

## **WEST HAGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009

Location: Hagbourne Primary School

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

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

2. **Declarations of interest** - Planning Application from Sue Totterdell

3. **Public participation session** – Alan Browse attended

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**

Cllr Greene did not attend and there were no reports received in advance of the meeting.

6. **Finance**

- Monthly report on expenditure was agreed. There were two cheques for signature.
- The cost of hiring the room at the School has increased to £15 per session. This increase was agreed with effect from May meeting.

7. **Councillor Resignation** – John Thornhill has resigned as a Councillor. The Council formally accepted his resignation. Relevant changes to be made to documents/bank account etc. Letter to go to John to confirm resignation and thank him for his involvement.

8. **Town & Parish Standard/Standards Committee** – send current Code of Standards to NALC to confirm they are compliant with our own recently updated Standards with a view to adopting any necessary amendments at next meeting.

9. **Traffic**

- Meeting on SCOTS report was useful with East Hagbourne Parish although a further meeting is required with Jacqui Cox (SODC) for West Hagbourne only. Need to discuss ways to establish optimum routes AWAY from West Hagbourne for traffic.
- There are still large vehicles causing damage through the village, driving over kerbs etc.

- The cob wall outside of "Wycherts" is being damaged by passing vehicles which are getting extremely close and water is splashing up during wet weather. Suggestion made of asking for a white line to be painted to try to keep traffic away from the edge.

#### 10. Planning Applications

- Application no. PO 8/W1346 – 10 Manor Close, single storey rear and side extension - APPROVED
- Application no. PO9/W139 - Corbiere – rear extensions with porch – revised plans circulated – NO STRONG VIEWS from the Parish Council.
- Application no. PO9W0002 Extension to existing agricultural building for housing livestock at Coscote Farm (Parish of East Hagbourne) – NO STRONG VIEWS
- Application no. PO9/W0167 Meadows Edge – side extension, single storey with accommodation in roof space – NO STRONG VIEWS from the Parish Council.

#### 11. Land Opposite Horse & Harrow

- Clerk to write to Hedges to confirm that their details are being passed to Greene King.

#### 12. Village Maintenance

- Maintenance of Village seats – Terry Pritchard will coat the seat in The Square with stain in the coming weeks. The other seat in the square needs some maintenance along with the seat near Manor Farm.
- Litter pick – to be carried out when the weather is fine. Arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> March. Reminder to go out to residents – note to go on notice boards.
- Grass cutting – Contract for 2009 to be carried out by Scion Estates as per last year. Slight amendment to area as now verges to be cut to 30 mph signs towards A417. Price increased slightly but still good value.
- Ivy overgrown on Ivy Farm Cottage – PT to offer his assistance with cutting it back.
- PT requested another load of scalping from Enterprise, if possible. Clerk to organise.

#### 13. Consultations

- SCOTS Report– response required.
- Core Strategy SODC (not yet received) and Vale (received) – response required.

#### 14. Correspondence

- 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. With this in mind it was agreed that the Parish Council would opt out of the 'publishing' of the village website (and the

Newsletter) and would ask the Village Association to take ownership of it. The Parish Council will pay a nominal fee to the Village Association to use several pages on the website for its minutes and contact details. Clerk to write to the VA to suggest this as a way forward. Ask Tracey Anderson to take on the publication of the Newsletter.

- **BT Adopt a Kiosk** – The application is in progress to adopt the phone box. There will be no phone in use, but the phone box will remain and will be the responsibility of the Parish Council to maintain.
- **Freedom of Information** – new scheme adopted and reference documents have been requested.
- **Change to waste collection** (effective 8<sup>th</sup> June)– details of wheelie bins received. Possibly may be some residents who will struggle with the bins, could be lack of space in Grove Terrace –include next newsletter and on website.
- **Newsletter** items to Phil Taylor in the next couple of weeks please.

#### 15. **Didcot Development**

- A meeting to discuss the Expansion of Didcot will be held at the Cornerstone, Didcot on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 1 – 7 pm for attendees to “have their say”.
- Cllr Patrick Greene wants West Hagbourne to be strong and to push to be part of the 106 Agreement.

#### 16. **Any Other Business**

- None.

Date of next meeting – **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May after AGM at 7.30 pm** at East Hagbourne School

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