

# Parish Council Minutes

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2014

## Sevenhampton Parish Council Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council

held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2014

In the Reading Room, Rhodes Memorial Hall Brockhampton

**Present:** Bill Jenkin, Di Brown, Lynne Jackson, Harry Boyd, Rose Ballinger, Gordon Day

**In attendance:** Paul Hodgkinson (GCC Councillor and Lib.Dem candidate)  
Robin Hughes (CDC Ward Councillor) and 3 parishioners

**Q and A:** Anne Jackson asked if the piece of tree trunk which had been put outside East Lodge could be moved. The Clerk would investigate.

1. 1. There were no **apologies for absence**
2. 2. Gordon Brown, Di Brown and Harry Boyd **declared an interest** in item 7 of the agenda as village hall committee members.
3. 3. **The minutes** of the previous meeting having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings
4. 4. **Matters arising:**
  - a. **Salt supply** – a small supply of bags have been stored at Manor Farm
  - b. **Donnywell** – there was no further news yet as the Cotswold Wardens had had their equipment stolen and were waiting for their insurers to settle the claim. There was therefore a backlog of work. There was a problem with the drain at the top of the path and Paul Hodgkinson agreed to look into the matter with Highways who it had been established were responsible for the upkeep of the area.
  - c. **The Alley** – some preliminary work has been done with the Land Registry to try and find out whether the land was registered which it had not been. It was decided to find out if there was an individual or group of individuals who would be prepared to undertake the work necessary to apply for a modification order to amend the definitive map of public rights of way.
5. **Financial Report** (Period 6).

**Receipts:** VAT refund £186.91.  
**Payments:** Leeds BS transfer £1000.00; Good Neighbour scheme car insurance £233.45; Jenkin £21.6 VL copying; GAPTC sub £78.90; Clerk – salary and expenses £438.26. Balances: Barclays £7592.44 Gordon Day proposed, seconded by Lynne Jackson and **RESOLVED** that:

  - a. Iain Selkirk would carry out the internal/external audit for the year and Di Brown the half yearly internal audit in September
  - b. Grant Thornton would carry out the external audit for the year
  - c. Barclays would be retained as the bankers to the parish council in accordance with their standard terms and conditions and
  - d. Payment of the data protection fee of £35 be made to the ICO for the year

6. **Grass cutting 2014/15** – after comparing the three quotes received it was unanimously agreed to award the contract to John Lewis again in the sum of £327.50 for the year. This was a slight increase as more cuts would now be required in Donnywell
7. **Village Hall funding** - Gordon Day outlined the work that would shortly have to be done to repair damage to one of the flat roofs in the recent bad weather. The internal works would now have to be postponed until 2015. He presented the meeting with a preferred quotation (one of three which had been requested) in the sum of £4500 including VAT. There would also have to be work done on the cottage which would be

vacant shortly although there was £10K in the pot for this and the south wall of the building needed repointing. He and the other two members of the Committee then left the room and it was RESOLVED that 50% of the quotation (£2025) would be made available when required from the Way Forward Fund.

8. **Line marking on the A436** - Paul Hodgkinson outlined the talks he had set up with Highways in his No Crash campaign. The double line marking of parts of the A436 would cost in the region of £24K with £17 of that sum being funded by Highways and a further £4 by Paul's County division. It had been suggested all the parishes on the affected route could be asked for donations of, say, £1K to make up the shortfall. No decision would be taken until Paul had found out whether any of the other parishes would become involved and so the matter would be held in abeyance until the next meeting in May especially as some of them do not have a precept.
9. **By-pass on A417** – the Clerk would indicate the support of the parish council to the scheme
10. **WW1 Commemoration** – Lynne Jackson suggested the PCC be asked if they were planning anything
11. **Online mapping** - It was agreed unanimously that this would be a useful tool with a start up cost of £28 and annual payments of £20 – the Chairman would set it up himself
12. **Planning** – applications for a Menage at Benhill, a double garage at Puckham Barn and a retrospective application for air source heat pumps at Sevenhampton Manor had all been passed. An application for The Hitchings rear extensions and triple garage and change of use of allotment land was pending with no objection from the Council but a questionmark over the size of the detached garage. Lynne Jackson agreed to confirm whether any of the immediate neighbours had been contacted
13. **The next meeting** was confirmed as 21 May which was the Annual Parish Council Meeting and there being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.