

Parish Council Minutes

Sevenhampton Parish Council Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th May 2009

Present: Bill Jenkin Lynne Jackson Harry Boyd Di Brown
In attendance: Robin Hughes – Ward Councillor

Following a request from Martin Hutchings now of GRCC, he and Gwen Russell, Principal Housing Officer CDC gave an update on the present situation regarding affordable housing. Of the two sites offered within the parish one had been withdrawn by the landowner and the other found unsuitable by CDC. The garages by Chapel Cottages were also considered unsuitable. Local landowners would be approached for possible alternative sites. The clerk would remain in contact with Martin Hutchings to report any findings.

1. **Apologies** had been received from Bill Lanfear
2. There were no **declarations of interest** in any item on the agenda
3. **Election of Officers:** Di Brown proposed, Harry Boyd seconded, and the retiring officers being available for re-election it was RESOLVED that Bill Jenkin and Bill Lanfear be elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively, Harry Boyd would continue as village hall representative, Di Brown as internal auditor for the parish council and the Clerk as RFO.
4. The **minutes** of the meeting held on 18 March 2009 having been circulated were signed and dated as a true record of the proceedings
5. **Matters arising:**
 - a. **Tel. kiosk** update – still no decision from BT;
 - b. **Donnywell** stone update – Bill Lanfear to report at next meeting;
 - c. **allotments** – the site was available and would be advertised in the newsletter to find out level of interest;
 - d. **bridge in lower Sevenhampton** – Robin Hughes had discussed possible remedies for the flooding with the CDC engineers and Highways. They were of the opinion that nothing could be done without significant expense incurred further downstream;
 - e. **Metal storage box** – Di Brown proposed, seconded by Lynne Jackson and RESOLVED that an amount up to £100 would be made available for the purchase by the clerk.
6. It was **RESOLVED that Barclays Bank plc** would continue as bankers for the parish council, Moore Stephens as external auditors for the year and the financial standing orders were adequate for purpose.
7. Receipts:
Precept £3750.
Payments:
Selkirk (audit) £75.00;
Jenkin (Village Live copying) £21.00;
Webb (grass cutting) £200.00;
Jenkin (domain renewal) £24.14;
Clerk (wages) £396.06;
Community First (ins.) £232.25.
Balances: £8752.02 and £8538.96 respectively.
Accounts 2008/09: After consideration the Annual Return and Statement of Annual Governance were duly signed and dated and the Clerk instructed to forward for audit.

8. **Affordable housing** – it was agreed Lynne Jackson and Harry Boyd would attempt to identify potential areas for development. It was understood that there was a possibility that Lynne Jackson would have to withdraw from proceedings should it become evident that she had a prejudicial interest in the matter.

9. **Planning report:**
2 New Row – parking area, passed;
Apple Tree Cottage – parking area and Sunnyside – extension, demolition of garage and pigeon loft – pending with no objection from the parish council.

10. Play area in the parish – it was noted that it had always been the policy of the parish council to find a suitable area and financial support was already available in the Way Forward fund. The parish council was quite willing for a group to be formed to investigate further. The clerk would approach Edwin Bailey about the use of the field along the Walks.

11. The next meeting was confirmed as 15 July. The clerk would be away on holiday and Di Brown agreed to take notes of the meeting. There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9pm