

Parish Council Minutes

21st January 2004

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Rhodes Memorial Hall
on Wednesday 21 January 2004**

Present: Mrs L Ball (Chairman); Mr T Jackson
Mr W Jenkin; Mr A Tobin; Mr A Ash.

1. The chairman opened the meeting following which the minutes were read, approved and signed. Apologies had been received from Charles Arkell and Jon Davis.
2. Matters arising:
 - a. Speed limits – a very lengthy discussion ensued. As this was such an emotive issue it was decided to hold an open meeting on 06 February for all parishioners to air their views and the matter was to be put to a vote.
 - b. Bus shelter – the base was about to be laid and the structure would hopefully be erected shortly.
 - c. Broadband update – the trigger figure had been reached and BT would now investigate the work which would be involved and thus the time before the project would be up and running – Bill Jenkin to keep the parish updated through Village Live or the web site.
3. Parish Plan and Way Forward Statement: It was decided that the annual parish meeting this year to be held on 17 March before the usual parish council meeting would be the venue for the parishioners to decide possible future projects to be undertaken. A suggestion box in the post office would be organized by the clerk and she would also investigate the possibility of entering the Bledisloe Cup via the Garden Club.
4. Planning – Croghan Hill Farm storage barn did not require permission and Hampen Farm outbuilding had been withdrawn. Geoff Ball had kindly agreed to repair the handrails over the bridge at Home Farm, Sevenhampton with the help of Thomas Jackson and Alex Ash.
5. Financial – payments had been made to Jack Timbrell £468.10 and donations to Andoversford School £50 and the Air Ambulance £25 leaving a total of £6893.86 in the account. The clerk was investigating a new club account which paid interest. The Leeds & Holbeck account was £696.19. The grass cutting bill for the year was £340 and the clerk would settle this and advertise the tender as usual for the coming season.
6. Correspondence – a) Bill Jenkin would attend the Highway Maintenance meeting on 25 February b) the question of sites for affordable housing would be dealt with later on in the year – Martin Podd to be informed c) and d) the changes at the CDC and the Rights of Way improvement plan information was noted.
7. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 17 March following the annual parish meeting and there being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.