
Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd March 2008

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

79. *Apologies for Absence:*
None

80. *Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest:*
None

81. *Adjournment for Public:*
None

82. *Accept Minutes of Last Meeting:*
Minutes were accepted and signed.

83. *Matters Arising from Minutes:*
Clerk reported that Dixon Ward had acknowledged receipt of the letter concerning Hayes Palmer Trust. Mains Drainage in Kencot: there was no appeal only a few houses have been added to the Broadwell scheme as they are close together. Thames Water has no money for other villages until 2012.

84. *Conservation Documents:*
Rob Parkinson was unable to attend our meeting. K Perry asked if the end of consultation period could be extended. Clerk can find out. Some areas need changing: Roofing: Natural stone slate not artificial or welsh slate, slate was a later introduction and we need some guidance on this. We need to be changed from the Thames Valley Area to Cotswold. Plastic window frames. Broughton Poggs Church approach has been changed dramatically, this needs to be protected along with the entrance through the Hall grounds with a right of way through the gate. If this document is to serve a purpose it must be done properly. We need a list of listed buildings included, they are on WODC website, but worthy of care and attention. The Bridal Barn is not listed by name; this is very important building in the village. It was decided that a meeting was needed before our submission is made. Clerk will try and arrange for Richard Wheeler to visit as soon as possible.

85. *County Councillor:*
Council Tax 3.875% increase- not good settlement but Council tax income is down by £1m due to people challenging bands and exemption due to flooding. Glos CC asked for vote from PC's for 3/3.5 or 4%. They voted 4% so reserves would not be lost. Libraries are undergoing large capital programme in Thames and Banbury and refurbishment in Witney. Central Library in Oxford is undergoing major refurbishment. CPA inspection considered education achievements not good as should be small number of schools not achieving. Safeguarding Children and risks has been found to have some flaws and has gone down to 3* rating from 4*. This should

be recoverable. Telecare- advert placed in Parish Pump for promotion. No care workers will be redundant due to this service. D Seale to give leaflets to Day Centre and Village Shop. Cotswold AONB- area leaves out Lechlade/ Fairford and Filkins and Broughton Poggs but includes Burford.

86. *Planning and Cemetery Committee:*

Manor Farm- granted

Pear Tree Cottage- refused

The Five Alls- granted

Horseshoe House- awaiting decision

Barn Corner- granted

Foxfield House- awaiting decision

Chairman invited R. Higham to ask about planning matters. K. Perry declared an interest if they were to talk about Barn Corner application. R. Higham reported he was not happy with the Barn Corner application; one of the windows looks straight into his house and the wall between them has to be raised to 6'. Chairman explained that the Parish Council have the right to comment on applications- it is WODC's duty to ask us but they do not have to take into account anything we say. If there is a comment it is undelegated and this encourages the District Councillor to pick this up and report to PC. We only have 21 days to comment so this does not allow much time. A notice is put on the Bus shelter and village shop notice board as to which applications are under consideration. If an application affects a neighbour should we ring them to see if they have any comments? All neighbours will receive notification and if they have an objection this must be sent to WODC. Normally planning applications are not discussed at meetings but circulated to the planning sub committee. Article can be put in St. Filica Newsletter explaining our policy.

Cemetery gates: I Grey has now fixed these. M. Hambidge passed on his thanks. Water in Cemetery: 15yrs ago Mrs Finn offered to put water into the cemetery but the quote came back of £13k so was not taken ahead. However, some people have stated it is already there. We will try to find it.

87. *Centre Committee Report:*

Report on Village Centre Works: Confidential Item

Playground and Wall Repairs: RoSPA report has been done. This will be sent to two businesses to quote for repairs needed.

Phil Widger has given estimate for repairing walls around football field and swimming pool. £270. This was accepted. Clerk will contact him and ask him to go ahead and liaise with K. Perry.

Post Office Lease: Now future of Post Office is certain we will contact S. Clark and ask him to go ahead with the lease. Two items had to be taken out: lobby is already on shop lease and parking spaces cannot be allowed.

88. *Treasurers Report:*

Clerk circulated list of cheques paid. All agreed.

Standing Orders/Financial regulations: these need to be updated. Chairman has obtained model from NALC and these will be gone through for the next meeting. Financial Regulations also need to be updated. Clerk and RFO will meet and go through model and allocate jobs accordingly. This will be brought to next meeting. There is a time limit on adopting these and publication of the schedule.

Village of Year: Clerk reported that the votes had been collected and the item with most votes was the Environment category which was in particular a nature trail/reserve. The way to proceed will be to invite people interested to a meeting. This will be advertised in the newsletter. A sub committee can be formed with Parish Council representatives.

Millennium Sign: Chairman declared an interest. RFO reported it was his job to check all expenditure is upheld with correct documentation. Invoice has been received for the stone surround for the finger post Millennium sign. If the PC regulations had been followed- financial orders state all expenditure over £500 must be discussed and approved by the Council and minuted. This expense was not minuted by Council so the expense is unauthorised- our duty is to decide if we want to pay for the stone or not. RFO reported he has looked through the minutes and although it was mentioned (£500 for fingerpost) this was the only money discussed. This was first discussed in 1998.

T. Poole reported that design of post with stone surround had always been understood as it was to match that placed in Lechlade and design was on presentation board at Village of Year events. M. Hambidge asked if there was a proper report.

The post was paid for on 14th August £1256. This price was not queried although minute 12/12/02 stated £564.

It had to be accepted that the process and procedure had not been accurately recorded in the minutes. Reflecting the standard of time involved to move forward we need to decide whether the stone is accepted. PC could be criticised for spending a large amount on this sign. It is a quality sign and the cost is reflected in 2008 prices.

T. Poole stated that work had been undertaken in good faith.

Proposal was made for the stone to be accepted. This was rejected.

89. *Flooding July 2007:*

Nick Hands has been back to the village he will make several visits and talk to those who have submitted forms. K. Perry asked if it was too late for forms to be submitted. Clerk is still collecting forms from people and these will be handed to him. An extension to the time period will be sort as we need to ensure our report is done thoroughly and not within time restraints, He has reported a couple of items; the kerb stones are low as the pavements are narrow, this does not help as if they were higher the water would follow the road. We do have a complex drainage structure and this will need looking at more thoroughly.

90. *Hervey and Fox Trust:*

T. Poole reported the meeting with interested parties was successful. Work on this central area needs to be done more closely and should also include the Ernest Cook Trust.

91. *Hardcastles Field:*

Lease has been passed to Jeremy Irwin Singer as S. Clark is acting for David Clifton. They will consult with each other over the conditions of the covenant.

92. *War Memorial:*

M Hambidge and C. Bristow. Nothing to report.

93. *Next Meeting :*

This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. 7.30pm on 13th May 2008.