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## Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council Minutes of Meeting held on 15th May 2007

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Present: R. Martin, P. Clark, M. Hambidge, T. Poole, C. Bristow, K. Perry

1. *Apologies:*  
None
2. *Elections of Chairman:*  
Cler asked for nominations for Chairman for 2007-8. P. Clark nominated R. Martin, seconded by T. Poole. R. Martin took the Chair.
3. *Election of Vice Chairman:*  
Trish Poole nominated by K. Perry, Seconded C. Bristow
4. *Election of RFO:*  
C. Bristow nominated by T. Poole, Seconded K. Perry
5. *Signing of Declarations:*  
Declarations were given to all Councillors, they were duly signed and returned to the Clerk.
6. *Members of Sub-Committees:*  
Village Centre and Swimming Pool: Cris Bristow, Trish Poole, Mick Hambidge  
Planning Committee: Keith Perry, Richard Martin, Pat Clark  
Copies of the Standing Orders were handed to all Councillors. R. Martin explained the first part sets out the procedure for the running of meetings, the second financial arrangements. The most important item for new councillors is that no financial commitments are made outside a meeting. All Councillors are to remember that M. Hambidge does not have e mail, any correspondence must be copied to him by hand.
7. *Code of Conduct:*  
The resolution to be passed for adoption of the New Code of Conduct is that:  
a) the mandatory provisions in the Model Code of Conduct set out in Statutory Instrument 2007/1159 be adopted as the Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council Code of Conduct, to be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007, subject to:  
i) the inclusion of the general principals as an Annex to the Code, with a footnote to explain that it is not part of the Code but is included as an annex because of the requirement in paragraph 1(2) of the Code for members to have regard to the principles; and  
ii) the addition of paragraph 12(2) of the Model Code, but excluding the words in brackets  
  
each as recommended by the Standards Board for England and the west Oxfordshire District Council; and

b) the Clerk be requested to notify the Monitoring Officer of West Oxfordshire District Council of the passing of the above resolution.

The new code was accepted by the Council. Proposed by K. Perry, seconded by C. Bristow.

8. *To Receive Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest:*  
None
9. *Adjournment for the Public:*  
None
10. *To Accept Minutes of Last Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007:*  
Two amendments were made and then minutes were accepted and signed.
11. *Matters Arising- Information only:*  
RAF Brize Norton: Parish Council will write to Highways dept and ask for the roads to be upgraded; A40 turn off at Minster Lovell needs to be accessible both ways so Filkins and Broughton Poggs can be avoided. Copy of letter will be sent to Don Seale so he can support us. We will ask who's problem this is and what intends to be done. R. Martin will check the loading on the bridge at Broughton Poggs; Bampton and Clanfield both have weight limits.  
P. Clark asked if she could read the Mineral Works report.
12. *Planning and Cemetery Committee:*  
Broughton Poggs Mill: Would look better with Cotswold slate roof, but surrounded by Welsh slate. Granted  
Old Smithy: Roofing material changed for wood shelter. Granted  
Pear Tree Farm: Refused. Voting was 5/3 if it had been supported it would still be refused as it is against District Council guide lines. We will write to landowner and ask them to talk to the District Council and put another application in for affordable housing.  
K. Perry will draft letter and send to Clerk.  
Broughton Poggs Cottage- minor amendment. Passed  
Prospect Cottage- conservatory. Passed  
White Cottage- new application more detailed.  
Filkins Farm- agricultural building.  
  
Concerns are that we are having more and more Welsh slate used for roofing.  
Decision was taken to make representation to Conservation Officer.  
Action: K. Perry will draft and send to Clerk.  
  
As P. Clark is new to Planning Committee Clerk will furnish her with Planning guidelines.
13. *Centre Committee Report:*

Swimming Pool minutes were circulated. These were signed as true and correct. They have asked for permission for a shower and a PIR light on the side of the Centre. These were agreed.

Blue plaque will be erected on 7<sup>th</sup> July. The position was agreed as above the door. K. Perry will look at the village centre and decide if this should be centrally or not. Ian Grey will be asked to attach it. Wording was agreed as : Statesman and Benefactor.

Action: Clerk will advise Blue Plaque Committee.

14. *Treasurer's report:*

Clerk circulated cheques paid list and bank balance.

Swimming Pool money collected to date: £3624.00

Blue Plaque: £826.00

Village of Year: £500.00

Insurance due for Payment: Premium: £1330.90. This was approved.

15. *Minerals and waste Framework:*

Updated report has been received by the Clerk. K. Perry will read this and report back to Council. P. Clark also asked if she could read this.

16. *Rouses Lane:*

There is no ownership recorded for the end of Rouses Lane. The fence is the wrong side of the wall. M. Hambidge said he has no objection to this. C.

Bristow stated the next people in April Cottage may make more of an issue and this needs to be put right now. Clerk has contacted Dan Weekes from Footpaths Dept OCC- she will keep him updated.

17. *Victim Support Oxon and Bucks:*

Decision was taken not to send a donation.

18. *Clerks Issues:*

Flooding: Clerk has written to Highways no response has been received. She will write to Ann Cripps as Landowner, this will then be passed to Ernest Cook Trust.

Bush at Eileen de Brant's house is over growing road. P. Clark will approach her.

S. Dore has left the cuttings from the pollarding in her field which we have received a complaint about. R. Martin will ask her to remove them.

19. *Next Meetings:*

July 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

September 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm