
Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 25th November 2008

Present: R. Martin, K. Perry, P. Clark, T. Poole, M. Hambidge
M Cesarani, S Harrison, T Woodford

51. *Apologies:*
C. Bristow, D. Seale, D. MacFarlane
52. *To Receive Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:*
K. Perry-Pip Cottage planning application
53. *Adjournment for Public:*
None
54. *To accept minutes of last meeting:*
Minutes of meeting 9th September were accepted and signed.
55. *Matters arising from minutes:*
Clerk reported she had looked into names on the War Memorial Alec Adams is still to find as he is listed as not killed during the War. Parrott in cemetery is included on the Cricklade Memorial and Watts on Alvescot. Clerk will look into names at Broughton Poggs if these are to be included. M. Hambidge asked as Watts and Parrott have a connection with the village they should be included. Are they allowed to be mentioned on two memorials? Clerk will find out but we have to be careful if we branch out who we include and who may get left out. We could publish a list and ask if anyone else wants to be added.
56. *Planning and Cemetery Committee:*
Holloway Cottage- granted
College Farm- granted
Furzey Hall Farm- granted
Pip Cottage- refused
Clarks Barn- granted
Land adjacent to White House- awaiting decision
1, Bulls Close- retrospective- awaiting decision
- Cemetery: We have received a request for a tablet to be placed on an existing grave. Clerk has asked which grave it will be sited on but has had no reply. Clerk will send back as we cannot accept Granite.
 - Water in Cemetery: water table is very high- suggested we use concrete perforated rings to form a well- only need enough water to fill a bucket. Next time a digger is in we will ask them to dig a hole. Clerk will ask I Greys' advice on where to site it. Mains water too expensive to lay on.
57. *Centre Committee Report:*
Centre Flat: Clerk has obtained a quote for clearing the flat £375. This was accepted unanimously. Clerk will arrange as soon as possible. Council met at flat before meeting K. Perry was asked to look and see how improvements can be done and have a rough cost before plans are drawn. We need to know how much rent we will get to know how much to spend. 1 or 2 bedroom? Fire prevention and sound proofing from shop will be looked into by Shop Committee but will be done at same time as refurbishment. Building Regulations need to be sort- door in lobby needs to be a fire door. Will it be open market or affordable? Will need to go to open market rent will not be too much ~£500-600pcm, If Social Housing it would reflect how much we spend on refurbishment. The shop are also looking

to remove the centre wall this will change the amount of stock held considerably this can be done at same time. Not thought to be load bearing K. Perry will take a look. The tanks in the roof also need to be taken out. Quotes for work to be obtained by end of Jan/Feb. We cannot afford for the flat to be empty for too long. Report at next meeting

58. *Treasurers Report:*

- Cheques Paid list was circulated and approved by the Council.
- Swimming Pool account: Clerks figures were circulated to the Council. Half the membership money has been handed over to the Swimming Pool Committee.
- Financial Regulations: Deferred to the next meeting
- Hayes Palmer Request: Money for village hall has been received.
- Requests for Donations: Oxfordshire Carers Forum. No donation given.
- Village Hall- deferred
- Precept: figures are much the same as last year. Chairman asked if anything we want to request money for. P. Clark flooding. No money will be found elsewhere- no other large projects.
- Groundsman: M Hambidge asked he be bought a new rake. Clerk has already done this. He has requested a blower for leaves. This was not accepted. Clerk asked if any jobs around village to make up his hours. Village Hall needs some attention and Centre flat garden needs clearing. Clerk will ask him to do these.

P. Clark suggested that the slates need replacing outside the Museum. There are some lying around which belong to Goodenough's, a few in hedge ground and some at Goodfellows Yard. It will depend on how long they are.

M Hambidge asked about postcodes with regard Oxfordshire Carers Forum. He has had problems obtaining help from Primary Care Trust as we have a GL postcode but our help comes from OX. We have made representations already but will raise them again. Clerk will write to Don Seale and Keith Mitchell.

59: *V of Year project/Flood project/Village Works:*

Sub committee have worked on assembling overall plan of environmental strategy. Maps of environmental areas in village have been drawn but they are time consuming. Ben Pollard has been asked if we can use Coln Parks facilities- CAD facility at Lakes will do work quickly. The group are concentrating on the village envelope- where there are trees and available land- how much greenery in gardens. I Bailey has liaised with WODC for old O/S maps showing plans of village orchards. Looking at old maps the stream contained development of village. Lesley Whites' pond survey will be added and Ben Pollard will undertake a flora survey in the spring.

Chris Carter- Colvin and Moggeridge- has looked at hedge ground and provided a plan- a balance pond in the valley behind CWW will hold ~2000cum water this will feed a pond below the footpath at Rouses lane. Project will cost ~£25k. Ernest Cook Trust, Andrew Cripps and FWAG are all in support of the project. An engineer has looked at the ground and found no practical problems. 2 test holes will be dug- Charles Mann is providing the digger- test holes will be 1-5 metres. Colvin and Moggeridge, engineer and C Mann are all providing their services for free.

We still need to register the land from start of footpath to bridge.

Drains- are supposed to be jetted at end of November. Clerk may need some help distributing leaflets so no one parks in the road. Stream has been dredged under Broughton Poggs Mill Bridge and outflow from village has been cleared. OCC/David Jenkinson/Nigel Walker and Jim Cover are clearing the rest of the stream down from bridge.

Nigel Walker is also working with Cheveau's to re-bund the stream on edge of A361.

Raising pavement levels not though to be viable at this time- may look into when Church wall is done and pavement is re-laid.

60. *Gypsy and Traveller Sites:*
These are spread over whole of SE region; a questionnaire has been given for us to comment on where extra spaces should be. There are four options- Parish Council decided they should be added where there were already sites.
61. *Paddock Works:*
Filkins Nursery has written to us concerning two items:
- Paving slabs need relaying. Clerk will look at this and report back at next meeting
 - Erecting a security light in the paddock for parents picking up after dark. Clerk will ask for plan of where this light would be situated.
62. *Code of Conduct:*
Clerk asked for any code of conduct updates. None were given.
63. *St. Filica Shed:*
A resident has contacted planning enforcement concerning the erection of their shed in Goodfellows Yard. Ernest Cook Trust approached the Council as there is an allowance in the planning law which states if they take ownership planning permission is not needed. Chairman suggested that it could be more aesthetically pleasing if painted green. K. Perry declared an interest but stated St Filica had to follow procedures as everyone else and should not try and get around laws. St. Filica did ask ECT before it was erected if permission was needed and they confirmed it was not. St Filica has not ignored the procedures they were not aware of them. Clerk will ask Enforcement Officer to come for a meeting and discuss the way forward. If the Parish Council can help St Filica they should as this is not any shed it is for the benefit of the village. K. Perry stated we should not use this section of the planning law. The enforcement officer suggested this if it is there it can be used.
64. *Road Closure:*
Southern Electric has applied for a road closure from 5-16th January for laying underground cables. Clerk will ask OCC if they can do drains at the same time.
65. *Date of next Meeting:*
Thursday 15th January 2009. 7.30pm