

WENDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 30 April 2008 in the Village Hall.

As there were no members of the public attending the meeting started at 8.00pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Anna McDonagh (Chairperson), Kathy Sharpe, Chris Burton, Caroline Abbott, Frank Shouler, Justine Brown and Jackie Hucker. District Councillor Andrew Fulljames and Shirley Parker (Parish Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence: County Councillor Charles Shouler. Jackie Hucker apologised for being late.
2. Declarations of interest: Justine Brown – planning application along with Anna McDonagh and Chris Burton as neighbours.
3. The minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2008 were approved and signed.
4. Statutory business:
 - a. The financial summary for the year 2007/2008 was approved and signed.
 - b. The Annual Return for the year 2007/2008 in preparation for audit was approved and signed.
 - c. Members Allowances and Expenses – Councillors approved payment per mile in accordance with those laid down by the NJC for those councillors wishing to claim mileage for meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council. **Apologies NJC was for clerks – CDC remuneration panel recommend 40p per mile as last year**
 - d. Payments for Churchyard lighting, newsletter, membership to the OALC and ORCC, insurance premium and churchyard maintenance totalling £763.20 were approved.
 - e. Register of interest – Councillors were reminded that any changes to these needed to be notified to the Clerk who would forward them to the District Council.
5. Matters arising:
 - a. Flooding – a template for actions in respect of flooding has been received from the Environment Agency (EA) – Kathy will take over responsibility for filling this out, along with copying etc – the Clerk will forward this electronically to Kathy and will also remind the EA for their article for the newsletter on actions needing to be taking when a flood warning/alert it received.
 - b. Meetings attended – Anna had attended a meeting on the Local Development Framework which had been most interesting.

- c. Traffic Monitoring – latest results of the traffic monitoring had been received showing no change to previous results. Thames Valley Police had also been in the village with a speed gun – report stated no excessive speeding. There may be monies available from Developer Funding for further traffic calming – the clerk to monitor this. No further action to be taken.
- d. Notice Board – repairs are still ongoing.
- e. Weight restriction: the Clerk had been in contact with the Highways Department – this had been held back as improvements were to be carried out on the M40 junction – as this has now been shelved consultation for the weight restriction should begin in May 008.
- f. Stile in Churchyard and Oxford Road – now ‘kissing’ style gates – all complete.

6. Reports:

- a. County Council – no report
- b. District Council – Andrew reported a tax increase of 1.7% (he had campaigned for 0%). Bicester town centre improvements were still going ahead although there is a delay. A 1-stop shop for the District Council has opened and will be replicated in Bicester, Banbury and Kidlington centres in due course.
- c. Planning – Notification of the appeal from Dumbleton’s against planning refusal has been dismissed. The following replies to planning applications were endorsed by the Parish Council – replacement conservatory at Willow Court, extension at Manor Barn Lodge (see item 2) and objections to application for The Caravan Park (this has since been granted by CDC). Anna asked that a Parish Councillor take on the main function of planning (i.e. sending round for responses and collating of) so that she can concentrate of the WestonOtmoor proposal – Caroline and Jackie will take this on.

7. Other matters:

- a. Weston Front – Anna has attended these meetings along with others from the Village. At the first meeting it was suggested that each village submit their reasons why this site is not suitable – she has drafted a copy for Councillors and asked for replies as soon as possible so that they can be forwarded. Andrew reported that the District Council are against the proposal and were forming a team to deal with the matter. It was disappointing that the County Council had yet to make a decision on their position. Our local MP Tony Baldry was also against the proposal.
- b. Annual Parish Meeting – details were discussed and finalised. (Andrew and Justine gave their apologies)
- c. Holiday notification – councillors were reminded of the need to notify clerk when they would be away as there had been problems with documents not being returned in time for comments to be made.
- d. Frank Shouler announced that after consideration he wished to tender his resignation from the Parish Council and thanked those present for their support . The Chairman thanked Frank for his contribution to the Parish Council. A discussion followed on co-option to the Parish

council – the clerk will obtain advice form the CDC and a note will be placed on the website

8.Dates and times for next meetings were confirmed as:

- May 14 – Annual Parish Meeting
- July 9 – Parish Council Meeting
- October 8 – Parish Council Meeting

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