

Sibford Gower Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School on Thursday, 25th March 2010

Present

Parish Cllrs Peter Abbott, Muriel Chandler, Martin Layer (Chairman) and Oswyn Murray,
County and District Councillor George Reynolds, Three Local Electors and the Clerk.

Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Muriel Chandler and seconded by Cllr Peter Abbott that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st January 2010 be approved as a correct record and they were then signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

On 29th January, the Clerk spoke with Mr Arnold Lamb regarding the bushes from the Quaker Burial Ground overhanging the adjacent footpath and he promised that suitable pruning would take place. Cllr Peter Abbott confirmed that this had now been carried out.

Chairman's Report

Cllr Martin Layer said that he had raised the matter of the response by the Parish Council to the Cherwell District Council consultation on the quality of information submitted in support of planning applications. The issue was that the consultation closed in January but our reply remains 'unprocessed' with the concern that our response may not have been taken into consideration. Cllr and District Cllr George Reynolds said that he would look into the matter. The Chairman had nothing further to add at this stage of the Meeting but would be speaking about matters on the agenda as they arose.

Clerk's Report

An offer had been received from Cherwell District Council to make a presentation on the subject of the new food waste scheme at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting. A member of the recycling team would be available to talk about the scheme, answer any questions or queries and discuss other recycling issues. The Parish Councillors instructed the Clerk to accept the offer.

The Council had received notification from Thames Valley Police that it is dealing with complaints regarding parking problems raised by some Parishes and it is about to look into the situation in Sibford Ferris. Sibford Gower has situations which may be a problem for some but as Thames Valley Police will be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting any matters may be raised then.

Financial Matters

The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (As amended) – Parish Allowances Scheme: All the Parish Councillors expressed the view that they did not wish to avail themselves of Allowances.

Proposed by Cllr Peter Abbott and seconded by Cllr Oswyn Murray, it was resolved that the following payment be made:-

Retrospectively - Cheque No. 106 dated 11.03.10 £30.00 payable to ORCC being the cost of membership from 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011

Core Strategy Development Plan: Sibford Gower & Sibford Ferris

A Public Meeting has been arranged for 6th April 2010 to which residents of both Parishes are invited to hear the facts presented regarding proposed future housing in the Sibfords. Cherwell has to accommodate significant housing growth in the period to 2026 and the District Council has published its draft plans for where the new housing should go. Most will go to Banbury and Bicester but some is also planned for some of the villages including the Sibfords.

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The draft plans make provision for a total of 250 new homes across the following villages: Cropredy, Hook Norton, Fritwell, Steeple Aston and Sibford Ferris/Sibford Gower. It was noted that the Sibfords are for the purpose of this proposal being considered by CDC not as two Parishes but as a single unit. For this reason, the response to the Draft Core Strategy should be a joint statement from both PCs although it was recognised that this will depend upon the debate at the public meeting and the stance adopted by the two parishes.

The draft plans do not identify where these homes might be built or, indeed, when in the period to 2026. This information will come forward in early 2011 when there will be a further opportunity to comment. At the Meeting, after presentation of the facts, residents will be invited to express views and comments which the Parish Councils will incorporate in their responses to the District Council. The Chairmen of the two Parish Councils are to discuss the actual format of the Meeting. Cllr Murray offered to present the potential downsides of new development in the Sibfords with another speaker to present the potential advantages. Cllr Reynolds confirmed that he would attend to listen to and answer questions.

Affordable Housing

On 27th January 2010, Cllr Oswyn Murray attended the Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting to hear a presentation on Affordable Housing by Tom McCulloch of Oxford Rural Housing Partnership and Bob Duxbury of Cherwell District Council Planning Department. His report had been handed to the other Parish Councillors.

Parish Transport Representative

Mr Mike Harper-Tarr has agreed to take on the role of Parish Transport Representative acting for the Parishes of Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower. A suitable item has been placed in the current issue of the Sibford Scene so that residents may be aware as to whom they may address comments and questions regarding local transport. Such comments and questions are to be routed through the two Parish Clerks.

Planning Matters

Planning Applications had been received and considered

No. 10/00024/TCA The Yews, Main Street, Sibford Gower Ms Deleamont
T1 x Eucalyptus – Fell

No. 10/00049/TCA Wykham Arms
1 x G1 Group of Leylandii - Fell

Planning Application withdrawn

No. 09/01275/F Bishops End, Burdrop G R Noquet
Alterations and extension to barn to provide 4 en-suite letting rooms.
In a letter dated 30th October 2009, Cherwell District Council advised that the application had been withdrawn.

Planning Decisions received:-

09/00311/TCA The Red House, Burdrop G Priestman
3 x Fir trees – Crown reduction to approx 15feet
Consent (Trees) in Conservation area

09/01586/F Holly Close, Main Street, Sibford Gower K Manning
Proposed erection of a detached dwelling and the creation of an opening in the stone boundary wall for vehicular access from the highway and the erection of a new boundary fence – resubmission of 09/00990/F
Refusal of permission for development
A letter from CDC dated 24.02.10 advised that an Appeal had been made to the Secretary of State. The Clerk was instructed to enquire of CDC whether the PC's original objection to the application would be placed before the Inspector as the Councillors were not happy to rely upon the Committee Report which they felt was not fully representative of their views. Cllr Murray left the room during this item and took no part in the discussion.

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Glebe Farm, Main Street, Sibford Gower
3 x Ash Trees – Remove
Consent (Trees in Conservation Area)

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Highway Matters

Some time ago, the Parish Council wrote to Oxfordshire Highways setting out the Council's view that the recent routing of road treatment in snow and ice conditions was considered unsatisfactory and suggesting a better and more practical one to facilitate entry and exit from the village. Oxfordshire Highways rejected the Parish Council's suggestion giving their reasons. These are not acceptable to the Parish Council and a further letter is to be sent to Oxfordshire Highways seeking their reconsideration of the Parish Council's recommended route.

The Parish Council is to purchase two additional grit bins. It has now learned that Oxfordshire County Council supplies only yellow bins (and not the green coloured ones that are already situated in the Parish). The Parish Council had no alternative than to proceed with ordering the yellow bins.

Potholes are a matter of concern to local residents but it is known that Oxfordshire Highways are scheduling temporary repairs but have a very heavy workload.

Footpath Matters

Following a complaint received by the Parish Council regarding the damage done by horses using Footpaths, the Clerk contacted OCC's Rights of Way Officer. She replied 'the public does not have a right to ride or lead a horse on a public footpath. A land owner is allowed to ride on a footpath on their own land and they can give permission for other people to ride on their land. If the surface was then damaged by this use, the land owner would be responsible for repairing it. Anyone riding a horse on a footpath without permission would be committing trespass against the landowner'.

Annual Parish Meeting

The date of Wednesday, 5th May was decided upon. As usual, it will take place in the hall of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School starting at 7.30pm. Invitations to make reports will go out to The Village Hall Committee, The Town Estate Charity and the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. Invitations to be present will be sent to Thames Valley Police, Oxfordshire Highways and Cherwell District Council's Recycling Team.

Public Participation

Following the matter being raised regarding a car which is usually parked near to a junction creating a possible hazard, it was suggested that the subject be brought up with the Police at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.

The matter of a broken fence fallen onto a public footpath, having been raised, will have the attention of the Clerk who will speak with the adjacent property owner.

Reference was made to blocked gullies in Acre Ditch and the Clerk will speak with Oxfordshire Highways.

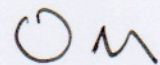
Any other Matters

Litterblitz: Cllr Peter Abbot will make the necessary arrangements for this and it will take place on Saturday, 17th April 2010. Residents are asked to meet at the Village Hall at 10am.

Sibfords Burial Ground: The Clerk is to attend a Cemetery Management Course on 14th April 2010 in readiness for such time as the new Burial Ground is brought into use.

Road signs indicating direction to Village Hall: Cllr Muriel Chandler felt it desirable (and the other Councillors agreed) that directional signs should be installed. The Clerk was instructed to take up the matter with Oxfordshire Highways.

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Date of Next Meeting

This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and it must be between the date the Parish election results are known and 14 days later. The date set for the Parish Council election is 6th May but because if this is chosen as the date of the General Election, the date of the Parish Council election will be deferred to 27th May. In view of this uncertainty, the actual date of the Annual Parish Meeting will be advised in due course.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present for attending and closed the Meeting at 10.00pm.

Oslyn Murray

13th May 2010

Correspondence received

<u>Date Rec'd</u>	<u>Sender</u>	<u>Subject</u>
23.01.10	CDC	Planning application No. 09/00311/TCA. The Red House, Burdrop. G Priestman Consent (Trees) in Conservation Area
	OCC	Local Transport Plan 3 (2011-2030). Consultation 4: Draft Policies
26.01.10	CDC	Cherwell, Our District, Our Future - Meeting 25.02.10
27.01.10	Spinal Injuries Assn	'Great British Fish & Chip Supper' 21.05.10 - Fund raising
	ORCC	Community Led Planning Event - 06.03.10
	Oxfordshire Playing Fields Assn	News Letter - Winter 2010
29.01.10	Thames Valley Police	Presentation re Speeding - 26 th February
	CDC	Local Authorities (Members' Allowances (England) Regulations 2003 (as amended) Parish Allowances Schemes
30.01.10	CDC	Report of the Parish Remuneration Panel re Parish Members Allowances
02.02.10	CDC	Planning Application No.09/01586/F - K Manning. Refusal of permission for development
	OALC	Update for Members - Jan/Feb 2010 (by email)
03.02.10	Bk of Ireland	Bank statement No. 84
	ORCC	1. ORCC 90 th Birthday Publication
		2. Questionnaire re Community
06.02.10	CDC	Items available from old Spiceball Leisure Centre
09.02.10	CDC	Planning application No. 10/00024/TCA. The Yews, Main Street, Sibford Gower Ms Deleaumont
10.02.10	NHS Oxfordshire	Newsletter - Jan 2010
13.02.10	CDC	1. Draft Core Strategy Development Plan Document - Forthcoming Consultation Notification
		2. Timetable of Meetings
19.02.10	CDC	1. Recycle with Spring Clean 2010
		2. Planning application No. 10/00001/TCA. Glebe Farm. O Murray. Consent
23.02.10	BDO LLP	Audit Briefing - Winter 2010
24.02.10	SLCC	Re Induction Course 'Working with your Council'
	CDC	Draft Core Strategy - A Public Consultation. 22.02.10 to 19.04.10
25.02.10	Open Spaces Soc	News - Spring 2010 - Vol 29 - No.7
	CDC	Recycling Presentations
27.02.10	CDC	Planning application No. 09/00990/F. Holly Close. K Manning. Appeal
	SWCAA	Allotment Survey
	Stratford-on-Avon DC	Consultation Core Strategy
02.03.10	Bk of Ireland	Bank statement No. 85
04.03.10	CDC	Environmental Forum - Hook Norton 33.03.10
06.03.10	SLCC	The Clerk - March 2010
	CDC	Planning application No, 10/00049/TCA.. Wykham Arms
08.03.10	CDC	Upper Heyford Base Planning Forum - rescheduled for 15.04.10
10.03.10	CDC	1. Upper Heyford Base Planning Forum - 15.04.10
		2. Operation of the ethical framework - customer survey
11.03.10	ORCC	Re Membership renewal
13.03.10	CDC	Re Elections - 06.03.10
	Thames Valley Police	Community Policing Awards 2010
16.03.10	OALC	Update for Members - March 2010
18.03.10	OCC	Land in vicinity of Shenington - Scoping Opion
19.03.10	OALC	Re annual subscription
23.03.10	Cotswolds Consv Bd	Agenda - 25.03.10
25.03.10	BDO Stoy Hayward	Re Annual Audit
	SLCC	Re Cemetery Management Course
	NHS Oxfordshire	Newsletter Mar 2010