

# Parish Council Minutes

**Wednesday January 14th 2009**

## **Sevenhampton Parish Council Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday January 14th 2009**

Present: Bill Jenkin; Alison Giles; Di Brown;  
Harry Boyd; Bill Lanfear; Lynne Jackson

1. **Apologies:** none  
Noted that Parish Clerk unable to be present because of family reasons. Alison Giles to minute in her place. It was also noted that Robin Hughes of CDC was unable to attend.
2. **Declarations of interest** on agenda items: none.
3. **Minutes** of the last meeting: because of the absence of the Parish Clerk, the official minutes book was unavailable for signature. The minutes as circulated were approved and the book will be signed at the next meeting.
4. **Matters arising:**
  - a. **energy conservation think tank:** As agreed at last meeting, AG drafted a piece for inclusion in village newsletter. Because of the Christmas/New Year clash, it was decided to postpone publication. It will appear in the mid-January issue instead, with the hope of convening support and ideas to consider at a late-March think tank meeting.
  - b. **roads update:** Gassons lane resurfacing and repair has been very successful. Bakers Lane has not been treated. It was agreed that the pothole in the track flanking the village hall is a danger to pedestrians and that it should be raised with the Village Hall Committee and residents who share responsibility for the track's upkeep.
  - c. **Donnywell:** Work is complete except for the slab to replace the bridge. Attempts will be renewed to find a suitable piece of stone.
  - d. **Telephone kiosk update:** AG will check to see if the line has been cut off or not. There has been no indication from BT of receipt of the paperwork or what actions have been/will be taken next.
5. **Re-appointment of auditors:** It was moved that Ian Selkirk be re-appointed as Internal Auditor at a fee of £75. BL moved and LJ seconded the motion.
6. **Financial statement** for the last period:  
Payments: Jackson £117.50, Jenkin £18.90, SLCC sub £61.00.  
Balances: £7760.91 and £7307.40.  
It was noted that the Clerk's pay is subject to a 2.45% general increase, backdated to April 2008. This takes the hourly rate to £8.23. Implementation was moved by DB, seconded HB.  
It was agreed that a £300 payment should be made to the County Council as a contribution towards their work at Donnywell. BL moved, LJ seconded.  
It was agreed that £1,000 should be moved from the current account to the Way Forward Fund. DB moved and BL seconded.
7. **Planning update:** All plans discussed at the last meeting have been approved by CDC. Two other submissions made since (Puckham Farm

and Sunnyview) have also been granted.

It was noted that CDC will no longer consult parish councils on tree removals etc in conservation areas. The Parish Council will be informed of decisions on trees in 'prominent or significant cases'. Neighbours who might be affected by decisions will be notified in advance and given an opportunity to make objections.

It was noted that there is a split chestnut tree on Robert Jackson's land which is potentially liable to infection. LJ to draw it to his attention.

8. **Grass cutting tender:** The contract is again due for tender. It will be amended to broaden the mown area on the pathway from the bottom of Church Lane to the stream to a width of 2 metres (currently 1 m). Moved by DB, seconded BJ. Amending the brief to cut the green area around the bench at Sevenhampton was considered. The council will come back to this question. It was recognised that there may be some merit in reducing the cutting to provision of pathways and an area immediately around the bench from an aesthetic and wildlife point of view but there are dangers of it becoming overgrown if completely unregulated.
9. **Publication Scheme:** It was agreed to confirm adoption of the new Publication Scheme. Moved AG, seconded HB.
10. **Date of next meeting:** Confirmed as March 18th 2009. It will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm.