

Parish Council Minutes

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Wednesday 7th September 2011

Sevenhampton Parish Council Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council

held on Wednesday 7th September 2011

In the Reading Room, Rhodes Memorial Hall Brockhampton

Present: Bill Jenkin (chairman), Gordon Day, Lynne Jackson, Harry Boyd, Di Brown, Rose Ballinger plus 3 parishioners

Three requests were made during the Q&A session before the meeting. Anne Jackson requested that the financial breakdown was made available to parishioners at the meeting so they could follow what was going on. She also asked the chairman on his views of the proposed planning changes which were before parliament as she was worried they would impact on the parish. Roger Gibson's question about the telephone box in lower Sevenhampton was already on the agenda.

The chairman then opened the meeting.

1. There were no **apologies for absence**
2. There were no **declarations of interest**
3. The **minutes** of the meeting held on 20 July, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - a. The **memorial plaque** had been received and would be fitted shortly.
 - b. The date of the **first aid course** had not yet been fixed but CDC was aware of a number of parishioners wishing to take part.
 - c. **Diamond Jubilee celebrations:** the clerk reported on the first working party meeting and after long discussion it was agreed:
 - i. A "Big LATE Lunch" would be held on Sunday 03 June 2012 at about 5pm. Food and a band would be provided and part of the cost would be shared by way of a booking charge per person. Children under 7 to go free. It would be advertised in Village Live and those interested would contact the clerk to book a place. It was acknowledged that there might be a loss of deposit in respect of the band if it was decided there was not enough interest in attending.
 - ii. There was discussion about a beacon and/or tree planting – the clerk to investigate and report at next meeting.
 - d. A **grit bin** had been purchased and Highways would be contacted on the siting.
5. The **Standing Orders** and Financial Standing Orders were signed by the chairman and a copy would be given to each councillor.
6. **Finance**
 - i. **Financial statement:** Payments: Lewis – grasscutting £50.00; Jenkin VL copying £48.00; Viatec grit bin £139.50; Brunel Engraving plaque £51.24. Balances: Barclays £8582.76 and Leeds Building Society £3415.30.
 - ii. Payment approved for renewal of **web site hosting fee** £49.99 plus VAT;
 - iii. It was agreed that Di Brown would carry out an **internal audit** for

- the six months ending September 2011;
- iv. **Budget variances** were discussed and it was RESOLVED that the proposed fund for Jubilee celebrations of £1000 would be included in the 2012/13 budget to be fixed in November. All figures for the current year were within budget.
 - v. A **letter received from Iain Selkirk** about external audit would be held in abeyance until more information was received about the new legislation but the clerk would write agreeing in principle to his suggestion.
7. **Planning**: Part retrospective planning for a double garage at Elsdown Barn, Brockhampton – pending – no objection. Bell Cottage solar panels – passed.
 8. **Rural broadband** – a GRCC meeting was to be held on 20 October to outline the plans and the Chairman and one other would attend. The clerk to write to reserve two places.
 9. **Telephone kiosk painting** in lower Sevenhampton: RESOLVED the sum of £60 be made available towards the cost of paint.
 10. **Mapping Online** – to be discussed at the next meeting after more investigation.
 11. The **date of the next meeting** was confirmed as 16 November and there being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.