

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held at Rhodes Memorial Hall  
on Wednesday 17 July 2002**

Present: Mrs K Gregory (Chairman) Mrs A Jackson  
Mr C Arkell Mr J Davis  
Mr W Jenkin Mrs L Ball

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 by thanking everyone for all the effort put into the Jubilee street party, with particular thanks to Robert and Lynne Jackson for the fireworks and the Clerk. Apologies for absence had been received from Thomas Jackson. The Clerk then read the minutes of the last meeting following which they were approved after slight alteration and then signed by the chairman.
2. **Matters arising:**
  - a) Speed limits - the Clerk to chase following the recent letter informing the council that the work would be commenced at some stage.
  - b) Affordable housing - there were only two people waiting for council housing although it was not known if there were any people interested in joint venture housing. The survey would still go ahead however.
3. **Planning:** South Paddock had been passed regardless of the parish council's comments which was a very disappointing result. Quarry Hill Cottage's extension had also been passed. Plans for the land adjacent to Honeyacre had been resubmitted. A letter would be written regarding lowering the overall height. Jon Davis would deal with the possible contravention of planning regulations at Hillview Cottage. The clerk to write again regarding the pile of rubble at the Deer Park. Plans would be available in the next two weeks for the proposed bus shelter on the Arrow Shed. The chairman would speak to Kevin Field directly.
4. **Financial:**
  - a) It was proposed by Lesley Ball and seconded by Anne Jackson and carried unanimously that the 2000-01 audited accounts be accepted as a true record of the council's transactions.
  - b) The Clerk then went through the new procedure relating to the 2001-02 annual audit. The internal/external audit had been carried out and two points needed action. Lesley Ball agreed to act as the internal auditor as she had knowledge of accounting procedures and the question of risk assessment would be left with the clerk to deal with and report back to the next meeting. The Chairman and Clerk then signed off the annual return which will be forwarded to the external auditor in accordance with the new arrangements.
  - c) Payments for the period were £184.80 to Cornhill, £95.18 to the Audit Commission, £154.64 to Bookers and £175.00 Royal Mint in respect of the street party and a Section 137 payment of £24.00 for copying charges for Village Live. Bank interest of 95p had been received together with the annual Wayleave from Southern Electricity £13.71 and Jubilee donations of £290.50. The total cost to the council for the Jubilee celebration was £199.15 after refund of the VAT elements and was to be regarded as a Section 137 cost. The Way Forward account had earned 6p in interest and stood at £289.31. The building society account remained unchanged.
  - d) A VAT refund had been applied for together with the ward grant from CDC in respect of the street party.
  - e) It was proposed by Anne Jackson and seconded by Charles Arkell that an extra donation of £25 be made to Whittington Village Hall Committee in respect of their loan of chairs for the street party.
  - f) A letter authorising the account transfer of £1000 was signed by the Chairman and Bill Jenkin.
5. **Correspondence:**
  - a) It was agreed not to put forward a name for the Standards Committee unless future meetings were to be held outside working hours.
  - b) A letter had been received from Gill Hyatt asking for the noticeboard outside Sevenhampton church to be renovated. It was agreed Geoff Ball would be asked to do the necessary work.
6. At the request of Val Smith it was agreed the parish council members would meet at 7.30pm on 24 July to clear the path and **stream at Donneywell** which was very overgrown and could be dangerous.
7. **The date of the next meeting** was fixed for 18 September at 7.30pm and there being no other business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9pm.