

15th May 2002 - Annual Parish Council Meeting

Present: Mrs K Gregory (Chairman) Mrs A Jackson
Mr T Jackson Mr C Arkell
Mr W Jenkin Mrs L Ball

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and the Clerk then read the minutes of the last meeting following which they were approved unanimously and signed by the chairman. She also signed the earlier minutes as the book was now available.

2. **Election of Officers** - the Chairman and Vice Chairman resigned. It was proposed by Anne Jackson and seconded by Lesley Ball that Kit Gregory be elected Chairman and proposed by Jon Davis and seconded by Kit Gregory that Anne Jackson be elected Vice Chairman. The vote was carried unanimously.

3. **Matters arising:**

a) Code of Conduct - it was proposed by Lesley Ball and seconded by the Chairman and very reluctantly unanimously agreed to sign up to the Code and Register of Interests. The relevant paperwork and advertising would be dealt with by the Clerk.

b) Jubilee Street Party - Jubilee crowns were to be purchased for all the children under 16 in the parish. These would be given out at the street party. The cow ground at Manor Farm was confirmed as the venue for the bonfire/fireworks at 10pm. Numbers were already in excess of 120.

c) Noticeboards - letters to be written to Roger Gibson and Sid Holland thanking them. The PCC would be asked to deal with the one at the Church.

d) Speed limits - the Clerk was instructed to deal in a stronger way with the Highways to get a decision one way or another

4. **Planning:**

A long discussion took place on the planning application for South Paddock which was generally considered too big and the Council would not support the application. Jon Davis would speak to Kevin Field directly. There was also an application for a polytunnel at Whitehall Farm to which there was no objection. It was confirmed that the applications for Woodleigh, Yew Tree Cottage, and Stonebridge House had all been passed. The Deer Park had been withdrawn although it had since become the subject of an enquiry regarding the pile of rubble and a slight change to the plans. A kitchen extension at Quarry Hill Cottage was pending. The vice-chairman reported on her attendance at a meeting to discuss affordable housing in the area (part owned/part housing association). A Rural Housing Officer led the discussion and it was agreed a survey would be done towards the end of the year on where and whether it was required. It was unlikely we would be allowed a development anyway because we were in an AONB. Charles Arkell asked whether there was a waiting list for housing in the area. This would be investigated and would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

5. **Financial:**

The Clerk reported on the figures for the last two periods. During Jan-Mar 2002 the £100 donation to the RMH had been paid together with the Village Live bill of £71.49 and the fireworks in the sum of £283.41.

£1.02 had been earned in interest. The balance was £3,294.09. The Way Forward account stood at £285.75 after 8p interest. The Leeds & Holbeck was untouched at £1000. For the period Apr-May 2002 the figures were GAPTC and Local Council Review subs at £9.95 and £10.99 respectively and the Clerk's salary and petty cash at £328.15. The first payment of precept had been received at £3,375.00 which left a balance of £6,230.00. The Way Forward account stood at £289.25 after sale of millennium products of £3.50. The Leeds and Holbeck remained the same at £1000. It was then proposed by Thomas Jackson and seconded by Bill Jenkin and carried unanimously that a cheque for £1000 be transferred into the Way Forward account in accordance with the budget. The Clerk then reported that she had written to Mr Ian Selkirk to ask if he would act as internal auditor under the new audit regime and it was proposed by Lesley Ball and seconded by Anne Jackson that it was unanimously agreed to use Mr Selkirk at least for one year. She also reported that the Cornhill insurance premium had been paid early in view of the forthcoming parish events in the sum of £184.80 although it was not accounted for in the above figures.

6. **Correspondence:**

a) A letter had been received from Gill Hyatt asking for support for a proposed council grant in respect of the wall around the new part of the burial ground. The Clerk would deal with this. Anne Jackson declared an interest as a Trustee.

b) Subject to planning a wooden structure was to be erected on the back of the Arrow House in Brockhampton to act as a bus shelter. Agreement had been obtained from the landowner and Brian Smith was to be asked to draw up some plans to submit to the CDC. As this was to be a parish

council Jubilee year project it was hoped there would be little objection.

c) Mrs Brenda Packer who lived in lower Sevenhampton had mentioned her worry about the bank by the ford collapsing. The Chairman agreed to speak to Mr Hiscock of the Highways Department after Jon Davis had investigated.

d) Thomas Jackson had agreed to clear the stream and path at Donnywell in time for the firework party.

7. **The date of the next meeting** was fixed for 17 July at 7.30pm and there being no other business the Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting.