

WEST HAGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10th September 2009

Location: Hagbourne Primary School

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

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

2. **Declarations of interest** - None

3. **Public participation session** – Craig Barfoot attended later in the meeting.

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** – PWG not present. The following report was received by email before the meeting.

- SODC - The new scheme of rubbish/recycling/food collections is going well with fewer complaints as weeks pass by. Recycling percentage is over 70%! We were in the 40% bracket before the new scheme was implemented.
- OCC - I asked for the Southern Central Oxfordshire Transport Study (SCOTS) report to come before Growth & Infrastructure Scrutiny committee on the 16th September before the Cabinet agreed it on the 15th October. Unfortunately, due to pressure from SODC/VALE re their LDFs the Cabinet at OCC will now be agreeing the SCOTS report at their meeting on the 15th September. There will be a presentation to local county councillors on council day the 8th September and G&I scrutiny will still have the SCOTS report as an agenda item on the 16th Sept'09. This will give the scrutiny opportunities to develop the input required as the SCOTS report is taken forward and this will run alongside the whole of the LPT3 (Local Transport Plan3) as this plan is developed for future years.
- There was some discussion regarding the proper use of bins in the new system and whether their capacity was adequate for all households.
- Article to cover this will appear in the next Newsletter.

6. **Transport**

- ST reported on the Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) consultation regarding environmental impact. Although air quality monitoring stations are included there are none at Didcot.
- The council will follow the process to ensure that village needs are addressed.

7. **Planning Applications:**

- PO9/WO718 13 York Road – NO STRONG VIEWS

- PO9/WO545 Scotland's Ash Garage extension to waiting room – permission granted by SODC.
- Village Hall extension – Craig Barfoot presented a paper to the meeting describing the plans to extend the hall. The text of this presentation is attached. The request for a funding contribution was discussed – no decision was taken.
- A piece of land beside Moor Lane has been offered by Chris Lay as a possible site for a village meeting place in West Hagbourne. SODC conservation officers noted that it is in the conservation area: their comments would be dependant on any future planning application. The option of land near to the Horse and Harrow is on-going. The council agreed that any land would be an asset for the village whichever option was pursued.

8. Finance

- The financial statement and cheque status were presented and accepted.
- Resulting from the change of clerk the banking mandate needs to be updated. The forms were presented at the meeting for the signatures of the councillors authorising this change of authority.
- Forms for on-line banking were also completed.
- The storage charges (Barretts) have increased. The clerk was actioned to confirm the fire security status of the present storage facility and to obtain the cost of transferring the liability insurance to the existing council insurers. The council agreed to pay the additional (nominal) cost whichever course is pursued.

9. Village Maintenance

- The bench by the chestnut tree – after taking advice from the manufacturer it was agreed not to treat this bench with varnish or stain. Future maintenance of the other two benches will be the subject of a note in the Newsletter.
- The pond – at a date to be agreed (at present there are Moorhen chicks) the weed in the pond will be removed.
- The council noted the improvement in the surface to part of York Road.
- The milestone on the A417 will be resurrected within 7 days (Highways Dept).
- On Sunday 13th September a party of Oxfordshire Conservation Volunteers will begin the clearing programme for Moor lane – this has been confirmed. TB offered to coordinate a working party to clear the upper ditch by Thatch Cottage of debris.
- Bulbs will be planted on part of Moor Lane and on the approaches to the village.
- A village “clean up” will take place on Saturday 14th November and a Green skip will be located in Greengate Lane that weekend. Newsletter to ask for volunteers.

10. Highways Issues

- Speed limits – the council welcomes the draft proposal to introduce a 50mph speed limit on part of the A417 that passes through the Parish
- Damage to the road verges on Brook Lane and by the Horse & Harrow will be monitored going forward. A new report will be raised regarding potholes and other damage for presentation to OCC.
- Various outstanding items including signage bollards on the A417 will be followed up.

11. Communication

- The Council agreed to formally thank Roger Sweet for all of his work on the Website –
- John Baile has agreed to manage the village website in the future.
- Newsletter – feedback from villagers confirms that the new format is popular.
- Newsletter to be posted to Down Farm.

12. Any Other Business

- MJ will talk to Iain Duff regarding the tree and/or bench options for the Monica Lawson memorial.
- The width of Church Lane footpath is being reduced by encroaching vegetation. Highways to be contacted for remedial work.

The meeting closed at 21:40pm

Date of next meeting – **Thursday 19th November** 7.30 pm at Hagbourne School

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