

Location: Hagbourne Primary School

Present: Phil Taylor (PT), Sue Totterdell (ST), John Thornhill (JT), Marion Judd (MJ), SLily (part of meeting)

Members of the public present: Terry Pritchard and Stewart Lilley (part of meeting)

- 1. Apologies and reasons for absence** – Tom Barker, Cllr Patrick Greene
- 2. Declarations of interest** - Proposed development at Broomsticks – Clerk to write to SODC regarding declarations of interest as MJ is known to all Councillors and they should not therefore be involved in the planning decision. Clerk to ask SODC for their guidance on this matter.

Further to ST's recent Code of Conduct Training it was suggested that a list be drawn up of all Committee with any involvement of a Parish Councillor. This is to be circulated and signed by each Parish Councillor and a copy kept by the Clerk on file for updating as required.

3. Public participation session

Terry Pritchard joined the meeting and made the following comments:-

1. New bus timetables – missing at Bus Shelter and Didcot Parkway. It was explained that there had been a delay and the bus companies should be providing the new timetables. The new cabinets have been installed by OCC who confirmed that timetables should be in place by end of next week.
2. New timetables – There are many discrepancies on the new timetables such as the bus from West Hagbourne arrives at Didcot Parkway a few minutes after the first cheap day train to London has departed. The bus departs Didcot Parkway a few minutes before the last train arrives at Didcot so there is no bus to get home. Terry pointed out numerous mistakes and agreed to input on any response to OCC and the Bus Company
3. TP discussed Drainage in the village – the state of York Road, and the village was very poor and requires some modifications to stop flooding / standing water.
4. Resurfacing of the roads required as in a very poor state. The PC advised TP to report his comments to Highways via the southernarea@oxfordshire.gov.uk address.
5. Elderflower trees removed along York Road. Ditch now left wide open. Suggest a fence is put in place to make the ditch safe. Not sure who owns ditch? Suggested extending fence to end of York Road.
6. Footpaths to Didcot from West Hagbourne are overgrown and impassable in places. Clerk to contact East Hagbourne Parish Council and Didcot Town Council regarding their respective responsibilities.

Clerk to investigate the above points and keep Terry informed of any developments/information via terry.pritchard@cern.ch-ref address.

4. Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

The Council passed the minutes as a true and correct record. There were no matters arising.

5. District and County Councillor's reports

None.

6. Proposed Development at Broomsticks

Stewart Lily joined the meeting and explained about the plans for the proposed development of two dwellings at Broomsticks. MJ left the meeting for this discussion. It was confirmed that there were not any specific objections to the plans at the recent Annual Parish Meeting attended by 20+ residents. SL requested a copy of the minutes which he was given.

7. Planning

Little Acorns Nursery – extra rooms – planning now granted by SODC.
Ivy Farm Appeal – barn conversion – appeal being considered – letter of support to be sent

8. Finance – cheques signed

PT requested a balance at the end of the monthly financial report to show the "amount of money in reserve". Clerk to add this detail for next meeting.
External audit form signed by PT. To be passed to Mr B Strange as Internal Auditor for his signature. Also request an invoice from Mr Strange for work carried out.

9. Consultations – Planning Consultation online – circulated

Leisure/Recreation Review
Thames Water Consultation – draft circulated and all happy to send reply
Bus Strategy Consultation
Draft Strategy for Change – completed questionnaire returned

10. Village Maintenance

Village garden – water butt base collapsed. Needs to be stabilised. Watering system not working properly – to be investigated (contact Richard Evans). Also MJ confirmed she would arrange for the batteries to be replaced. Garden has been tidied by ST recently and is much improved. In the Autumn ST will arrange for a severe cut back of all the shrubs.

Planter near pond – replacement being considered. Clerk to obtain written confirmation from Chris & Sue Lay as to what they would like to see as a replacement.

Maintenance of Village seats – it was agreed that volunteers would be sought to sand down and re-stain the seats in The Square. To be included in next Newsletter (suggest weekend after next Parish Council Meeting 13th/14th September.

Work to Moor Lane – Volunteers have agreed to carry out some of the work (to be confirmed).

Footpath at side of York Farm Cottage to Didcot – Rights of Way Officer to be contacted to ensure signage correct for this route and that the footpath is reinstated appropriately. MJ/ST to walk route.

11. Land opposite Horse & Harrow – area now been cut. Formally write again with reference to purchase of land from Greene King.

12. Neighbourhood Watch & communication with residents

Request for new co-ordinator – no response
E-mail/telephone cascade responses – one (Jill Napper)

Liaise with Village Association to help for replacement Co-ordinator etc.

13. Traffic Issues – letter sent out to all local farmers regarding farm vehicles travelling through the village asking them to take extra care as damage had been caused near the pond. Response required to Rowan Napper in respect of his reply.

14. Communication – Clerk went through recent correspondence.

Parish Council not in favour of incinerator at Sutton Courtenay and would support Sutton Courtenay Parish Council on this matter. Letter required.

15. Any Other Business

Clerk reported that SODC (Adrian Duffield) had suggested, instead of a residents meeting to discuss the Didcot Development, a drop in type session showing plans with a chance to answer questions to residents, say in East Hagbourne Village Hall, for example. The PC decided that this is not what was requested and to go back to Adrian Duffield and request a meeting just for West Hagbourne residents with AD to answer specific questions. If necessary to be held at Crowmarsh. Clerk to arrange for Thursday 11th September at 5.30 approximately, if possible. Invite PWG.

Clerk also to arrange a Highways meeting for residents to put their questions (Brian Short/Brian Purcell-Smith).

No response on ash for Moor Lane – Clerk to chase.

History Group reported damage to Noticeboard which contains village map. Clerk reported to Greenbarnes who supplied it with photos and is awaiting a response.

Replacement litter bin opposite Horse & Harrow still awaited. Expected to be installed in next two weeks.

Date of next meeting – 11th September 2008 at 7.30pm

Chairman..... Date.....