

# Parish Council Minutes

**Wednesday 16th November 2011**

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

held on Wednesday 16th November 2011

In the Reading Room, Rhodes Memorial Hall Brockhampton

**Present:** Bill Jenkin (chairman), Gordon Day, Harry Boyd, Di Brown, Rose Ballinger plus 4 parishioners

**Q&A:** Gill Lanfear asked whether anything could be done about the state of the road at the top of the quarry and the Clerk agreed to contact Highways. There were no other questions.

1. **Apologies:** Lynne Jackson
2. There were no **declarations of interest**
3. The **minutes** of the meeting held on 07 September, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings
4. **Matters arising:**
  - a. A letter had been received from the Red Cross about holding the **first aid course** at the beginning of December. As Lynne Jackson was absent it was decided to postpone until the New Year. It would be advertised in Village Live in order to encourage more people to take part.
  - b. **Diamond Jubilee** – a generous donation had been offered by the produce show of £500 to pay for the band and also the use of all the marquees at no cost. In view of this it would not be necessary to have a booking charge. An invitation would be going out with Village Live for people to fill in if they would like to eat but those who did not could just turn up on the gate. It was decided not to go ahead with a beacon and possible tree planting would be an agenda item for the next meeting.
  - c. **Mapping on line** – a decision was deferred until the January meeting
  - d. **Rural broadband** – contenders would be invited in Village Live to become a broadband champion and fill in the survey. Tex Cook had tentatively agreed to become a broadband champion if nobody else was willing to take part.
5. Georgina Oldham had made a request for funding for the setting up of a **Village Scrapbook**. This would involve Lucy Jackson scanning all the old cuttings/photographs that have been collected over the years and placing in a Scrapbook to be kept in the Village Hall. This was agreed in principle but until the cost of Lucy's time and amount of scanning involved could be ascertained it was agreed that a sum of £300 be set aside in the budget in order to get the project off the ground.
6. **Dog fouling** – the clerk was asked to contact CDC to find out more about waste collection if a bin was provided in Church Lane and/or more signage
7. It was noted that a new Chairman was required for the **Village Hall Committee**. The parish council had been asked to try and find a replacement for Brian Turner who had moved away from the area. It was decided to wait until the hall management had discussed the matter at their next meeting.

## 8. Finance

### i. (i) **Financial statement:**

#### **Payments:**

HMRC – PAYE £188.25;  
Lewis – grasscutting £75.00;  
Jenkin VL copying and web renewal £81.59;  
Horton – deposit for Jubilee band £100.00;  
Clerk net salary plus expenses £227.26;  
HMRC – PAYE £188.25.

#### **Receipts:**

van Rossem £188.25 – tax underpaid;  
CDC 2nd instalment of precept £1250.00.  
Balances: £9160.66 (Barclays) and £3415.30 (Leeds BS).

- ii. (ii) **Risk assessment for Jubilee party** – the Clerk would contact Community First to see if a further premium would be required
- iii. (iii) **2012/2013 Precept:** After lengthy discussion it was proposed by Di Brown, seconded by Rose Ballinger and **RESOLVED** (with one abstention) that the precept be held at £5,000 for the next financial year. Clerk's expenses were agreed at £39 per month in accordance with HMRC guidelines plus receipted expenses when required.

9. **Planning:** Elsdown Barn – retrospective garage and Cedars – storage shed – and The Dower House – external painting - passed. The Hitchings – extension and new garage roof and Sunnyside – demolition of garage and new extension – no objection – pending.

10. **Dates for 2012** meetings were fixed for 18 January, 28 March (main hall), 16 May, 18 July, 19 September and 21 November. There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm