

Sibford Gower Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School on Tuesday 29th July 2008

Present

Parish Cllrs Peter Abbott, Muriel Chandler and Robin Spicer (Chairman), County and District Cllr George Reynolds, seven members of the public and the Clerk.

Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted in respect of Cllr Martin Layer's absence as he had a pre-arranged holiday.

Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Peter Abbott and seconded by Cllr Muriel Chandler that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th May 2008 be approved as a correct record and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Seat in the Miriam Tebbs' land: The Clerk reported that Mr Cedric Brown had carried out repairs to make it safe and usable.

Location for the seat in Bernard Phillips' memory: A suggestion was made that the seat could be sited on the grass verge adjacent to Cubbs Cottage in Hawkes Lane and the Clerk is to speak with Mrs Phillips to ascertain whether this would be acceptable.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman made reference to the Cherwell Parishes Meeting held on 18th June in respect of which a report by Cllr Martin Layer had been seen by the other Councillors.

Clerk's Report

On 11th June a letter of sympathy following the death of Cllr Eric Payne was received from Sibford Ferris PC. The Clerk had responded with a letter of thanks and appreciation.

The Clerk referred to the reports of PC Meetings that are submitted to the Banbury Guardian which, from time to time, are abbreviated because of space limitation and do not give a full and true account. In future, very brief reports will be submitted in the hope that editing will not be required.

The Clerk made reference to Cllr Peter Abbott's involvement with the Cotswolds Conservation Board and this was much appreciated by the other Parish Councillors.

The Clerk reported that he had attended a meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Group on 15th July at Banbury Police Station. Only four members were there and the Meeting was chaired by PC Phil Morris. Nothing of real significance for his Parish Council was discussed and the Meeting closed at 7.10pm having started at 6.40pm. Phil Morris asked that he be advised of any elderly or vulnerable people who may benefit from a police visit and advice.

Planning Matters

Planning Applications received

The Parish Councillors had given due consideration to and had no objections in respect of the following:-

No. 08/01266/LB	Burdrop Green, Burdrop	Mr & Mrs Pidgeon
	Infill 1 window and fit out boxroom as shower room	
No. 08/01590/F	Rosebank Cottage, Main Street, Sibford Gower	S George
	Two storey rear extension. Front Porch	
No. 08/01596/F	The Jitty, Burdrop	Ms A Broc
	Extension to residential garage to provide workshop and store	
	To 690	

Planning Decisions received

No. 08/00380/F 5 The Colony, Sibford Gower D C Smith
Demolition of existing garage. New garage with store over. Single storey and first floor extension. (As amended by revised plans received 12.05.08)
Permission for development subject to conditions.

No. 08/01006/F Annexe behind The Old Post Office, Main Street, Sibford Gower J Mulley
Variation of Condition 6 of application 02/01886/F – to allow annexe to be used for holiday accommodation or for short term letting.
Permission for development subject to conditions.

No. 08/01111/F Handywater Farm, Sibford Gower M Fermoy
General purpose agricultural building (as amended by drawing No. 4563-01a received in the department 16.06.08 with agent's letter dated 11.06.08).
Permission for development subject to conditions.

No. 08/01148/F 1 Acre Ditch, Sibford Gower R Wallington
Two storey side extension. New porch
Permission for development subject to conditions.

No. 08/01266/LB Burdrop Green, Burdrop Mr & Mrs Pidgeon
Infill 1 window and fit out boxroom as shower room
Listed Building consent subject to conditions

Highway Matters

The Clerk reported on the following matters:-

The hedge dividing the Diocese Land from Burdrop Hill: Oxfordshire Highways advised by phone on 18.06.08 that the pruning of bushes is the responsibility of the Tenant on his side of the wall and the County Council on the highways side.

Pound Lane Steps: Oxfordshire Highways has stated that responsibility lies with Charter Community Housing Ltd.

Flooding in Hawkes Lane: Oxfordshire Highways advised on 18.06.08 that the matter is with the Clerk of Works to carry out remedial work.

Parking in High Meadow: The matter is still with PC Phil Morris who promised to have a Community Officer check out the situation.

High Meadow – lowering of kerbing to assist wheelchair users: Oxfordshire Highways has agreed to this at three points but carrying out the work depends on funding and priority of requests. If not done within this financial year, the request will be carried forward to the next.

Footpath Matters

The Clerk reported regarding the "Piggy" Footpath in that Oxfordshire Highways advised on 18.06.08 that resurfacing work will be carried out when the subject reaches an appropriate point on the priority list limited by financial constraint. Cllr George Reynolds advised that the matter should be pursued by informing Oxfordshire Highways that the surface creates a hazard for those using it. The Clerk will take this forward.

Finance

Proposed by Cllr Robin Spicer and seconded by Cllr Peter Abbott, it was resolved that retrospective sanction be given to the under mentioned payments:-

Cheque No. 71 dated 14.06.08 in favour of Sibford Ferris PC in the sum of £50.22 being a pro-rata VAT refund in respect of expenditure re the new burial ground.

Cheque No. 72 dated 27.06.08 in favour of Mr Cedric Brown in the sum of £910.00 being payment for maintenance of the Churchyard (£750.00) and the Burial Ground (£160.00).

To 691

Cheque No. 73 dated 11.07.08 in favour of Open Spaces Society in the sum of £30.00 being the annual subscription due 01.08.08

Report re Cherwell Parishes Meeting – 18th June 2008

As referred to in the Chairman's Report, Cllr Martin Layer attended the Meeting and his subsequent report was circulated amongst the other Parish Councillors. He had apologised for not being present to personally make the report.

Co-option of a Parish Councillor

The matter is still ongoing and an item appears in the current edition of the Sibford Scene inviting residents interested in being considered to contact the Clerk for more information.

Village Pond

Mrs Glennis Hardman, the Leader of the Pond Action Team, was invited to speak. She said that all is coming along very nicely. The pond plants are in place although having to be reinstated from time to time. The wild flowers in the border at the rear of the pond are in place and just require time to become established to best effect. With regard to the erosion of the grass verges, Oxfordshire County Council will allow the installation of protective wooden posts and a meeting of residents in the pond area is to take place to establish whether or not the posts are acceptable. The Chairman thanked Mrs Hardman for the report and, again, a plea was made that car owners who have parking facilities should avoid parking in the pond area.

New Burial Ground

The Clerk reported that the erection of the metal fencing is to take place within the next few days.

Holy Trinity Churchyard

Cllr Martin Layer had asked that his thanks be added to those of the other Councillors to Mr Cedric Brown for his work in the Churchyard and the Clerk will pass these on. It is also very much appreciated that Cllr Peter Abbott mows the grass verge on the road side of the church wall.

The Bishop Blaize

Mrs Eileen Haynes was asked to report and she said that constant watch is kept on the situation. The owner appears very briefly from time to time.

Public Participation

It was agreed to continue the present arrangement of inviting those members of the public who attend Meetings to speak, by invitation, during discussions on agenda matters as and when appropriate.

Any Other Business

Cllr Muriel Chandler reported that she had been contacted by Mr Lee Phillips, Charter Community Housing Ltd's Grounds Maintenance – Estates Inspector, who confirmed that the hedge fronting 1 – 6 Pound Lane is Charters responsibility and that its pruning and the removal of a Weed bush will be carried out.

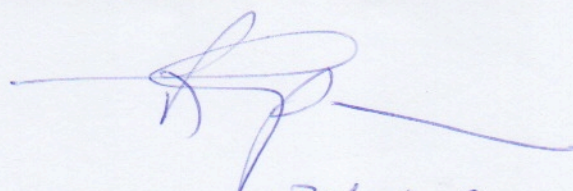
Parking of cars during delivery to and collection of pupils from Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School: A member of the public at the Meeting felt that drivers should be more considerate of other road users and also exercise greater caution in respect of children leaving by and entering from car doors that are not on the footpath side. The Clerk is to ask PC Phil Morris to have one of the Community Officers to visit and check the situation.

Overgrown hedge – Burdrop Hill: A Member of the public at the Meeting complained that the hedge is impeding passage of the footpath. The Clerk is to speak with Oxfordshire Highways regarding pruning.

Date of Next Meeting

The next regular Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, 30th September 2008 commencing at 8pm and will be held in the same venue.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.25 pm.



30/9/08

Correspondence received

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rec'd</u>	<u>Sender</u>	<u>Subject</u>
30.05.08	CDC	OCC	Planning application No. 08/01266/LB. Burdrop Green, Burdrop. Mr & Mrs Pidgeon 1. Oxon News. Issue 18. June 2008 2. Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Plan. Newsletter - May 2008
04.06.08	Bk of Ireland		Bank statement No.64
07.06.08	Open Spaces Society		1. Open Space - Summer 2008 - Vol 29 - No.2 2. Annual Report and Accounts 2007
		SE England Regional Assembly	1. Review of Sub-Regional Allocation of Primary Land-Won Aggregates in the South East 2. The South East Regional Sustainability Framework
11.06.08	CDC	Sibford Ferris PC	Cherwell Parish Meeting - 18.06.08 - additional information 1. Letter of sympathy re Eric Payne 2. Swap Shop
12.06.08	Thames Valley Police Authority		"Have your Say" - Meeting 21.07.08 Oxfordshire Highways. Ack re Chase up letter
13.06.08	Thames Valley Police		Family Open Day - 09.08.08
		OALC	Annual Report 2007/08
14.06.08	Thames Valley Police		Re Special Constabulary & Volunteer Support Team
16.06.08	OCC		Road Safety News - Spring 08
23.06.08	CDC		Planning application No. 08/00380/F. D C Smith. 5 The Colony. Permission for development subject to conditions.
		CDC	Planning application No. 08/01006/F. J Mulley. Annexe behind The Old Post Office, Sibford Gower. Permission for development subject to conditions.
25.06.08	CDC		1. Notice of Standards Committee Meeting - 03.07.;08 2. Planning application No. 08/0111/F. Handywater Farm. M Fermoy. Permission for Development.
		Oxfordshire Highways	Ack re High Meadowe - lowering of pavements
		Cotswolds Conservation Bd	14 th Board Meeting - 26.06.08 Update - Spring 08
27.06.08	CDC		Planning application No. 08/01148/F. 1 Acre Ditch. R Wallington. Permission for development subject to conditions
28.06.08	OCC		Countryside Service Annual Report 2007-2008
		ORCC	Review - Spring/Summer 2008 - Issue 3
30.06.08	Clerks & Councils Direct		News - July 2008 - Issue 58
		SLCC	The Clerk - July 2008
		Urbanscape	Product Catalogue 2009
02.07.08	Bk of Ireland		Bank statement No. 65
		CDC	1. Cherwell Link - Summer 2008 2. Planning application No. 08/00716/OUT - Northern Oxfordshire Consortium
03.07.08	OALC		Update
		OCC	Christmas Events Seminar
04.07.08	CDC		Notes re Cherwell Parishes Meeting June 2008
05.07.08	Oxfordshire Highways		Oxfordshire Highways Annual Report
07.07.08	Oxfordshire Business Enterprises		Local Support to Enterprising Residents
		Oxfordshire Partnership	Oxfordshire 2030 Consultation
09.07.08	OCC		Cycling with children poster
11.07.08	CDC		Planning application No. 08/01590/F. Rosebank Cottage. S George
		Open Spaces Soc	Subscription renewal notice
		CDC	Summer 2008 Youth Spotlight Newsletter
12.07.08	ORCC		News Bulletin - July 2008
		CDC	Re gate at Canny Cottage, Burdrop
		Oxfordshire Assn for the Blind	Appeal for donation
14.07.08	CDC		Challenging Cherwell: Overview & Scrutiny Annual Review 2007/08
15.07.08	CDC		1. Draft Cherwell Rural Strategy - Consultation 2. Review of BCTA Dial-a-Ride Service. 3. Working together for climate change 4. Standards Committee Mtg - Notice of Meeting 5. Upper Heyford Base Planning Forum Mtg - Notice 6. Planning application No. 08/01596/F. The Jitty, Burdrop, Ms A Broe
16.07.08	CDC		Planning application No. 08/01266/LB. Mr & Mrs Pidgeon. Burdrop Green, Burdrop
17.07.08	OALC		Update - July 2008
		OCC	Planning for a Flu Pandemic
19.07.08	CDC		Local Development Framework Bi-monthly Consultation Meetings
		OCC	Partial Review of RPG9 and the Draft South East Plan
			Review of Sub-Regional Allocation of Land-Won Aggregates
25.07.08	CDC		Re planning application re Oaklands, Sibford Gower

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25.06.08 Oxfordshire NHS
Oxfordshire Playing Fields
Assn
Cotswolds Conservation Bd
Thames Valley Police

Health News
News - Summer 2008
Annual Review 2007-8
Banbury Rural NAG Action Log re 15th July