

Parish Council Minutes

18th May 2007 - Annual Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Friday 18 May 2007

Present: Bill Jenkin Bill Lanfear Harry Boyd Lynne Jackson

1. The retiring chairman Lesley Ball opened proceedings by welcoming the new councillors. She then asked them to sign the Declarations of Acceptance of Office book for parish records and also the forms to be sent to CDC. Bill Jenkin then gave a vote of thanks to Lesley and presented her with a small token of appreciation for her work during the last sometimes difficult four years. This was followed immediately by the appointment of officers for the year. It was proposed by Bill Lanfear, seconded by Harry Boyd that Bill Jenkin be appointed Chairman and Harry Body proposed, seconded by Lynne Jackson that Bill Lanfear be appointed Vice Chairman.
2. Co-option of councillor: After discussion it was unanimously RESOLVED that the clerk would approach Alison Giles to ask if she would be prepared to join the council.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and signed as a true record of the proceedings.
4. Before proceeding further Nick Bailey who had been appointed Village Agent for the area and had attended the meeting at the last minute gave a short address. It was decided that information regarding his role as a helping hand for elderly parishioners would be passed to all relevant parties within the parish. All details would be available in the post office.
5. Matters arising:
 - a. Affordable housing - an Email had been received confirming the next step would be planning permission but that funding was not available until September 2007 for the periods 2008, 2009 and 2010. The clerk to keep on chasing.
 - b. Grass cutting - the clerk had agreed with Dean Webb that he should be paid four times during the season to help his cash flow.
 - c. Stream clearance - Robert Jackson would do the work as soon as he considered it the right time to do so.
 - d. Tree warden scheme - the clerk to re-advertise to see if anybody was interested in taking on the role
6. Planning report: Elsdown Barn conversion, Gassons Farm outline planning, The Old Forge replacement garage, and the Oil Tank at Brockhampton Park had been passed. Some further plans relating to the Old Vicarage rebuild and the resubmission for dormer windows at Treynon had also been passed. Colnside extension had been withdrawn. Plans for reinstatement of mullion windows at Coln House were pending. Changes to plans relating to Plovers Wood would be circulated to local owners. It was decided that because of the size of the new council all sets of plans would be put straight in the post office after the parish councillors had seen them and it would be up to the parishioners themselves to inspect if they so wished.
7. Financial report: Payments: £65.84 GAPTC sub; Clerk £391.27; Dean Webb on account £100; Bill Jenkin for web site renewal £23.50. Receipts: First payment of the Precept £3938 leaving balances of £8500.17 in the main a/c and £6116.53 in the Leeds & Holbeck. A further meeting was to be fixed for the accounts to be signed off to enable the new councillors to inspect the books. It was then proposed by Bill Lanfear, seconded by Lynne Jackson and RESOLVED that Harry Boyd would become the third signatory to the main account the clerk to organize relevant paperwork.
8. Correspondence: A letter from the Cotswold Conservation Board regarding renewable energy was available for those interested. It was

agreed that training would be given as soon as possible to each new councillor - the clerk to investigate.

9. Date of Next Meeting: An extra meeting was to be held on 31 May to finalise the accounts and co-opt the new councillor. The next meeting after that was confirmed as 18 July. There being no further business the meeting came to a close at 8.50pm.
10. This was followed by a brief Q&A session. It was decided that in future this would precede the normal proceedings of the council to give the council a chance to deal with the matter during that meeting.