
Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 27th June 2006

Present: R. Martin, C. Bristow, T. Poole, L. Chitty, K. Perry, T. Bennett
Members of the Public: Mick Hambidge, Mike Clark, Janet Young

23. *Apologies for Absence:*
None. Attendance book was signed by those present.
24. *Adjournment for Public:*
To be taken at end of meeting.
25. *To receive Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interest:*
None
26. *To Accept Minutes of Last Meeting:*
Minutes of 16th May were approved and signed.
27. *Matters Arising from the Minutes:*
Broughton Poggs Cottage: no report from conservation dept to date as to change of use on garden.
Manor Farm: concerned about bonfires and footpath issue.
28. *Planning and Cemetery Committee:*
Planning: Field Cottage, Foxfield House, Broughton Hall Cottage, Pogle Cottage all granted. The Old Rectory awaiting decision.
Tithe Barn: application just received for garage to be built alongside the barn. Land needs change of use from agricultural. Rob Parkinson will be informed of this application and also the access to the footpath.
Manor Farm: access to footpaths, stiles and gates needs to be addressed, Footpath Officer for OCC will be informed. Landowner needs to make sure access is open and approach from gate to Church is very important.
Action: K. Perry will draft a response and hand to Clerk.
Cemetery: Three headstone applications have been received Corso, Bennett and Wise. All were approved.
29. *Centre Committee Report:*
Leases: Bowls Club: Solicitors need Bowls Club to be set up as separate entity. They have drafted a set of rules which need to be agreed.
Action: Clerk will write enclosing letter and L. Chitty will meet with the Bowls Club to agree them.
Post Office: Draft lease received from Solicitor.
Action: Clerk will write enclosing letter and L. Chitty Will meet with E. Constable.
Swimming Club: Minutes were circulated to Councillors and after being read were signed and accepted. Membership will need to be discussed at a later date, whether Parish residents should be able to join earlier than non residents. Also is the cost of membership a fair reflection on this asset.

Playground: RoSPA report has been received, only problem is once again the football goals. Clerk has received answer verbally from RoSPA, but we need in writing that we have a difficult problem as they are moveable goals and their suggestions. Clerk has requested new nets for the goals. This was agreed. Clerk can spend up to £150.
Action: Clerk will contact RoSPA.

30. *Treasurers Report:*

Cheque list was circulated by the Clerk. Bank balance includes £3,888 income from the Swimming Pool.

Audit: RFO has completed the audit forms and Internal Audit has been concluded. The account figures were agreed by the Council. The Statement of Assurance was read and approved by the Council. Both were signed by the Chairman, the later also by the Clerk.

Action: Clerk will post notices and send Audit forms to BDO Stoy Hayward in August.

31. *Highway Issues:*

T Poole reported: Survey shows concerns on traffic speed- general view is physical barriers i.e. speed humps etc. would have too much impact on the look of the village, but steps need to be taken to slow speed. Site visit with Paul Wilson showed the need to raise awareness

Measures that could be taken:

A361 junction: Junction has been painted- great improvement.

Wideness of road off A361 gives impression of high speed road. So paint hatching on sides or in middle of road to point were road narrows.

Signs hidden in trees- reposition and make more visible. Can this be done? Distance from junction needs to be checked.

Roundels on road marking speed limit.

Village sign- what name would be put on it.

This will have a dramatic affect on the entrance to our villages so visual design is needed before anything can be agreed. Also any costs involved will need to be approved. Road markings may not cost the Council.

B4477: Overtaking on this road is main issue. Central hatching could be put down middle of road, double white lines are not allowed; these could extend p to junction of Langford crossroads or break after houses end and start again towards the junction. 30mph sign taken back to village markers: Can this be done? 40mph taken back to Kings Lane? This cannot be done as it is beyond the village boundary.

The speeds shown on the survey do not suggest there is much of a problem but the police say it is not high on their enforcement although it is the 85th percentile they look at. 60% of vehicles were beyond the speed limit but we need to find out how these speeds rank with data from the rest of the County. E.g. if we have a problem which ranks with other villages or whether they rank well above us. We need to be clear that measures we taken will be cost effective, slow the speed down and villagers agree.

Speed can not be enforced on Broughton Poggs road as a clear 200yds needs to be available.

Action: Clerk will contact Paul Wilson and ask for photographs of what this will look like, costing, his opinion on what will work and his judgement as to what the figures represent. If it was his village what would he do, also a risk assessment.

This will be brought to the next meeting for discussion with alternatives if Paul Wilson suggests them. When it is agreed by the Councillors a notice will be put in the St Filica newsletter so everyone from the village will be given an opportunity to comment. Only if

the village agree will this go ahead, especially the A361 junction as this may have a dramatic affect on the village entrance.

Village sign replacement: New sign will be ordered in the style of the old sign.

32. *Hayes Palmer Trust:*

Letter was received from the Bowls Club to apply for money to buy new tables and chairs. C. Bristow requested they supply us with an estimate first and suggested all future applications should have an estimate attached. C. Bristow also asked Clerk to obtain a figure from Dixon Ward on amount available for distribution.

Action: Clerk will write to Bowls Club and ask for an estimate and contact Dixon Ward.

33. *Publications:*

Publications received were taken by Councillors.

34. *Rouses Lane Footpath:*

Clerk contacted Ann Cripps and asked to meet to agree clearing the path. Cripps land extends the other side of the footpath so she is not concerned as to us clearing this side. It was agreed this will be added to Groundsmans' work schedule, it will be cleared and widened.

35. *Any other Business:*

K. Perry: Invitation was received via Brize Norton Station Commander to attend a meeting in June. Did anyone go? Suggested that he is asked to attend a meeting in Filkins to answer and questions from villagers. Clerk will contact him with some dates in September and when fixed will write to other villages to attend.

C. Bristow: A Burgess has brought to his attention that the trees are scratching cars on the left hand side of Hazels Lane and asked the Parish Council to get in touch with residents.

C. Bristow will investigate.

36: *Adjournment for Public:*

M. Hambidge suggested that a village sign at Broughton Poggs should read Broughton Poggs cum Filkins.

Rouses Lane used to be wide all the way down.

Only way to slow down drivers is to educate them.

37. Parish Council Employees Matters:

Confidential Item.

38: *Date of next Meeting:*

Next Meeting Monday 24th July 7.30pm.

Meeting was cleared to hear confidential Item.