

Sibford Gower Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
held in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School on 3rd June 2013

Present

Parish Cllrs Peter Abbott, Mrs Susan Bannister, Oswyn Murray (Chairman), Alan Parkin and Mrs Gilian Soden,
Seven Local Electors and the Clerk.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Proposed by Cllr Peter Abbott and seconded by Cllr Gilian Soden, it was resolved that Cllr Oswyn Murray be re-elected as Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Susan Bannister and seconded by Cllr Alan Parkin , it was resolved that Cllr Peter Abbott be re-elected as Vice Chairman

Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Peter Abbott and seconded by Cllr Alan Parkin that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th January 2013 be approved as a correct record and they were then signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Flooded road near The Gate Hangs High: The Clerk reported that Oxfordshire Highways carried out work with a view to prevent future flooding.

Gully clearance Acre Ditch and Hawkes Lane: The Clerk reported that Oxfordshire Highways carried out gully clearance on 4th February.

Obstruction of part of footpath in Colony Road by plants: The Clerk reported that these had been cleared.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman felt that it is good to have a Parish Council Meeting soon after the Annual Parish Meeting so that matters raised at that Meeting may be discussed as promptly as possible.

The Chairman, in the light of current events, recommended that a new standing order be added to the current Parish Council Standing Orders relating to complaints procedures. The other Councillors gave their agreement. The new standing order is shown at the appendix to this Report.

Recently, representatives from our Parish Council met with representatives of neighbouring Parish Councils to discuss common issues and the Chairman asked the Council to approve this initiative. Agreement was given for six monthly meetings.

The Chairman updated the Meeting with regard to steps taken to arrange closer liaison with Sibford Ferris Parish Council. Technical problems have arisen in relation to Annual Parish Meetings in respect of which it was learned that joint meetings are not permitted. The matter is ongoing.

The Meeting was brought up to date as to the current position regarding the impending Closure of the Churchyard. It was agreed that the Parish Council would take on the management of the churchyard only if Sibford Ferris Parish Council was prepared to meet half the costs; otherwise the responsibility would be handed on to Cherwell District Council with a request to apportion a fair division of costs between the two Councils. It was agreed to inform Sibford Ferris Parish Council of this decision.

