

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting
held in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School on 16th June 2011**

Present: Parish Cllrs Peter Abbott, Roger Alder, Oswyn Murray and Alan Parkin.
Four Local Residents and the Clerk.

Apologies: An apology was accepted from Cllr Gilian Soden who was prevented from attending because of a family emergency.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

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

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

Minutes

Proposed by Cllr Peter Abbott and seconded by Cllr Roger Alder, it was resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on 24th March 2011 be approved. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

Village Pond: Matters are progressing with a view to the Parish Council's proposed ownership of the Village Pond. The present position is that the solicitor acting for the Council advised that the Land Registry search disclosed that no registration of any kind had been made in respect of the pond or the area immediately adjacent. The next stage is to make application for ownership and he is awaiting the appropriate forms in this regard. He felt that the Parish Council may wish to consider dealing with these. Cllrs Peter Abbott and Roger Alder offered their services in this regard and the Clerk was instructed to pass relevant information to them and to advise the solicitor that the Parish Council will take matters forward.

Holy Trinity Churchyard: It was agreed that a meeting between representatives of the Ferris and the Gower Parish Councils and the Parochial Church Council should be arranged to discuss the maintenance of the Churchyard. Mr Norman Nash (Churchwarden) is to set up the Meeting and the Clerk will advise him that Cllrs Alan Parkin and Peter Abbott will represent the Gower Parish Council

Land adjoining the 'Piggy Path', Burdrop: County and District Cllr George Reynolds had promised to make enquiries regarding the possible future use of the District Council owned land but, so far, there has been no news. As he was not at the Meeting, the Clerk was instructed to ask him to whom enquiry should be made at the District Council as to the possibility of the land being 'gifted' to the Parish Council which may then consider future possible usage.

Conservation Area: The Clerk was instructed to contact Rose Todd of Cherwell District Council to establish the current timetable for a review of the Conservation Area of Sibford Gower and Burdrop.

Speeding: The matter of the apparent excess of the speed limit by cars in Pound Lane and Burdrop was raised with the Police by the Clerk. They advocated that a Village volunteer group be set up to hold speed checks, having previously been trained by the Police. The matter has been referred to the Group that deals with traffic matters within the Sibfords Community Plan.

