

Parish Council Minutes

17th January 2007

Minutes of the Sevenhampton Parish Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 17 January 2007

Present: Lesley Ball; Ashley Tobin; Bill Jenkin; Thomas Jackson

Apologies having been received from Charles Arkell and Jon Davis the minutes, having been circulated, were signed and dated as a true record of proceedings.

1. Matters arising:

a. Affordable housing update – the clerk reported that a funding meeting was scheduled for 22 February at CDC and a decision on whether the Brockhampton development was feasible would be made after that

b. Wind turbines – no further developments

c. RUPPs – the restricted byway signs had been erected although an appeal from interested parties was possible and therefore the chairman was putting together information and photographs in case they were needed

d. Stream clearance – Robert Jackson to be consulted as the clerk was having difficulty in finding anyone with a suitable spraying licence. The chairman had spoken to Mastock Arable who are based in Andoversford and had been reassured that industrial "Roundup" was suitable for use in the streams as it will not harm the wildlife. The best time for spraying would be April/May when the plants had grown above water level.

e. Tree warden – Mervin Poole addressed the meeting with his proposals that the villagers and local landowners should take a more proactive part in planting and nurturing new trees in the parish. It was suggested he should also approach the Garden Club

2. Planning report: The extensions at Colinside, Yew Tree Cottage and The Old Post Office had been passed. Cedars bungalow had been refused and Gassons Farm new build, Elsdon Barn conversion and Hillview garages were still pending

3. Financial report: It was agreed the Clerk would make the transfer to the Way Forward fund as minuted at the last meeting. She would also circulate all interested parties with the grass cutting tender for 2007. Payments: GRCC copying fees for survey £21.15; SLCC sub £55.00 and £45.34 (Section 137) to the chairman for the supply of a new ordnance survey map for the bus shelter showing local walks. Balances: £6544.92 and £4990.22 respectively

4. Correspondence: The meeting discussed a letter from Gill Lanfear regarding the Craven Arms' possible change of use to residential. The clerk to contact GRCC/CAMRA for background information on what to do

5. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 21 March which would be the annual parish meeting followed by the normal parish council meeting. The May meeting had been altered to 18th and the July meeting also to the 18th. There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm. This was followed by a short question and answer session.