

Sibford Ferris Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

Sports Hall classroom, Sibford School

13th January 2014 – 7.45pm

Present at the meeting were Joanne Connor, Maureen Hicks, Tim Huckvale, Peter Robinson Vanessa Briggs (Clerk), Cllr George Reynolds and two members of the public.

Apologies were received from Adrian Lamb as he would be arriving late.

There were no declarations of interest from the Councillors.

The Minutes were agreed as being a true and accurate representation of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th November 2013. JC confirmed that the Minutes should now be placed on the website.

Matters arising from previous meeting held on 18th November 2013:

2/12 - Ongoing – Affordable Housing – MH reported to the meeting that the results of the Housing Need Survey carried out before Christmas were now due and she should be hearing back from Jill Brookes (ORCC) shortly. MH was also seeking advice from the Community Lands Trust regarding the proposed amenity area and its upkeep. Keith MacDonald (Corelaw) had sent a plan to AL to look at which had been circulated. AL then arrived at the meeting. The plan was discussed and it was agreed MH would reply to Bob Duxbury (CDC) with the Parish Council's suggested amendments regarding the direction of two of the houses and of the access road. MH

2/13 - Outstanding – Broadband – TH informed the meeting that he had no new information to report apart from completing a survey and returning it to Cherwell District Council. TH also said that, on the village website and the Sibford Scene, villagers are being asked to collect mobile phone signal reception data from different areas in the village for The Countryside Alliance, who are mapping rural phone signals. TH

3/13- Ongoing - New Fitness Equipment at MUGA - MH was thanked for putting in the order for the new fitness equipment. It should be ready for collection by the end of February and AL would be arranging collection. MH&AL

4/13- Ongoing – Inter Parish Meetings – It was noted that the next meeting was postponed until 20th January 2014.

12/13 – Ongoing – Wheathills – No changes had occurred and it appeared that the land was still being used for the storage of unused vehicles. It was agreed that VB should write to the Trustees to request an update. This should be copied to Sibford Gower Parish Council. VB

13/13 – Closed – Sibford Hall, Walford Road – TH had spoken to the original complainants and they were now satisfied that the matter had been resolved.

17/13 – Ongoing – Free school Transport – MH had responded to OCC on behalf of both Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower Parish Councils. A decision was due in February.

22/13 – Outstanding - Community Emergency Planning – TH would bring the draft documents to the Parish Council meeting, once prepared, for discussion. TH

1/14 - Outstanding - Model Standing Orders - VB had reviewed and updated the Parish Council's Standing Orders, as a result of the recently revised Model Standing Orders which had been issued to reflect the new Code of Conduct and other changes in legislation. The updated Standing Orders were discussed and it was agreed that they were approved and adopted. VB

2/14- Outstanding - Model Publication Scheme - VB had found details of the publication scheme, last reviewed in 2009. Some updates were discussed and it was agreed that, once amended, the publication scheme should be placed on the website. VB

3/14- Outstanding – Defibrillator – Oswyn Murray had contacted MH to arrange a joint visit to the doctor's surgery to discuss their concerns. PR mentioned that Sibford School had raised £500 for a defibrillator, which on its own was not enough to make a purchase, and that he would be happy to go to the meeting at the doctors with Oswyn Murray. MH&PR

4/14- Street Light Repairs – The light numbered 2 on the Hook Norton Road had not been repaired. VB confirmed she would contact OCC. VB

5/14- Broken notice board – AL confirmed that he was dealing with this. AL

Closure of the Churchyard

VB had been asked to establish from Sibford Gower Parish Council if the Churchyard had been formally closed. VB

Correspondence

11/12/13 Letter CDC – Parish Precept – was discussed with finances.

7/1/2014 – Letter from The Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Electoral Review of Cherwell – Cllr George Reynolds informed the meeting that it relates to a review of the electoral wards in Cherwell. A notice would be placed on the notice board.

Finance

Payments

13/1/14 – Cheque no 100604 – V Briggs (stamps) £6.00

Receipts - none

Transfer of Funds

It was agreed that MH would transfer £4999.00 from the Business Saver to the Community Account when payment for the new MUGA equipment was due. MH

18/13 – NALC Salary Awards – It was agreed that the increase would apply from the beginning of the new financial year.

21/13 - Awaiting correct BDO invoice. It was agreed no action should be taken until the correct invoice is received.

Precept

Draft figures were circulated for consideration. It was agreed that the sum of £6858.00 would be requested.

Planning:

Application withdrawn
Planning Application No 13/01295/F
Mr Richard Taylor
Planning application for continued use of land at Grange Farm for equestrian training and competition purposes and construction of two all-weather sand arenas, together with association access improvements, vehicle parking and site landscaping.

Granted
Application No 13/00302/TCA
Notice of Intent to Undertake Tree Works
Miss Maria Jackson
Holly Tree Cottage Main Street Sibford Ferris

Appeal following non determination
Within 8 weeks CDC ref 13/00781/F
Appeal ref APP/C3105/C/13/2203382
Mr G Noquet Bishop End, Burdrop
Change of Use of redundant Barn store into
1 bedroom self contained holiday let

Appeal against alleged breach of planning control
CDC ref 13/00259/ECOU
Appeal ref APP/C3105/C/13/2207390
Mr G Noquet, Bishop End, Burdrop
Without permission the change of use of the land for storage
Of a mobile home

Granted
Planning Application No 13/01605/F
Mr Christopher Cullen
The Shieling, Main Street, Sibford Ferris
First floor extension above existing garage

Granted
Notice of Intent to undertake tree works
13/00350/TCA
Mr C Cullen
The Shieling Main Street Sibford Ferris

Granted
Planning Application No 13/01697/F
Mr and Mrs Kennedy
Home Farm Woodway Road, Sibford Ferris
Replacement of shed/garage roof, installation of roof
Light and demolition and replacement of timber framed
Lean-to garage with additional log store

Any other business:

JC had received a letter regarding the badger setts at the Solar Farm. This was discussed and it was agreed VB should respond referring to the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd June 2013, where it was agreed that as the badger setts and badger gates were in the plan with the application no further action was required. The police had also been out to look and had decided that no action was necessary. VB

AL asked that VB contact the owners of The Small House to establish when they propose to carry out the tree works, permission for which was granted by CDC in June. A large branch needs removing that has been overhanging Main Street and catching passing vehicles. The hedge also requires cutting to prevent this from reoccurring. VB

MH had contacted CDC glass recycling requesting the possibility of having two green glass bins.

The district and parish elections are due to take place on 22nd May 2014. It was agreed that a notice should be put up on the notice board and in the Sibford Scene to advertise that

parishioners may put themselves forward to be Parish Councillors. VB confirmed that she had not received an election package and would find out when the information was due to be sent out by CDC. VB

Future meeting dates:

Next Parish Council Meeting – 17th March 2014 – 7.45pm

Next Annual Parish Meeting – 7th April 2014 (?)

Next Annual Parish Council Meeting 2nd June 2014

There being no further business to discuss the Chair thanked those present for attending and the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.