.

Action: Clerk will write objection to R. Parkinson and Planning dept. She will also contact Diocese and ask for a copy of the faculty and site papers and write to object.

Broughton Hall Cottage- awaiting decision

Enforcement Little Barnfield- this is in process of being discussed. He has been asked to stop work and is meeting with the District Council. There are extra windows and the building is larger than the plans.

Oxleaze Farm: Letter from Charles Mann was read. The Council agreed to support his request subject to HLS. However, if this is not obtained we want to ensure we do not lose the permissive path and it remains as it is now.

Action: Clerk will write to Charles Mann.

Conservation Area Character Appraisal: K Perry circulated finds of Village Plan Committee to all councillors. There is a conflict reference the importance of open spaces with the permission to allow infilling. There were 3 thatched cottages in 1950's in the village? Roofing- as we are still classed in the Thames Valley area there is no distinction between Welsh Slate, Cotswold or Clay roof tiles. Also all planks should be included as protected not just those over 2m. These recommendations were sent to them some time ago but seem to have been ignored.

Action: K. Perry will draft the objection for the Clerk to send.

66. *Centre Committee Report:*
Leases: L. Chitty reported Crowdy and Rose have submitted changes to the Bowls Club constitution, these should be agreed before the lease is drawn up. Bowls Club are reluctant to change their constitution. Post Office lease has been agreed and sent to Crowdy and Rose for re-drafting. She has also informed him of the value of the centre to go ahead with the land registry. L. Chitty stated she has had trouble contacting Stephen Clarke her last correspondence was in July. R. Martin asked that this be brought to a conclusion.
Action: L. Chitty will contact Stephen Clark by telephone. If this cannot be moved forward we will terminate our instructions with them.
Blue Plaque Application: M. Clark's application has been submitted by the Clerk and acknowledged. This will go before the board in due course.
67. *Visit by RAF Brize Norton:*
This was deemed to be a good idea. However we need to keep on top of this. When Lyneham moves to BZN we will have the traffic as well as the planes. VC10's are due to be phased out by 2012, but army traffic and movement of personnel will come through the village. We will contact BZN again and ask that this traffic be asked to use the A361 from South Cerney not the B4477.
68. *Treasurers Report:*
Cheque paid list submitted.
Precept Figures: These were distributed and discussed. The income now and expected £23277 and expenses £18373.
All councillors agreed the precept be left at £5000 plus election expenses.
Action: Clerk will submit forms.
69. *Village of the Year:*
Five people met and each is writing a proposal for each section, the application needs to be in by end of November. H. Holden is knitting all the submissions together.
70. *Rouses Lane:*
Clerk wrote a letter to S. Saunders dated 11th October explaining that the Parish Councillors had objected to his scheme so no further action could be taken. This was read to the meeting and the matter closed. K Perry was concerned about the flooding on the other side of the bridge. Was this due to the sluice at the Mill not being opened? Clerk reported that Clive and Kate Morley have access to the Mill to open the sluice if no one is there.
71. *Bus Service Review:*
Route 64 has been reviewed and no changes will be made.
72. *Other items:*
It has been brought to the Councils attention that a headstone in the cemetery is not the colour that was agreed.
Action: Clerk will contact Dyke and Son,

Noise reduction from A361: Tree barrier; K. Perry would like to investigate this further, this would need to be 50ft wide and would be over Cripps and Goodenough land. Both would have to be contacted.

Hayes Palmer Memorial has agreed the Bowls Club money. Chairman will contact them as to how the money will be raised.

Mineral Waste: K. Perry read the report and investigated the “increase limestone workings” in our area. They will produce a document in January but are not prepared to reveal which sites are under consideration. Any landowner with limestone can apply.

K. Perry will see R. Martin and retrieve the site plan of stone planks.

Clerk has received an e mail from Geoff Barrell concerning A361. They are suggesting 2 50mph limits north of Bradwell Grove to South of Kencot turn and north of the Filkins turn down to the county boundary. Clerk will find out when end of consultation is as we do not feel changing the speed limit will have the effect needed.

Adjournment for Public:

P. Clark commented that a complete barrier would be needed to make a difference to the noise on the A361.

Rouses Lane: Did all councillors object? No. P. Clark is concerned that although we have written to S. Saunders it did not stop him campaigning at the village meeting and it may be necessary to reinforce to him that no action can be taken. How can the PC stop him if he decides to go ahead and bring a bulldozer in, he should not be encouraged. Chairman reported that we consider the matter closed. At the last meeting it was agreed if one councillor objected Clerk would write to S. Saunders and state no action could be taken. This was done and the matter closed. K. Perry stated S. Saunders did come to the meeting and ask for permission to go ahead so he did not feel he would go against their instructions, he has acknowledged he does not own the land and does not have the right to carry out any work. There was a letter circulated at the village meeting by S. Saunders; in answer the Clerk has received telephone calls and letters amounting to 10 objecting to the scheme. P. Clark asked if this had been reported to S. Saunders. No. it has not. The Chairman agreed that the Clerk write a second letter stating this fact and re stating no work can go ahead.

M. Clark reported that the Bowls Club wanted an explanation from Crowdy and Rose as to why their constitution was a problem. L. Chitty has not yet made amendments and gone back to them.

73: *Date of Next Meeting:*
Tuesday 16th January 7.30pm.