

Sibford Gower Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School on Tuesday, 24th March 2009

Present

Parish Cllrs Peter Abbott, Muriel Chandler, Martin Layer, Oswyn Murray and Robin Spicer (Chairman).
Five Local Electors and the Clerk.

Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Muriel Chandler and seconded by Cllr Oswyn Murray that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2009 be approved as a correct record with the provision that the matter, raised by Cllr Martin Layer, of the gate at the entrance to the footpath leading from Burdrop Hill to the Church had not been recorded. The Clerk apologised for this and reference is made later in these minutes. The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Regarding a suggestion made that the Parish Council might, perhaps, employ someone to deal with pruning of bushes, brambles etc on the County Highway verges, the Clerk exchanged a letter with Oxfordshire Highways which had no objection in principle but the conditions specified concerning Health & Safety and Insurance decided the Parish Council not to proceed.

The broken fencing along the footpath between Pound Lane and High Meadow had been repaired by Charter Community Housing Ltd

Thames Valley Police

It had been intended that a presentation would be given by PCSOs Nikki Dale and Lana Smith but in the event it was decided that they will attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th May 2009 which should give them a better opportunity of addressing a wider audience.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman had nothing specific on which to report at this stage of the Meeting

Clerk's Report

Referring to the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting, the Clerk advised that invitations to attend are to be extended to County and District Cllr George Reynolds, Oxfordshire Highways, The Town Estate Charity, Neighbourhood Watch and The Bishop Blaize Support Group. These are in addition to Thames Valley Police (referred to above).

Following the recent snows, he had enquired of Oxfordshire Highways concerning the gritting of roads that accommodate bus routes. He was told that this takes place but only where buses run hourly or more frequently.

He had attended the Neighbourhood Action Group at Banbury Police Station on 16th March in the absence of the Chairman and the minutes of that meeting will be received in due course.

Planning Matters

Planning Applications received

The Parish Councillors had considered the following and raised no objections:-

No. 09/00023/TCA Brayes Close Street Through Burdrop
Remove 1 Holly tree

S Rowley

To Folio 705



Public Participation

Mr Tony Haynes, present at the Meeting, referred to the bushes at Burdrop Corner which are adjacent to the post box and which became seriously affected by the recent heavy snow. So much so that the post box became hidden and the bushes have bent over into the road causing a potential hazard for passing cars obscuring vision of the road. A local resident cut back sufficient of the bushes to allow access to the post box and the Clerk was instructed to request Oxfordshire Highways to carry out remedial work.

Mrs Glennis Hardman, present at the Meeting, referred to edging stones to the pond which have been damaged by vehicles. The responsibility for repair work is uncertain and the Clerk was instructed to write to Oxfordshire Highways to seek clarification.

Mrs Hardman also referred to the number of parked vehicles in the pond area, particularly at the actual edge of the pond. She requested that yet another notice seeking residents' co-operation be published in the Sibford Scene. This will have attention.

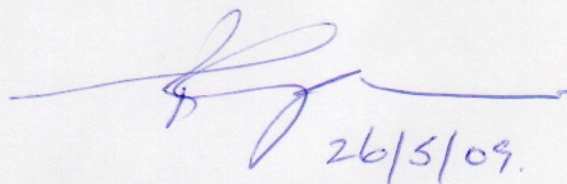
Any Other Business

Cllr Muriel Chandler raised the matter of complaints received from some High Meadow residents fronting Pound Lane concerning problems caused by the six Indian Runner ducks from the pond which frequently roam the village. The nature of the complaints is that damage is being done to gardens and older residents are apprehensive as to the ducks' presence. The Parish Council is to consider the matter.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and will be on 26th May 2009 starting at 8pm in the usual venue – The Staff Room of Sibford Gower Endowed School.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.10pm.



26/5/09.

Correspondence received

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rec'd</u>	<u>Sender</u>	<u>Subject</u>
14.01.09		CDC	Parish Precept 2009/2010
15.01.09		OCC CDC	Home 2 School Newsletter: Spring 2009 1. Standards C'tee Mtg agenda - 22.01.09 2. Planning application No. 08/02363/F. Birch Hill, Burdrop. C Radcliffe. Refusal of permission for development.
16.01.09		Cotswolds Cons Bd	1. Affordable Housing Position Statement 2. Winter Update 2008/9
17.01.09		OCC	Copy of letter to Bruce Woodall re broken gate
20.01.09		Sibford Meeting House Appeal CDC	Ack re £150 donation Recycle with Spring Clean 2009
21.01.09		Oxfordshire Highways ORCC	Ack re bush pruning News Bulletin - Jan 2009
23.01.09		CDC	Cherwell Recreation Strategy - Review of Action Plan
24.01.09		Sibford Ferris PC CDC	Burial Ground Planning applications 08/02371/F & 08/02373/LB. Jasmine Cottage, Burdrop. J Skowronski Permission subject to conditions
27.01.09		Bk of Ireland CDC	Changes in Compensation Arrangements Poster re Job Club
28.01.09		Oxfordshire Playing Fields Assn	The Playing Field - Winter 2008-09
30.01.09		Oxfordshire Highways CDC	Pruning of bushes, brambles etc on county highway verges Cherwell Rural Strategy - Final Proposed Draft
31.01.09		OALC	Update for Members - Jan 2009
14.02.09		Cotswolds Cons Bd	Appt of replacement Parish Members - Notice of result of ballot
15.02.09		Oxfordshire Highways	Ack re letter re Burdrop Corner
07.02.09		NHS Oxfordshire	Newsletter - Issue 10 - 03.02.09
10.03.09		Bk of Ireland	Bank statement No. 72
11.02.09		BDO Stoy Hayward LLP CDC	Local Council Briefing - Spring 2009 Report of the Parish Remuneration Panel
18.02.09		OCC CDC	Oxfordshire Campaign against Domestic Abuse 2008/09 1. Alteration to Register of Electors 2. Planning application No. 08/02559/F. Vine Cottage, Bonds End Lane. J & B Boyd Permission for development subject to conditions 3. The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 - Details of keyholders of V.Hall required
20.02.09		Warwickshire CC	Minerals Core Strategy: Revised Spatial Options Consultation
21.02.09		Thames Valley Police	Minutes of Rural NAG 22.01.09
22.02.09		Cotswolds Cons. Board	'The Cotswold Lion' Issue 20 Spring/Summer 2009
23.02.09		OALC	Update for Members - Feb 2009
24.02.09		CDC	Planning application No. 09/00023/TCA. Brayes Close Street Through Burdrop. S Rowley
25.02.09		Thames Valley Police	Community Policing Awards
26.02.09		ARCH	Seeking funds
27.02.09		Oxfordshire Highways	Ack re road markings re Sibford Gower End Primary School
28.02.09		Oxfordshire Advice Centre	Request for donation
01.03.09		NHS Oxfordshire	Health News - Spring - Issue 3
02.03.09		The Standards Bd for Eng	Town and Parish Standard -Feb 2009 - Issue 4
03.03.09		Clerks & Councils Direct	News - Mar 09 - Issue 62
04.03.09		Bk of Ireland	Bank statement No. 73
05.03.09		SLCC	'The Clerk' - March 2009
06.03.09		ORCC	News Bulletin - March 2009
09.03.09		Open Spaces Society	'Open Space' Spring 2009 - Vol 29 - No.4
10.03.09		NHS Oxfordshire	Newsletter - Issue 11 - 04.03.09
17.03.09		CDC	Spring Edition of the Youth Spotlight and Play Spotlight Newsletter 2009
18.03.09		OCC CDC	Consultation on proposed changes to Shelter Grants Scheme Link - Spring 2009
21.03.09		Spinal Injuries Assn	Publicity for support
23.03.09		Cotswolds Conserv. Bd	Seventeenth Board Meeting - 26.03.09. Agenda
24.03.09		The Warriner School	The Warriner Centre for Rural Education