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**Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

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

37. *Apologies:*  
M. Hambidge, D. Seale, D. MacFarlane
38. *To Receive Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:*  
None
39. *Adjournment for Public:*  
None
40. *To accept minutes of last meeting:*  
P. Clark queried one line on the minutes. This was taken out and the minutes were accepted and signed.
41. *Matters arising from minutes:*  
P. Clark asked what could be brought up under this item and this was explained.
42. *Planning and Cemetery Committee:*  
1, Bulls Close Timber lodge- granted (position being checked by WODC)  
St. Peters Church Railings- granted  
Manor Farm Cottage- granted  
Good fellows- granted. Timber cladding accepted by WODC  
Holloway Cottage- awaiting decision  
1, Bulls Close- in fill extension granted  
College Farm- comment made as to the use of the Barringtons Road for access with "passing places"  
Furzey Hall Farm- comment made on timber cladding not Cotswold style. Flat roof not pitched
- 1 Bulls Close- check our letter was received as it was not undelegated to be discussed by the Council. Clerk will discuss with Planning Officer.
- Note has been received from planning to ask if we will accept all planning applications by e mail- Clerk discussed with K Perry and we have said no for now. Changes in the way applications are considered may have to be changed if we follow this route.
43. *Centre Committee Report:*  
Village Centre Trees- Clerk reported Southern Electric have agreed to cut the trees. Should be done this week.
44. *Treasurers Report:*  
Clerk circulated cheques paid list. All was agreed.  
Financial regulations: C. Bristow apologised had not had time to look at these. Defer to next meeting. Clerk will circulate to all Councillors.  
Hayes Palmer Fund: Letter received from Village Hall Committee for purchase of new tables and trolley. Letter was accepted and will be passed on.  
Clerk will also ask for decision on transferring trust locally.

Requests for donations:

WRVS- No; Air Ambulance: £50; Oxfordshire Association for the Blind: £50; Citizens Advice Bureau: £50

Filkins Village Hall: letter received asking for a contribution to re-furbishment of kitchen, bar area, heating etc. It was agreed we would donate 10% of the amount received from external funding to a maximum of £1,000.

45. *Village of Year and Flooding Project:*

*Flooding:* Public meeting was held on 28<sup>th</sup> July, flood report was discussed. Notes of meeting were circulated.

Some points were highlighted:

Already doing environment project for village; report suggested bunded pond on ECT land. Progress made FWAG have visited the site and also Chris Carter has checked levels and will draw up plan then we need agreement from ECT and A Cripps. The suggested figure for capacity 500,000 gallons. If this can go ahead looking at Broadwell Brook it will make a serious difference, it will be able to keep the Brook at a similar level for several hours. C. Carter reported the A361 arm there is no particular problem. A. Cripps no objections so far the pond will not be full at the time only when brook level rises. The approximate cost of this will be £20-30K. This will be combined with environment project (EP).

K. Perry: EP do not know about this. Are Council and EP working on the same project?

R. Martin: Council are looking into the flooding aspect EP is covering a different area although they will be combined later. C. Carter is looking at levels to see if it is possible and will work. He has volunteered to help out.

P. Gray asked if his points could be brought forward:

R. Martin has spoken to Cheveau's; they will be dredging the top of river and rebuilding the bund at the top of the field. This should deter the river from trying to take its original course across the field. Ditch around field next to wall and under ground at gate: this cannot be easily solved. Pipe coming in at top of field is considerably larger than that leaving. Very expensive to change.

Entrance to field moved: Cheveau's not keen on doing this; there will also be Highway issues if the gate is allowed near the A361/Broughton Poggs junction.

We cannot force them to undertake any work as this is a large financial commitment.

C. Payne will look into dredging river under bridge himself- will ask Simpson's if they can do it when they are further up river.

M Pearce and J Cover have agreed to dredge further down stream in November. EA will need to be informed.

Should we contribute to the costs. Not at present there will be many other things to pay for.

Drainage through village: Clerk is still chasing for this to be done. They did clear by the bus shelter but they all need to be done. C. Bristow: need to escalate copy letters to Keith Mitchell and David

Cameron give them 30days to answer. Need to be careful not to upset them but we need some movement. Clerk will write to Gordon Kelman and copy to Don Seale to start with,

Will they clear up after they mow grass? No. Do not have the machinery.

Ditch clearance: Goodenough's will be approached to clear along Langford Road.

Hydrological Study: WODC will be approached they have adopted Nick Hands report so they will have to find someone to do it or involve OCC.

Water off bridge A361 at Goodfellows: Hydrological survey needs to be moved forward with above action. WODC are not responsible to do this but they may fund it and liaise with OCC

Ditch alongside Burford Road- need to find out if it is a soak away or running ditch. If soak away it will need the foliage to work. Clearing the hedge at this point can also expose copse to fly tipping.

R. Chitty was seeking opinion of residents along the road C. Bristow will chase up.

Clerk will ask OCC for plan of drains around Filkins & Broughton Poggs.

Councillors asked T Mullen to make any comments: the points he was interested in concerning the Cheveau's field have been raised and discussed and he is very happy with the progress. Thank you.

Chair asked K Perry if he was happy nothing was being overlooked. Yes so far, there are things we cannot do when we get larger projects moving we need to look at the minor points.

E Mail has been received from WODC to ask if we will be putting together an emergency plan. Not at this time.

Village of Year: group has met a couple of times and had walks around sites- hedge ground and area above and St. Johns wood. Other areas in the village are also being looked at; they will then assess what people want and asked for and see how the money should be spent. Ben Pollard is helping with the project. Is there a time scale for reporting back to Council? Not currently should not roll on for too long. Council asked if report could be given at next meeting. This was agreed.

ECT have an orchard behind Burdens garden which is not maintained. Access may be a problem but this should be included.

46. *Village Plan Update:*

Now 3 years on- some suggestions have not been achieved some cannot be.

Shop is a success. Mains drainage- can this be taken up again with WODC and Thames Water. This can be done through Street Scene as they offered to help after flooding last year. Thames Water not interested. Project at Broadwell is not going well as they have hit hard rock and this may now take up to 2 years to complete.

Clubs are a success- tennis and cricket- up to those individuals to take up. Cricket now excelling at Langford.

Noise reduction A361- this may be taken up with V of Y project.

Parking in village: Nothing we can do

Health Care: awaiting PCT survey results. Clerk has not received any correspondence.

47. *War Memorial:*

Clerk has sent the wording to Harcombe in Cheltenham and quote received for £677 plus vat plus fitting and plain stone for backing probably £1,000 total.

Do we want to include the names from Broughton Poggs as well? Also need to check the War Memorial is correct. Gunner Parrot is buried in Cemetery but not on memorial? Is he listed elsewhere? Alec Adams is shown on Church listing as not dead? Crucifix plaque shows Birrell Watts but not on Memorial. We need to check the names are correct.

Who is responsible for Broughton Poggs memorial- the Church presumably.

Council agreed BP names should be added. But details need to be confirmed first.

Action: Clerk will ask British Legion for their view. D Blackett will also be approached to see if museum can help with Birrell Watts.

48. *Shaping Futures and Affordable Housing:*

Affordable Housing- should be looked at again. James Alcock also suggested old football field over the Langford crossroads. Hardcastles field? Good to use our own land but probably not be any good with access.

Clerk will approach ORCC and ask them to look at Hardcastles field and write to Goodenoughs, also walk the village again.

Should we approach Cottesway housing to look at Pear Tree site? Investigate with ORCC first.

Shaping Futures: Page 21, WODC supports housing for young people in rural areas and seeks to bring affordability to areas where young people have grown up so they can stay.

49. *Village Centre Flat:*

Confidential Item.

T. Mullen was asked to leave so this matter could be discussed.

50. *Date of Next Meeting:*

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008. 7.30pm