

## **WEST HAGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2008

Location: Hagbourne Primary School

Present: Phil Taylor (PT), Sue Totterdell (ST), John Thornhill (JT), Marion Judd (MBJ)  
Tom Barker (TB)

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence** – Cllr Patrick Greene

2. **Declarations of interest** - None

3. **Public participation session** – No members of the public present. Sheila Taylor sent apologies.

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

The Council passed the minutes as a true and correct record. Matters arising – point about unsustainable village – write to John Cotton at SODC in response to letter received. (ST) It was agreed that the Parish Plan must be kept up-to-date.

5. **District and County Councillor's reports** – no report – Cllr Patrick Greene sent apologies.

6. **Finance**

- External Audit received and agreed by Parish Council.
- Cheque was written in error. This was rectified by Clerk.
- Budget was agreed for 2009/10. The planter near the pond, once installed, is to be insured by the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed to spend up to £160 on this item, and so far the History Group has agreed to donate £50. The Village Association will be asked if they wish to contribute towards the planter.
- Monthly report on expenditure was agreed and cheques were signed. ( attached )

7. **Traffic**

- Following the last meeting OCC Highways have reported back that the chevron for Brook Lane has been ordered and the signs discouraging vehicles leaving A34 have been ordered.
- The Mile stone repositioning has been queried by OCC and all of the other points raised at the last meeting are yet to be actioned by Oxfordshire Highways. Clerk to chase up.
- SCOT Report – who do we report back to on this report? Thought to be Huw Jones in Environment & Economy. Hard copy of this report required. PT believes we are being sent a copy in the post following the recent Town & Parish Council Meeting held by OCC & SODC at Crowmarsh, attended by PT & MJ.

## 8. Planning Applications

- Application no. PO7/W0787 - Ivy Farm Appeal – barn conversion – appeal decision awaited.
- Application no. PO8/W0187/LB - Grove Farm – French doors – granted.
- Application no. PO8/Wo9221 - Grove Terrace – extension – withdrawn.
- Application no. PO8/W0948 - 10 Manor Close – loft conversion – granted.
- Application no. PO8/W1080/AG - Hagbourne Farm Partners – grain store – planning permission not required.
- Application no. PO8/W1087 - Corbiere – rear extension – revised plans circulated – All Councillors agreed to respond with ‘No strong views’.

## 9. Land Opposite Horse & Harrow

- Clerk written to Greene King again to chase up situation with purchase of land.

## 10. Village Maintenance

- Maintenance of Village seats – Terry Pritchard offered to stain seat under tree – it was agreed that a clear varnish would be best for the seat under the tree in The Square. Clerk to purchase.
- Moor Lane – Oxford Conservation Volunteers – they have agreed to carry out some work in Moor Lane in the Spring for a fee of £80. They have asked that an Environmental Strategy be in place before the work starts. Craig Blackwell to be asked for advice re range of habitat etc. Cynthia Napper also prepares strategies for Northmoor Trust so would be a helpful person to contact.
- Ash – Power Station have confirmed that their ash is not suitable for lanes/pathways so Clerk to investigate scalplings instead.
- Litter pick – to be carried out when the weather is fine. Will be spontaneous and Chairman will phone round to confirm (a Saturday).
- Free Trees will be delivered soon. Where should they go? It was agreed that Moor Lane is the preferred option. It was agreed to try to establish a strategy for future plantings.
- TB asked whether a working party could get together to improve the pond and remove the weed / bollard etc. It was suggested sometime in the Spring would be best, and this should be with the permission of Chris and Sue Lay as they own the pond.

## 11. Consultations

- Communities in Control – responded
- SE Plan – responded.
- SCOT report – to be responded to (see 7. Above)

## 12. Correspondence

- There has been little correspondence over the past two months. A request was made from the Oxfordshire Carers for a contribution – to be considered in the new year along with other requests.
- Newsletter items to be sent to PT asap for next issue. It was thought that an obituary for Penny Duck might be appropriate. ST to follow up.- this will be included with the permission of her family.
- Clerk to pass copy of Newsletter to Didcot Herald.

**13. Didcot Developer's Liaison Meeting**

- PT reported his attendance at the first of these meetings at which he questioned the reduction of the green buffer zone, the missing footpath from their drawings, the traffic planning and he submitted a report to Councillors on other items suggested for consideration in the design of the development, including the change in design of the cycle ways, street lighting and early planting of trees in all areas, from the outset. The subject of light pollution was also raised.
- Parishes are going to be involved in 106 Agreements from the outset.
- Next Liaison Group Meeting **20<sup>th</sup> November 2008**
- Public Exhibition of Didcot Development **3<sup>rd</sup> December 1.30 to 7pm** at Cornerstone
- It was suggested that a one page flyer be circulated to villagers with a copy of the plan circulated at the meeting to show the extent of the development. Asking villagers to make comment at the exhibition.

Date of next meeting – **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm** at East Hagbourne School

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