

Sevenhampton Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council

held on 15th July 2009

Present:

Bill Jenkin (chairman); Harry Boyd; Di Brown; Lynn Jackson; Bill Lanfear;
Clive Norden (after item 1); Fiona McKenzie (County Councillor)

1. Co-option of new Councillor

Bill Lanfear proposed the co-option of Mr Clive Norden to serve as councillor. Di Brown seconded. Mr Clive Norden was welcomed to the Parish Council. There was a short adjournment while Mr Norden signed the declaration of acceptance of office document and 1894 book, witnessed by the chairman.

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Mrs Ann van Rossem (Clerk)

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on any item on the agenda.

4. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2009 having been circulated were approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

5. Matters arising

- i. **Telephone Kiosk at Sevenhampton** - an email had been received from BT indicating that there has to be further consultation with Local Authorities before adoption may take place.
- ii. **Donnywell** - Bill Lanfear is still trying to obtain a suitable stone for the bridge. The cost to buy a suitable stone would be around £200.00.
- iii. **Allotments**. There had been two expressions of interest for allotments. It was resolved to contact the Charlton Abbots Estate to see if an arrangement between the individuals and the Estate can be devised without involving the parish council.
- iv. **Fire proof storage box** - this has been purchased at a cost of £95.90.
- v. **Lower Sevenhampton Bridge**. The chairman reported that Mr Robin Hughes, District Cllr, had investigated the proposal to enlarge the bridge but that the cost of consequential flood prevention work further downstream was too expensive. Having heard the views of elector Mr Roger Gibson and County Cllr Mrs Fiona McKenzie, it was resolved to ask Robin Hughes to contact Cllr McKenzie with the details as she had offered to see if she could take the matter further.
- vi. **Affordable Housing**. The chairman confirmed that the Charlton Abbots estate would not be willing to allow any of their land to be used for affordable housing. Harry Boyd and Lynn Jackson had identified three suitable sites. These were below, above and opposite Chapel Cottages. However, in view of the policy of the Charlton Abbots Estate, the site opposite Chapel Cottages would seem the only viable choice. Harry Boyd to notify Martin Hutchings (GRCC), and Gwen Russell (CDC, Housing dept).
- vii. **Play area** - Permission had been offered by Charlton Abbots Estate

no payment, and that vacant possession could be required at any time. Vanessa Drew to be approached by the Chairman to discuss the viability of the area because of its perceived hazardous nature. Should it thought viable Vanessa Drew would be asked to form a group of interested parties to raise funds and organise any necessary work. The parish council would be represented on this group.

6. **Financial Statement**

BARCLAYS BANK ACCOUNT (Parish Council) for the period to 15/7/09
Payments: Webb £100.00(Grass Cutting); Jenkin £20.00(Printing of Village Live); Clerk £533.33 (Fireproof Box; Salary; Sundry Expenses).

Receipts: Transfer from Leeds a/c £300.00 Wayleave £16.10

BALANCE as at 15-07-09 £8414.79

LEEDS BUILDING SOCIETY (Way Forward)

BALANCE as at 15-07-09 £8238.96

Miss Bernard's Bequest: Resolved the above transfer to the Barclays account from Miss Barnard's Bequest (held within the Way Forward a/c) would be split between the cost of stream clearance for the last two years (£175) and part of the cost of stone for the bridge at Donnywell (£125). This will leave the balance of Miss Barnard's Bequest at £55.00.

7. **Planning update**

'Sunnyview' - planning withdrawn;

'Apple Tree Cottage' - planning approved;

Gasson's Farm secure building – pending;

Gassons Farm agricultural worker's dwelling outline planning (reserved matters) – pending.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Moved to THURSDAY 10h September at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.15pm