

Sibford Gower Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School on Thursday, 11th November 2010

Present

Parish Cllrs Roger Alder, Oswyn Murray (Chairman), Alan Parkin and Mrs Gilian Soden.
Cty & District Cllr George Reynolds, three local residents and the Clerk.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Abbott who was prevented from attending by his veterinary surgeon's duties and these were duly accepted.

Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Alan Parkin and seconded by Cllr Gilian Soden that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th September 2010 be approved as a correct record and they were then signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Parish Plan: Mrs Sue Mattinson brought the Meeting up to date with the progress that she and Richard Hartree have made with the Joint Parish Plan. Letters have gone out to all the organisations in this Parish and Sibford Ferris and a Launch Event, organised by Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council, is to take place in the Village Hall on 7th December 2010. A carefully prepared leaflet is to go to every household at the time when the next issue of The Sibford Scene (which will also incorporate an article in this regard) is delivered. It is hoped that these will encourage residents to attend the Launch Event (at which refreshments will be served) and feel encouraged to express views and opinions. Cty & District Cllr George Reynolds has been invited to be present.

Donations: The Clerk provided, as requested at the previous Meeting, details of donations made since 2007. It was agreed that future requests for donations will be considered based on the benefit to the community. It was agreed that a request from ARCh (which provides tutoring aids to the Village School) should be granted £50 and the Clerk was instructed to make payment.

Chairman's Report

The following items arising from the Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting (attended by Cllrs Peter Abbott, Roger Alder and Oswyn Murray) held the previous day were raised under Chairman's Report: it was agreed to participate in the Rural Run-a-bout Bus scheme (a travelling bus that provides free information and advice on grants, services etc in your village on set days), and in the 2-week loan to the village of a thermal camera to monitor heat loss on properties that wish it. It was decided not to activate an emergency planning scheme, leaving this to the good sense and neighbourliness of villagers in periods such as heavy snow. The controversial new planning regime imposed by Cherwell Planning was discussed: neighbours will no longer be informed of planning applications, and publicity will be confined to one notice publicly placed by the applicant on the property. The parish council will continue to be informed of planning applications, but this will increasingly be on line and without paper plans; the clerk will be expected to respond with on line comments. It was agreed that this was a serious diminution of public participation in the planning process; the parish council will do its best to give appropriate publicity in the village to applications, by public notices and by informing individual neighbours, and will seek to monitor the unrolling of the new scheme. The PC was warned that a Revised Core Strategy Plan for the Cherwell area would appear in the New Year, and that it would probably take no notice of the previous response of the two Sibford PCs as a result of the joint Sibfords public planning meeting. It might be necessary to renew our comments then.

Clerk's Report

There is still a problem with cars parked at the junction in Burdrop and complaints have been received from residents. The Clerk was instructed to advise Thames Valley Police of the registration numbers so that they may speak with the car owners informing them that their cars are illegally parked.

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Rural Exception Sites: The Quarterly Parish Council Progress Report had been received from Oxfordshire Rural Community Council with regard to the search for suitable sites for Affordable Housing. Cherwell District Council had indicated a preference for three sites: Hook Norton Road (in the Parish of Sibford Ferris) and Hawkes Lane and High Meadow (in the Parish of Sibford Gower). However, the Hawkes Lane site is not now viable due to access – Oxfordshire County Council Highways would not support the site. OCHA has now contacted the owner of the Hook Norton Road site.

Financial

Proposed by Cllr Roger Alder and seconded by Cllr Alan Parkin, the following payments were sanctioned to be made:-

Donation of £120.00 to The Sibford Scene.

Donation of £100.00 to Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School.

Grant of £350.00 to Sibford Village Hall.

Peter Hardman (Clerk) - £1,040.03 being £900.00 in respect of six months salary (in arrears) and £140.03 being reimbursement of expenses (cost of stationery etc).

Planning Matters

Planning Applications received, considered and no objections raised.

No. 10/00231/TCA	Wisteria Cottage, Street Through Burdrop, Burdrop	Mr Davies
Fell - 1 Holly, 1 Thuja and 1 Horse Chestnut. Prune Wisteria just enough to expose windows.		

No. 10/01459/LB	Burdrop Green, Burdrop	H Pidgeon
Single storey rear extension, internal alterations, works to windows and repairs to stonework.		

No. 10/00245/TCA	Barn Close, Street Through Burdrop, Burdrop	Ms S Haden
Fell - 1 Fir Tree		

Planning Decisions received:-

No. 10/00231/TCA	Wisteria Cottage, Street Through Burdrop, Burdrop	Mr Davies
Fell - 1 Holly, 1 Thuja and 1 Horse Chestnut. Prune Wisteria just enough to expose windows. Grant to carry out work in a conservation area.		

No. 10/00245/TCA	Barn Close, Street Through Burdrop, Burdrop	Ms H Haden
Fell - 1 Fir Tree Grant to carry out work in a conservation area.		

No. 10/01459/LB	Burdrop Green, Burdrop	H Pidgeon
Single storey rear extension, internal alterations, works to windows and repairs to stonework. Listed Building consent subject to conditions.		

Review of the Asset Register, Risks and Councillors' Interests

A review of the Asset Register took place and no changes had occurred since the previous review. It was confirmed that there had been no change in the risk situation. With regard to Declaration of Interests, Cllr Oswyn Murray declared his interest in the Town Estate Charity in view of his position as a Trustee and Cllrs Peter Abbott and Roger Alder declared their interests in that they are Members of Holy Trinity Church, Sibford Parochial Church Council.

Highway Matters

Cllr Gilian Soden referred to the poor condition of sections of the road surface leading from Hawkes Lane to the Doctors' Surgery. Cllr Oswyn Murray said that parts of Temple Mill Road has a similar problem. The Clerk was instructed to take matters forward with Oxfordshire Highways.

Footpath Matters

No matters were raised.

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Burial Ground

The matter of the stone wall which divides the very old churchyard and the new burial ground was discussed. Holy Trinity Church had requested that the wall be taken down and the stone used to repair a wall at the other side of the old churchyard.

Churchyard

No matters were raised but the opportunity was taken to thank Mr Cedric Brown (present at the Meeting) for maintaining it to a very satisfactory standard.

Concessionary Bus Passes

Notification had been received that a new single scheme will replace the existing five different schemes operated by each of the City and District Councils. In preparation for this, the County Council is now consulting on the details of the scheme. These details will be displayed on the Parish Council's and Village Hall's notice boards and be published in the next issue of The Sibford Scene., The consultation closes on 14th December 2010.

Public Participation

A member of the Public, present at the Meeting, referred to the dropping water level in the Village Pond and the matter will be investigated.

Any other Matters

No other matters were raised.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting will be in the Staff Room of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School on Thursday, 13th January 2011 starting at 8pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present for attending and closed the Meeting at 10.08pm.

Osmyn Murray
Chairman

13th January 2011

Correspondence received

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rec'd</u>	<u>Sender</u>	<u>Subject</u>
08.09.10	OCC		Home 2 School Newsletter: Autumn 2010
11.09.10	defra		Booklet 'Being a Good Employer'
	SLCC		The Clerk - Sep 2010
	CDC		Licensing Act 2003 - Revised statement of Licensing Policy Consultation
13.09.10	Bk of Ireland		Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting - 10.11.10
19.09.10	CDC		Bank statement No. 91
29.09.10	OCC		Advice of Precept £2,500 remitted by BACS
	CDC		Invitation to meet with OCC - 18 th November
30.09.10	CDC		Planning application No. 10/00231/TCA. Wisteria Cottage, Burdrop. Mr Davies
01.10.10	OALC		Planning application No. 10/01459/LB. Burdrop Green, Burdrop
04.10.10	Environment Agency		Update for Members - September 2010
05.10.10	Bk of Ireland		Re culverted watercourse adjacent to Village Pond
07.10.10	SLCC		Bank statement No. 92
08.10.10	Banbury CAB		Letter to PC Chairman re Clerk's membership of the SLCC
	CDC		Annual Review 2009 - 2010
14.10.10	Ox Playing Fields Assn		Planning application No. 10/00245/TCA. Barn Close, Street Throuh Burdrop, Burdrop
15.10.10	Local Govt Boundary Com		Ms Sarah Haden
	OCC		Invitation to 2010 AGM
16.10.10	CDC		Electoral Review of Banbury
20.10.10	OCC		Local Transport Plan 3 (2011 - 2030) Draft Plan Consultation
23.10.10	CDC		Planning application No. 10/00231/TCA. Wisteria Cottage, Burdrop. Mr Davies.
28.10.10	CDC		Grant.
			Invitation - Further Electoral Review of OCC
			Members' Allowances Scheme - Review
			Planning application No. 10/00245/TCA. Barn Close, Street Through Burdrop, Burdrop.
			Haden - Grant.
			Parish Liaison Meeting 10.11.10. Agenda
29.10.10	Ox. Playing Fields Assn		Newsletter - Autumn 2010
	OALC		Update for Members - Oct 2010
	National Housing Federation		Affordable Rural Housing: A practical guide for parish councils
	ORCC		Review - Autumn/Winter 2010. Issue 8
30.10.10	OCC		Consultation on concessionary fares scheme
01.11.10	Clerks & Councils Direct		News -Nov 2010. Issue 72
	CDC		Rural run-a-bout advice bus
	NH Oxfordshire		Newsletter - Oct 2010 - Issue 24
03.11.10	Cotswolds Cons Bd		Update - Aug/Sep 2010
	Bk of Ireland		Bank statement No. 93
04.11.10	CDC		Info re Parish Liaison Meeting
05.11.10	Open Spaces Soc		'Open Space' - Autumn 2010 - Vol 29 - No. 9
	CDC		Planning application No. 10/01459/LB. Burdrop Green. H Pidgeon. Listed building consent subject to conditions
	SLCC		'The Clerk' - Nov2010 - Vol 42 - No. 6
06.11.10	OCC		Oxfordshire Parish Councils - Contact details 2010