

# Parish Council Minutes

**18th January 2006**

## **Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting Held on 18 January 2006**

Present: Lesley Ball; Thomas Jackson; Bill Jenkin;  
Jon Davis; Charles Arkell; Ashley Tobin;  
Alex Ash;

In attendance:

Sydney Harrison – Ward Councillor; Mike Napper – Senior Planner CDC

1. The chairman welcomed 35 parishioners and 5 visitors. There were no apologies. The minutes of the last meeting having been circulated were taken as read and the minute book was signed as a true record of the proceedings.
2. **Matters arising:**
  - a. **Wind turbines** – following correspondence with CDC Mike Napper, the senior planner who would be dealing with wind turbine planning applications, had agreed to attend the meeting and explain planning procedures. He gave a very concise and clear overview. This was followed by a question and answer session. It was proposed by Thomas Jackson, seconded by Alex Ash and **RESOLVED** that a sub-committee comprised of the parish council and some members of the Sevenhampton District Protection Group would prepare a statement which would be held on file until an application was submitted to CDC. A planning expert would also be consulted if required. A report would be made to the next parish council meeting. A straw poll was taken to see if anyone in the room had taken part in a telephone poll conducted on behalf of Green Amps. No-one had. It was agreed that the clerk would acknowledge the latest letter received from Green Amps and ask to be informed of the date the blimp was due to flown.
  - b. **Affordable Housing** – the clerk had contacted Deborah Smith asking for an urgent site meeting. The clerk to chase if nothing forthcoming. The Chairman had been informed by the landowner that the site opposite Chapel Cottages was no longer available for affordable housing.
  - c. **RUPPs** – the legislation was going through Parliament. CDC will not commence consultations until the legislation is certain. Victoria Logue will attempt to find out what the changes in legislation are and report back to the parish council
3. **Grass cutting tender** – the clerk to send out the usual letters and advertise. It would also be advertised in Village Live and the Coln River Group magazine. Following complaints it would be made clear there was to be no grass cutting on a Sunday.
4. **Planning** – Woodlands Farm, Apple Tree Cottage and the Old Forge chimney had been passed. 3 New Row was pending. A number of parishioners had expressed concern regarding work at Elsdon Barn. The Clerk had contacted the Enforcement Officer and an investigation was taking place about the amount of work being carried out.
5. **Financial** – the budget (which had been circulated) was agreed and Thomas Jackson proposed, seconded by Jon Davis and **RESOLVED** that

the precept be set at £5250 (which equated to about a 3.5% annual increase in 6 years). This included a payment to the Way Forward a/c £1000. Payments during the period: Web site sub £70.50; Electoral Reform Services for ballot charges £867.86; Clerk £379.73 and SLCC sub £64.00 Balance £5973.69. Leeds & Holbeck/Way Forward £3890.58.

6. **Donations** – Jon Davis proposed, seconded by Bill Jenkin and RESOLVED a donation of £50 to Andoversford School.
7. **Correspondence** – letters received from Phil Davis and Arthur Brown regarding energy-saving measures were discussed. Phil Davis and Henry Coelho agreed to write an article on energy conservation for the next edition of "Village Live".
8. **The next parish council meeting** which is the Annual Parish Meeting was confirmed as 29 March and the meeting closed at 9.40.