

**Sibford Gower Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

**Present**

Parish Cllrs Peter Abbott, Mrs Susan Bannister, Oswyn Murray (Chairman), Alan Parkin and Mrs Gilian Soden,  
County and District Councillor George Reynolds, seven Local Electors and the Clerk.

**Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Peter Abbott and seconded by Cllr Gilian Soden that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013 be approved as a correct record and they were then signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising**

Complaints Procedures: The Chairman reported that he had been completely exonerated with regard to a complaint against him made to the District Council by a local resident. This resulted in what is believed to have been a very expensive investigation. He does not intend to let the matter rest here.

Joint Meetings with the Ferris Parish Council: The Chairman advised that the matter will be taken forward.

Mawles Farm barn roof: A letter advising the potential danger of tiles falling from the roof was sent to the owner on 18<sup>th</sup> June but with no result. It now appears that part of the metal roofing has been damaged by high winds causing another future problem. The Clerk was instructed to seek advice from the appropriate department at the District Council.

Community Plan: Apologies were received from Mrs Sue Mattinson but she had previously advised the Clerk that there was nothing further to be reported at present apart from the continuing success of the Walking Club thanks to the hard work of Sue Bannister.

**Chairman's Report**

The Chairman said that he attended a Meeting concerned with Local Government Boundary Commission which involves a review of wards. The outcome rests with a Central Government Review Board.

Bishop Blaize: The Parish Council has made a second application to the District Council to have the Bishop Blaize registered as a Community Asset and a decision is awaited.

The chairman reported on decisions taken by circulation of Councillors since the last meeting, and these were formally approved.

**Review of Councillors' Interests**

There have been no changes in Councillors' Interests since the previous review.

**Asset Register**

There have been no changes in the Council's assets since the previous review and risks remain unchanged.

**Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that he with Cllrs Susan Bannister and Peter Abbott attended the Cherwell Parish Meeting about Neighbourhood Planning, Community Governance Review, Council Tax and Parish Precepts and New Homes.



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No. 13/00781/F                      Bishops End, Burdrop                      Mr Geoffrey Noquet  
Change of use of a redundant barn/store into a 1 bedroom self-contained holiday letting cottage

No. 13/00771/F                      Rosemary Cottage, Bonds End Lane                      Rowan Walton  
Sibford Gower

Increase in roof ridge height. New front porch                      **To Page 791**

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No. 13/00808/CLUE                      Bishops End, Burdrop                      Mr Geoffrey Noquet  
Certificate of Lawful Use Existing - Change of use from A4 to A1

No. 13/00865/F                      Heath Barn, Sibford Gower                      Mr J Blackwell  
Alterations/extension to approved garage, landscaping and driveway

No. 13/00930/F                      Haynes Barn, Colony Road, Sibford Gower                      Mr W J Sabin  
Conversion of barn to dwelling and timber garage  
Application subsequently withdrawn

No. 13/00213/TCA                      Leasowe House, Bonds End Lane, Sibford Gower                      Mrs Louise Harwood  
T1 x Quercus – Fell and cut into logs. T2 x Sycamore - Coppice

No. 13/00266/TCA                      Buttslade House, Temple Mill Rd, Sibford Gower                      Mrs D Thompson  
1 Juniper – Fell. 9 Birch Trees – Crown raise to 3m and deadwood. 2 Hawthornes – Reduce to hedge height. 3 Goat Willows – Reduce to hedge height.

The following decisions had been received from Cherwell District Council:-

No. 13/00151/TCA                      Leasowe House, Bonds End Land, Sibford Gower                      Mrs Louise Harwood  
1 x T1 – conifer – Remove  
1 x T2 – Hawthorn/Yew – Remove  
Granted

No. 13/00771/F                      Rosemary Cottage, Bonds End Lane                      Rowan Walton  
Sibford Gower

Increase in roof ridge height. New front porch  
Revised Application: Two storey rear extension with increase in roof ridge height and addition of new front porch  
Permission for development subject to conditions.

No. 13/00658/F                      Quince Cottage, Bonds End Lane,                      Mr & Mrs David Watson  
No. 13/00659/LB                      Sibford Gower

Single storey rear extension. Single storey rear/side extension linked to existing barn. Alteration and conversion of barn to additional living accommodation and widen vehicle access. Detached garage.  
Permission for development subject to conditions.  
Listed building consent subject to conditions.

No. 13/00213/TCA                      Leasowe House, Bonds End Lane, Sibford Gower                      Mrs Louise Harwood  
T1 x Quercus – Fell and cut into logs. T2 x Sycamore - Coppice  
Granted

**Highway Matters**

With regard to the matter of the poor state of the road surrounding a drain in Colony Road, the County Council has carried out repair work.

Cllr Sue Bannister raised the matter of apparent speeding in Pound Lane and Colony Road and further research regarding this will be investigated.

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**Footpath Matters**

Cllr Susan Bannister in her role of leader of the Walking Group reported that she has undertaken to report any problems with footpaths in this Parish and the Ferris to Oxfordshire County Council so that remedial work may be carried out.

**Village Pond**

The application to the Land Registry to have title to the Pond granted to the Parish Council is nearing completion. A comprehensive document with written and photographic evidence demonstrating that the Pond has been very well used by residents over many years will be submitted with the application. The Chairman expressed thanks and appreciation to those involved especially to Glennis Hardman for her research into the history of the pond together with photographic evidence much of it gained from the archives of the Sibford Society and some from local residents.

**Public Participation**

Mrs Mollie Mulley raised the matter of parking in Main Street and would like to see more space made available in the area adjacent to The Old Rectory. The Chairman said that this could be discussed at the forthcoming meeting to deal with the Bonds End Lane/Main Street situation.

**Any other Matters**

No other matters were raised.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting will be on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 starting at 8pm in the Staff Room of Sibford Gower Primary School,

**There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.50pm.**

Osgyn Murray

27th January 2014