

## **WEST HAGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009

Location: Hagbourne Primary School

Present: Phil Taylor (PT), Sue Totterdell (ST), Marion Judd (MBJ)  
Tom Barker (TB), Cllr Patrick Greene (part of meeting)

1. **Apologies and reasons for absence** – John Thornhill (JT)

2. **Declarations of interest** - None

3. **Public participation session** – No members of the public present.

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

The Council passed the minutes as a true and correct record.

5. **District and County Councillor's reports**

- PG referred to an e-mail sent from PT to Beryl Guiver in Planning Policy at SODC ref submitted sites for development. SODC response awaited.
- PG referred to possible "bin taxes" in the future but this will not affect SODC.
- Recycling contracts will be honoured for recycling waste.
- PG expressed his sadness at the loss of Monica Lawson, Chair East Hagbourne Parish Council. Memorial Service to be held at St Andrews Church on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30 am.
- There will be road improvements in central Oxford for the next 11 weeks. May cause inconvenience.
- SODC are ensuring they pay small businesses quickly to help the local economy.
- A decision will be made ref the proposed incinerator at Sutton Courtenay in March/April.
- The SCOTS report has not arrived in hard copy. PT suggested that East and West Hagbourne challenge this together with representatives from the Consultants who produced the Report, attending an arranged meeting where they can explain the implications the report will have upon the two villages. PG would help facilitate.
- The Character Study of West Hagbourne is missing from the Local Development Scheme 2008-2011. PG to query.
- PG asked to be copied in on all relevant correspondence – especially regarding the development sites, which is of great concern to the council.

6. **Finance**

- Monthly report on expenditure was agreed. There were no cheques to sign.

7. **Traffic**

- Following the last meeting OCC Highways have fixed the chevron in Brook Lane and the signs discouraging vehicles leaving A34 have been erected.

- The Mile stone repositioning has been queried by OCC and there are several outstanding items yet to be actioned by Oxfordshire Highways. Clerk has chased this up again.
- SCOT Report – No hard copy received to date.

## 8. Planning Applications

- Application no. PO7/W0787 - Ivy Farm Appeal – barn conversion – Refused (dismissed)
- Application no. PO8/W1087 - Corbiere – rear extension – revised plans circulated – Refused

## 9. Land Opposite Horse & Harrow

- PT has spoken yet again to Greene King who confirmed that nothing had changed as far as the brewery were concerned and that they would speak with their Solicitors to move things on. WHPC to write officially with details of their Solicitors for communication on the matter asking for a response in a given time.

## 10. Village Maintenance

- Maintenance of Village seats – Terry Pritchard offered to stain seat under tree – stain purchased – will be best to do this in Spring.
- Moor Lane – PT has meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January with Cynthia Napper to discuss environmental strategy before any work can be carried out by OCVF.
- Planings/scalplings have been sought from Oxfordshire Highways and ML is arranging for these to be delivered to Moor Lane. Working Party will be required to spread along Moor Lane. Date to be confirmed. Mike Parker has offered his help. ML to ask for help via the e-mail cascade system.
- ST confirmed that Chris and Sue Lay are happy for native species of shrubs to be planted along the railway embankment up to the bridge at Church Footpath.
- Moor Lane Ditch is blocked near to Enards Cottage. This to be unblocked and there are other items in the ditch which should be removed.
- Litter pick – to be carried out when the weather is fine. Arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## 11. Consultations

- Communities in Control – no response

## 12. Correspondence

- An up to date Register of Electors for 2009 has been received.
- Roger Sweet has asked for some help in the upkeep of the Didcot Development section of the website or for it to be possibly “adopted” by WHPC in order that it is kept updated with the latest information. This was discussed and it was decided that the best way would be to forward the links to the various sites with information to keep text to a minimum. To be confirmed who will help with this and what should be included.  
The Council discussed the implications of “Communities in Control: Real people, real power – Codes of recommended practice on local authority publicity” as this affects the obligations of the Council and how it promotes its views and comments on issues.
- Adopt a Kiosk – It was agreed that the BT phone box should be kept in the village and adopted by the Parish, though in a non operational state – ML to investigate cost of “adopting it”. The History Group had supported this option in advance of the meeting.

- Freedom of Information – new scheme to be adopted January 2009 with model guide. To be added to agenda for next meeting in March.
- Review of ongoing Revenue Grants – possibly apply for signs “Welcome to West Hagbourne”. ST thought it may be possible to apply for a grant for these signs from The Wessex Downs Trust.
- Oxfordshire Road Casualty Report 2007 received – confirmed that the Road Safety Team at OCC will support “Community Concerns” over traffic speed, etc. Further copies can be obtained from [alex.macfarlane@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:alex.macfarlane@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

**13. Didcot Development**

- Meeting to be arranged to discuss WHPC Strategy

**14. Any Other Business**

- New Trough will be covered under the Insurance Policy at no extra cost.
- Litter in Park Road ditch is unacceptable – includes a TV. Clerk to write to EH Parish Council to ask them to organise clearance.
- It was suggested that there could be a joint memorial to Monica Lawson from EHPC and WHPC. Clerk to write expressing condolences and to suggest perhaps a tree or plaque in her memory at some point where the two Parish boundaries meet.
- Dates of forthcoming meetings to be confirmed with Hagbourne School.

Date of next meeting – **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** at East Hagbourne School

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