
Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council Minutes of Meeting held on 17th July 2007

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

- 20 Apologies
T. Poole
- 21 To Receive Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest.
None
- 22 Adjournment for Public:
None
- 23 To Accept Minutes of the Last Meeting:
Minutes were accepted and signed.
- 24 Matters arising from the Minutes:
Flooding- no response from letters sent. Loading on bridge needs to be looked into again. P. Clark has spoken to E. de Brandt- her bush will be clipped back. Bushes on edge of Clock Lane- Clerk has spoken to Highways
- 25 Planning and Cemetery Committee:
M. Hambidge asked about the Cemetery gates: Fletchers have been asked to bring out their mobile welder and said would do when they next pass this way. The job is too small to do as a single job. Clerk will chase up.
- White Cottage: granted
Filkins Farm- granted.
Clerk started circulation of application for Sunnyside. K. Perry declared an interest.
- Affordable Housing:
Langford Scheme: Filkins residents have been listed as second on list for new affordable houses to be built at Langford. This needs to be followed up. R. Martin will talk to Rachel Range. This does not stop us pursuing local housing in Filkins. They have had problems as not sure who owns the land which is now thought to be resolved. They are building 8 houses.
The Filkins Community is in favour and there is no better place in Filkins to put a development than the allotments. Road here is also much wider than anywhere else.
K. Perry will draft a letter for Clerk to send to Cover Construction; she will copy this to R. Martin to send on to Goodenoughs.
- 26 Conservation Document:
K. Perry reported the local plan states welsh grey slate is acceptable as Cotswold Stone tiles- he suggested we try and ask for a small change in the

policy as we are right on the boundary of the Thames Valley and Cotswold areas.

Action: Clerk will send letter

27 Centre Committee Report:

M. Hambidge asked for firm to be brought in to sort out the drains at the Centre. I. Grey and R. Martin cleared them recently but he thinks they may have roots through the drains causing obstructions and making it smell. R. Martin assured him that they are now clear, the usage of the building has changed recently and there are some strange things being put down the drain which does not help. The drain at the front has kitchen waste put down it and there is not much clean water run to move it through. The down pipe from the gutter has been diverted to run through which should help. The down pipe to the left of the door has been cut off to aid rodding, but these pipes are not designed for kitchen waste R. Martin will ask I. Grey to put a rodding eye at the front of the centre.

Action: K. Perry suggested as it has been cleared we wait until the next meeting and see if there have been any problems.

RoSPA Report: The pump must be removed from the playground. R. Martin will organise. Clerk will ask Mac Venture to do some maintenance: the canopy on the helter skelter needs securing, the wobble board etc needs some maintenance. Regulations have changed again so Clerk will obtain quote for safety surfacing and bark top up. The main item was the football goals which need anchoring down, also the nets need replacing. Clerk has looked into this and will cost -£110. This was agreed.

Clerk would also like to ask Ace Landscapes to weed kill the playground. This was agreed. The swimming pool main road through Filkins and path behind the Bower will also be done. Clerk will enquire as to whether the Village Hall wants their area done at the same time.

28 Treasurers report:

Clerk circulated list of cheques paid since last meeting.

Chairman asked if the Council thought the Blue Plaque should be cut into the wall instead of having a gap behind. It was thought it looked fine hanging as it is.

Audit: Audit form has been completed; RFO explained Income and Expenditure were both down on last year. RFO confirmed the summary was a true and accurate record and the figures were approved by the Council. Chairman and RFO signed Section 1. Section 2 Annual Governance Statement was read and approved by the Council. Chairman and Clerk signed this Section. Mandy Scott has been asked to do the Internal Audit then this will be sent to BDO Stoy Hayward by 3rd August.

29. Code of Conduct:

Clerk handed out recent publications on the Code of Conduct. She asked that all Councillors keep these up to date although this will be kept as an agenda item every six months.

30. Minerals and Waste Framework Document:
K. Perry reported the sites put forward by landowners are 58 hec Grafton, 250 hec Clanfield and area south of Langford to Kelmscott. The South East England Structure plan has identified potential gravel sites from work by planning officers. There are also 800 hec between Radcot and Ducklington and 2000+hec south of Bampton/Aston/Cote. They are also still asking for more sites to be identified for soft sand and crushed rock. A40 Burford to Witney they take 40-50 tons annually. Opinions for suitability will be asked for later, when they publish the next document we will comment, especially as this may effect traffic movements through the village.
31. Rouses Lane:
Mr Saunders has put a fence outside the boundary of his property, paved part of the footpath and put a bench there. No one owns the footpath and footpath agency cannot stop him but we do not want this action setting a precedent. Pathways around the village need to be registered usually to the landowner or OCC. We can register the land as part of adverse possession order. Now it no longer looks like a footpath but part of his driveway. Will the Ernest Cook Trust be interested? As there is no owner we will go ahead and register.
Action: P. Clark will complete forms and send to Land Registry
32. Paddock Maintenance:
After checking the lease the Parish Council are accountable for the maintenance on the paddock. The oak gate posts need attention and Clerk has asked Ian Grey to replace them. Would metal be better than oak. No.
Action: Clerk will obtain quote and if no more than £400 will go ahead.
33. Filkins in Need Charity:
A letter was received and read as Mary Cover has been suggested for the new trustee of the Charity. This was agreed by the Council. Not much is known about the Charity. Clerk will ask what is distributed each year.
34. St. Filica:
St. Filica has asked permission to hold the Street Party on 28th July and close the road outside the village hall. This was approved.
35. Gypsy and Traveller Sites in Oxfordshire.
A questionnaire has been received suggesting sites for camps.
Action: C. Bristow will complete form.
36. Oxfordshire Association for the Blind:
Letter was received asking for a contribution. It was agreed £50 will be sent.
37. Bridge Cottage:
A letter was received from D. Clifton asking to purchase the part of Hardcastles field he rents for his garden. He has no vehicular access and that part o the field is under 99 year licence. P. Clark asked if it would make any difference to the field, would there be any bearing on the usefulness of the field. There are three decisions we can make. Say Yes. Will not say yes or no or we will not sell but give a guarantee we will not refuse permission to the next owners. It will not compromise the field. The covenant will have to be looked

at when Clerk retrieves it from L. Chitty If we can sell we will have a Land Agent come to value the land. At the same time we will ask the Land Agent to carry out a rent review on the flat. Flat may well need some work carried out.

38. Date of Next Meeting:
18th September and 20th November