
Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd November 2009

Present: R. Martin, K. Perry, C Bristow, T. Poole, S Long
Pauline Care, Colin Daniels, Rob Bohm

42. *Apologies:*
None

43. *Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest:*
K Perry declared an interest in Filkins Farmhouse planning application.
T Poole declared an interest in Village Flat Consultation

44. *Declaration from New Councillor:*
Sue Long was welcomed as new councillor and signed the Declarations of Office

45. *Adjournment for Public:*
C Daniels and P Care raised concerns on B4477 and speeding traffic. They are aware the Parish Council have reviewed the road, but would like to see evidence from speed survey and what has been achieved. Parish Council has worked with Highways and introduced a speed limit, police will come and carry out speed checks, SID, but their resources are stretched. T Poole reported speed has been monitored on a number of occasions, at peak times there have been people speeding but Police approach is not prevention but re-action to accident and injury statistics. As it is a "B" road it is limited to which traffic calming measures can be introduced e.g. humps, lighting etc. Pavement needs continuing- it was halted at that point as residents permission was required to continue, and cost is also against us.
There needs to be more repeater signs for speed limit and commuter traffic has increased in the last three years. Traffic probably has not increased, repeater signs will be investigated.
Environment group are looking at a more recreational use for permissive paths and Vale Wood but it is difficult to cross at Vale Wood.
30mph could be painted on the road at Langford crossroads or flashing sign
Signage will not make a difference if people want to speed they will.
Humps create a lot of noise with breaking, changing gear and accelerating away- would not be allowed unless more street lighting is put up.
C. Daniels introduced Village Vigilant Scheme- a minimum of 10 volunteers would be trained to use speed cameras. Motorists would then receive a warning letter; if they are caught again they are prosecuted. This should be last resort.
Clerk will contact OCC Highways.

46. *Accept minutes from last meeting:*
Minutes of meeting 7th September 2009 were accepted and signed.

47. *Matters Arising from Minutes:*
Plaque for War Memorial was shown to meeting. Stone will be placed in wall and plaque attached. R Martin will talk to A Hoad concerning wall.

48. *Planning and Cemetery Committee:*
Pip Cottage- appeal was granted
Pear Tree Farmhouse - granted
Old School Nursery – withdrawn new application submitted
The White House – refused
Pear Tree Farmhouse 2nd application – awaiting decision
Lilac Tree Cottage- awaiting decision
Filkins Farmhouse- granted

Cemetery: Clerk has been approached by Mr Tooley and he has asked if he could move then bench he placed for Mrs Giles. It is under the trees and the birds make a mess of it. It was agreed it could be moved to the far end of the cemetery in the right hand corner. Mr Tooley will pay for this and arrange for I Grey to move the bench.

49. *Centre Committee Report:*
Clerk has had drain cleared at the village centre- this is now running.
Consultation on Centre Flat: Before making the arrangement permanent with the Shop it was agreed that a consultation with residents would be carried out- this could be formal or informal-. Are we happy with the arrangements?- room is now sub-let to Museum. Residents may feel left out if not spoken to. Centre Trust owns the flat it is the Trustees decision how it is rented, unless there is a huge outcry from the village. A notice will be put in the next St Filica newsletter stating Trustees position. K Perry will not carry out any further works on quotations for refurbishment.

Playground: Macventure has been to inspect the swings at the playground. He has advised the beam be replaced as soon as possible. The cost will be £392 plus VAT. This was agreed.

50. *Treasurer's Report:*
Cheque list was circulated by Clerk. All was agreed.
Precept: Chairman presented the precept figures for 2010, bank balance at 30th September 2009 £35887. £300 from Hayes Palmer fund in hand for fitting hand basin to Gents toilet. The precept makes up 31% of the total income and is very low, if this is put up to £5250 we will make a loss of £1200 on the year. Do we need any money for environment group projects? Official funding for hedge ground project will not be known until Feb 2010, chances of not getting it are slight, all other projects should be self funding or by grant from elsewhere. C Bristow; Bank balance is in good shape with funds we have, precept should stay at £5000. Anything else to add to budget? No. £5000 was agreed.

How much is there in Hayes Palmer Trust for dispersal. Clerk awaiting confirmation from Hayes Palmer. To be discussed at next meeting

51. *Councillor Vacancy:*
Rob Bohm has approached the Clerk to fill our vacancy. This was supported by C Bristow and K Perry. Clerk will inform WODC.

52. *St Filica Society weekend 3/4th July:*

A letter has been received from St Filica concerning celebrations for the Village Centres 80th birthday and Saxons Close 81st birthday. They have asked for exclusive use of the area in front of the village centre, kick about field and flat garden. They may also apply for a road closure. This was agreed. Help was also offered with clearing the car parking areas for the weekend.

53. *Insurance:*

Clerk has been looking into Insurance issues with regard to Environmental Groups use of our property. We are covered by our public liability for access to all areas. They require the dates of the last tree survey for Vale Wood, which has been provided by Justin Milward, and ask that this be carried out at regular intervals. They also require more details of the swimming pool, photos, copy of last WODC survey and usage. Clerk will gather information and send on. Except for the playground equipment, nothing is covered for damage. It was agreed to leave this as it is. S Dore will need to take out insurance for her ponies; Allianz Cornhill asks that we erect a sign on Hardcastles field saying "Enter at your own risk...." Allotments: Clause in letting agreement that each holder takes out insurance to cover their allotment, this can be done collectively through Allotment Holders Association. We will be liable for empty plots and areas in between plots but will be covered by our existing policy.

54. *Environment Group:*

Approx 60-65 people attended the meeting and generally the research and exhibition was received well and was professional. Proposals put forward were Hardcastles' field permissive path, path to John's Wood on verge and link to quarry footpath, path from pond to withy beads, hedge ground balance pond and wildlife pond, allotment plots on field at Barringtons Road, Vale Wood and Community Orchard. There were some objections; residents felt V of Y money should be used on hedge ground project. Group will pursue these projects many needing no money to implement. Allotment site suggested by Andrew Cripps- hopefully ECT will lower hedges and plough over and repair water supply. Plots will be half size, 7-8 taken up. Legal agreement will need to be drawn up as with allotments in village. This will be done by Parish Council.

Group will now operate as a committee of the Parish Council. Details of how this works were distributed. K Perry asked for this to be explained as his group was told it would run differently. Clerk explained how it would work and how the swimming pool committee worked. Not all members of EG would need to be on PC committee. He will take this back to EG. EG now have one member to lead each project, which will now be budgeted. The extension of the pavement on Alvescot road to meet with Vale Wood will be looked into by Parish Council. We may need to pay for all or part of it.

Vale Wood: Woodland Trust have given us new proposals and are in agreement with the new gateway on right hand side and alteration to the woodland. Management is not necessary as they do not manage it themselves. Insurance- tree survey will need to be carried out at regular intervals. Clerk to ask Woodland Trust if they will continue to undertake this and draw up a contract for the wood and include survey for next 10 years. Environmental Committee will include three councillors: Sue Long, Richard Martin and Trish Poole. Clerk will attend to take minutes if necessary, these must be put before the Parish Council at their next planned meeting for approval.

T Poole has secured £250 funding from Co-Op for a bench in Vale Wood.

55. Clerk reported she had been in touch with Paul Wilson concerning the posts outside the Old Bull. He has said they are very close to the highway and is looking into land ownership. He is also still chasing the builder to re-instate the footpath at White House.
56. Next Meeting:
Monday 18th January 2010 7.30pm in Filkins Village Hall Committee Room.