

## WENDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19 January 2009 at Manor Farm House.

This meeting had been held over from 14 January 2009 as the Parish Council could not make a quorum due to prior engagements and illness.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Justine Brown, Chris Burton and District Councillor Andrew Fulljames.
2. There were no declarations of interest at this time.
3. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 October 2008 were approved and signed.
4. Statutory business:
  - a. The following payments were approved: Churchyard lighting £20, ½ clerk's annual salary, Village Hall 5 meetings £40, training course for clerk £176.50, filing cabinet £50 and petty cash £30.
  - b. Annual review of clerk's salary – (the clerk took no part in this discussion but was asked to minute) it was agreed that salary to rise in line with a 2.45% awarded to local authority staff for the year 2008/09 – from £640 to £656 for the year 2009/10.
  - c. Precept for the year 2009-10 – following discussion it was agreed to set the precept at £4040 – this is the estimated cost of expenditure.
5. Matters arising:
  - a. Flooding and flood plan – the clerk will chase interested parties for updates on action points to be carried out following the meeting held in October. No progress will be made on a flood plan until any actions are completed.
  - b. Meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council – Caroline had attended the Parish Liaison meeting at Cherwell District Council and copies had already been distributed to the Council.
  - c. Weight restriction – this is now in place – a 7.5tonnes limit from the main entrance off the A41 to the junction to join the A34.
  - d. Road between Garden Centre and Chesterton Overbridge – County Councillor Charles Shouler has been pressing for an upgrade to this section of road without success – pot holes will be filled – Parish Councillors consider this road to be a danger to both pedestrians and cyclists and the clerk will forward their concerns to the County Council.
  - e. Proposed new town – the Arup report was now available and had been distributed to Councillors – the judicial review is to start on 22 January – at present the Weston Front has no need of funds and the Parish Council will discuss a donation when and if further funds are needed. Charles Shouler informed the County Council had not been informed of the SDC initiative and were staying neutral on the subject.

- f. Proposed incinerator at Ardley – the Parish Council had endorsed a letter against this proposal – concern has been raised over health risks should such a project go ahead.
- g. Willow trees, Main Street – Anna/Kathy will submit a request to Land Registry in an effort to ascertain the ownership of this tree.
- h. Village fete – to take place on 27 June 2009 – arrangements for stalls and displays etc are under way – the council decided to ‘fund’ a float if money is needed.

6. Reports:

- a. County Council – new traffic signs on the A41 have been installed. The refurbishment of the paving in Rectory Close has not made it onto the list of works for 2009/10. A planning application has been submitted for the waste incinerator at Ardley and the County Council will be considering this under advisement from the Environment and Health Protection Agencies – it is the County Council’s view that the appropriately qualified people should decide. A possible increase of 3.875% in council tax is expected – band D £42 for 2009/10. Income has gone down and pressure and cost have risen. The County Council are expecting an 80% return on monies invested in Iceland – possible loss of £1m – this will have no implication on the council tax for this year. Elections for the County Council have been put back to June 4 to coincide with European elections – Charles Shouler will be standing again for the County Council. Following a question from a Parish Councillor - as far as he is aware it is hoped that construction of Bicester Town improvements would start this year.
- b. District Council – no report
- c. Planning – An update was given on the compliance for land NE Rectory Close. An application for stables has also been received for this land and will be dealt with at committee level by the District Council – Chesterton have commented as this land although adjoining Wendlebury is in their Parish – once again Wendlebury were not an original consul tee when the District Council received this application. The Parish Council has once again requested that they kept informed and consulted on all applications received that are close to the village. A reply has been sent in response to the LDF – no comments were made on the Bicester proposal but had been made on the proposal to change the category of the village.

7. Other matters:

- a. Dog litter bins – the problem of dog litter being placed in the general litter bin by the notice board has been solved following the request for owners not to use it. There appears to be a problem in Rectory Close with dog mess not being picked up and it was suggested that the Dog Warden be informed.
8. Dates for next meetings – all to be held in the Village Hall commencing at 8.00pm were confirmed as –
- 22 April – Annual Parish Council meeting
  - 13 May – Annual Parish meeting

1 July – Parish Council meeting  
14 October – Parish council meeting.

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Following the close of the meeting the following items were raised:

1. The amount of litter on the outskirts of the village – the clerk will contact the District Council
2. Stutchfield Close – where heavier vehicles are turning in and out of the close it is ‘churning up’ the roadway – the clerk will check if this road has been adopted by the County Council and if so inform them of it’s condition – if it has not been adopted it will be the responsibility of the houses in the close to carry out any repairs.