

## **WEST HAGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009

Location: Hagbourne Primary School

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

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

2. **Declarations of interest** - None

3. **Public participation session** – Paul Chambers, Footpath Secretary, The Ramblers attended. He was concerned about the footpath No 2 across the field from lower Moor Lane now that landowners have fenced the route off, albeit allowing access around the edge of the field. Also the absence of adequate signage along the York Farm Footpath and locked gates, which prevent easy access along this route. He has informed Mark Sumner at Countryside Services, OCC but wanted to register his concerns with the Parish Council. PT agreed to raise this with the Landowner Mr R.Allen.

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. **Clerk Resignation** – Michelle Lightfoot has resigned as Clerk and this will take effect from 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009. The Councillors gave their thanks for the past year's work. Newsletter advert for post + mention at Parish Meeting and advertise in ORCC newsletter.

7. **Planning Applications**

- Application no. PO9/W139 - Corbiere – rear extensions with porch – revised plans circulated – Granted by SODC
- Application no. PO9/W0167 Meadows Edge – side extension, single storey with accommodation in roof space – Granted by SODC
- Application no. PO9/W0402 & PO9/W0403 Ivy Farm barn conversion – unanimous decision to APPROVE this application and to support it. A note to be written to accompany response to SODC.

8. **Consultations**

- Core Strategy SODC – response sent which can be viewed online.

9. **Finance**

- Monthly report on expenditure was agreed.
- No cheques to sign.

#### 10. **Village Maintenance**

- Memorial roses to be replaced this autumn (ST to inform Mary Wiley).
- Notice boards to be re-vamped/cleaned. Foxglove Lane notice board to be erected.
- Ivy needs clearing from Ivy Farm along Main Street.
- PT to trim verge in Moor Lane.
- Village seats still to be given a coat of stain.

#### 11. **Highways**

- Damaged milestone to be replaced. Write to Brian Short at Highways to ask them to re-erect it as it is a “scheduled monument” and on highways verge.
- The Clerk was requested to write to Highways by Amanda Mansbridge at Little Acorns Nursery to change the highway at the side of their property to footpath. Brian Short has replied to say he has passed this to Peter Ronald to look and respond. The Council was unhappy at the prospect of this being area becoming anything other than a footpath, and would not want it to become a parking area, as the Council had dealt with this in the past.

#### 12. **Communication**

- **Newsletter** items to Phil Taylor in the next couple of weeks please.
- **Correspondence** none to note except for complaint regarding the footpath at York Farm across the field where it is poorly signposted and difficult to know which route to follow.

#### 13. **Any Other Business**

- **Flu pandemic** – emergency communication plan to be put in place. It was agreed that the electronic version of the electoral role would be passed to PT who would then, along with the other Councillors compile a register of e-mail addresses and telephone no’s to enable an efficient way of contacting residents in the event of an emergency.

Date of next meeting – **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July after AGM at 7.30 pm** at East Hagbourne School

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