

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 15th January 2013 @ 7.30pm
in the Green Room, Ashton under Hill**

Members and Officers present: Cllrs Barnett (chair), Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Sanger-Davies, Cllr Moor, Cllr Cope, Cllr Rees

In attendance: Clerk, CC Hardman & 6 members of the public

1. **Apologies:** To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence. Cllr Satchell

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.

b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. Cllr GB & DC on Planning application

d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting.

Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items.

Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in the commission of a criminal offence.

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2012 were approved.

The meeting opened @ 7.30 pm and adjourned to listen to Mr John Weetman speaking about the A46

Mr Brian Stephens who attended the meeting in order to prepare the next Newsletter.

The Chair convened the meeting at 7.50pm

4. **District and County Councillors' reports:** for information. (Items raised for decision will appear on the agenda for the next meeting.)

Cllr Hardman reported on the following:-

PC would be receiving a payment of £1000.00 to go towards the Vehicle Activated Sign and it was the PC responsibility to position it.

Flooding: He visited residents over Christmas who had flooded and had arranged for a camera investigation. It was agreed that the kerb at Down Yonder needed raising. There is a problem with the drain at Hollymount which causes the Playing Field to Flood. AH agreed to set up a meeting with the PC and David Lavender on site to discuss this issue. **ACTION AH**

AH has been contacted by a resident regarding Yellow Lines outside the Church. It was agreed that he would put the request in writing to be discussed at the March meeting. **ACTION AH**

5. Progress Reports

- a. Social Centre. Due to recent flooding most of the bark chippings have been washed away.
- b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group. There has been some Deer Poaching in the area.
- c. PACT. Nothing to report
- d. Lengthsman.
- e. Verge outside Rookery Nook. Clerk to report to WCC that the work has not been done correctly.
ACTION ME
- f. Footway to Willow Close
Residents have cleared the path themselves. AH said he was determined to have this sorted by the end of March 2013.
ACTION AH
- g. Dog Warden. There have been complaints of dog fouling. To consider banning dogs from certain areas in the Parish.
NEXT AGENDA
- h. Vehicle Activated Sign. Waiting on payment of £1000.00 from Cllr Hardman
- i. Allotments. Little progress made. FM to chase the planning approval for use of the A46 garden centre land which is still available to us.
ACTION FM
- j. CFR. Waiting on reply from Ambulance Service
ACTION ME
- k. Gorse Hill. AH suggested the Parish Council lay extra grit on this area, to which the PC commented it was impossible to do and that a few parishioners have already fallen due to the icy condition and lack of grip on the path. AH advised that a screed would be laid as soon as the weather was dryer.
ACTION AH

6. New Items

7. Planning:

W/12/02773/PP Arana, Cottons Lane
Alterations and extensions to form front lobby and rear bedroom with balcony over
The PC have no objection

8. Finance:

The current account opened with a balance of £8,917.15 (this included CH 695 for £2000.00)
Income to the value of £0 was received. Cheques to the value of £1977.50 were written out £0 is still to be presented. This left a closing balance of £6939.65 in the current account.
The savings account opened with £5,303.55 received £0. interest, giving a closing balance of £5,303.55

As at December 21st 2012 the cash assets for the PC stand at £12,243.20

To approve Cheques for payment

CH696	Wychavon DC	£ 85.28	Dog Bins
CH 697	Beckford Group Mag	£124.00	Parish Mag
CH 698	A Sanger-Davies	£325.00	War Memorial Repairs
CH 699	M English	£480.07	Wages

To approve the clerks wages for December & January £356.40

Computer allowance	£25.00	(12.50pm)
Phone allowance	£10.00	(£ 5.00pm)
Expenses	£57.73	
Mileage	£30.94	
Total	<u>£480.07</u>	

A quotation for grass cutting from Simon Hague for 2013/14 has been received and approved @ £1540 pa. It was agreed that the verges on Cottons Lane should not be included.

ACTION JF

9. **Correspondence for Information:** To note the attached appendix of items which have been circulated or will be available for inspection at the meeting. (OR a list of items will be available at the meeting.) Letter from J. Weetman to be circulated via email

ACTION ME

10. **Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting.**

a. Litter Pick 2nd February 2013 Debris from Mr Archers gateway will be cleared, Clerk to advise Wychavon to collect this from opposite the old telephone exchange on the Groaten. **ACTION ME**

b. Blocked Drains near Rooftop Housing were reported to Severn Trent on 24th November. There is still a smell by 25 Cornfield Lane. Clerk to speak to Severn Trent and Rooftop. **ACTION ME**

c. SWDP Test of Soundness & Legal Compliance Consultation commences on 11th January ending 22nd February.

11. **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:** Councillors may use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas.

Low Carbon Economy Report

Mid winter is a very calm period on this front.

The oil buying group now seems to be running itself and I will check from time to time on number of villagers enrolled with Evesons and whether the village can expect a small "kick-back" like Sedgeberrow.

Fete Committee Report

The Ashton Fete sub-committee held a de-briefing meeting on Friday 11th Jan and are pleased to report their willingness to organise the next fete. Generally the format of the event was well received and with minor changes will be similar next time. Although the evening event was reasonably well attended, around 120 persons, but will be revised a little.

Some minor damage by local children was done to the village tent, ie one window was torn. The father of the boy responsible may be willing to contribute to repair costs.

The committee then considered the possibility of constructing a more permanent weather proof cover to avoid the significant costs of hiring a marquee each time and the risk of cancellations at the last minute. The proposed structure would be a Barn style building made from local timber and roofed with shingles or tiles measuring 30mtrs x 10mtrs . Side panels like those used on the marquee and our

own tent could be acquired and used according to needs and weather. This is an ambitious project which requires lots of consultation and planning but would be a great asset to the village and could be used for a variety of functions particularly during summer months. Renting this facility out for weddings, small concerts and theatre activities could generate a new revenue stream for the village.

I believe Mr Clutterbuck could be persuaded to donate Poplar trunks for the construction and with voluntary labour the entire project could be completed on a low budget. Some adjustment to the size and situation of the football pitch may be necessary.

Future Agenda Items

1. Yellow Lines
2. New Homes Bonus
3. Ditches
4. A46
5. Dog Fouling

12. The next meeting and Annual Parish Meeting will be held @ 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th March 2013 in the Green Room, Ashton under Hill

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

.....(chairman)

.....(date)

PUBLIC NOTES

1. Mr John Weetman spoke on behalf of the residents of Long Carrant Park regarding the A46. Letter attached.

It was agreed that the PC would write to the local MP, Harriett Baldwin regarding our concerns and arrange a meeting between herself, residents and the PC. CC Hardman agreed to get up to date accident figures.

2. Mr Brian Stephens mentioned the deterioration of the bench by the War Memorial. It was agreed to get a quotation to repair as well as replace the bench.