

WENDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd April 2009 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, County Councillor Charles Shouler, Justine Brown and. District Councillor Andrew Fulljames, Julian Cordy, Shirley Parker (Parish Clerk) and Mimi Powell (Trainee Parish Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Anna McDonagh received apology of absence for Jackie Hucker.
2. **Declarations of interest:** No declarations of interest at this time.
3. **The minutes of the meeting** held on 19th January 2009 were approved and signed.
4. **Mimi Powell was formally welcomed** as Parish Clerk and her employment contract was approved and signed. Shirley Parker was highly commended on her work as Parish Clerk.
5. **Statutory Business**
 - a. The financial summary for the year 2008/2009 was approved and signed.
 - b. The Annual Return for the year 2008/2009 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 CDC for those councillors wishing to claim mileage for meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - d. Payments for Churchyard lighting, newsletter, membership to the OALC and ORCC, insurance premium, float for village fete and disabled blue badge for Community bus were all approved.
 - e. The removal of Shirley Parker from the bank accounts and the replacement of Mimi Powell was approved.
 - f. 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.
6. **Matters arising:**
 - a. Flooding –Waiting for possible funding for future flood prevention scheme. Sewage / flooding outside the Red Lion needs to be investigated to see if the problem can be solved / eased.
 - b. Meetings attended –No meetings had been attended.

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- c. Road between Garden Centre and Chesterton Overbridge – County Councillor Charles Shouler announced under section 106 money had been released for this project. However it would be a time consuming project hopefully starting initial survey within one month to include the whole road from Garden Centre to Chesterton Overbridge with a possible new road layout.
- d. Proposed new town – 30th April final consultations cut off date. Councillors to encourage individual letter. Parish Clerk (Mimi Powell) to send April's Eco Town report to DCLG, Margaret Beckett MP and Tony Baldry MP. County Councillor Charles Shouler opposes the scheme for various reasons.
- e. Proposed Incinerator at Ardley – County Councillor Charles Shouler informed the Parish Council that planning has been delayed and that a decision re' the incinerator would not be made before the County Council Elections in July.
- f. Willow trees – Main Street. Reply received from the Land Registry stating that there is no official ownership of the land in question. Chris Burton to contact tree surgeon for a price to remove the tree. Parish Clerk to contact Highways Department again to ascertain if they will take responsibility for the tree.
- g. Village fete – Plans progressing nicely. Well supported.
- h. Dog litter bins – The introduction of dog litter bins was opposed due to fact that the Councillors felt that people who clear up after there dogs already do so. Dog mess in the church yard is a problem as well as in St Giles Close. Article re' dog mess to be placed in Newsletter.
- i. Stutchfield Close – Concluded that problems in the close are the responsibility of the residents who live there. Clerk to inform Highway Department that at the top of Church Lane near Stutchfield Close near the telegraph pole the tarmac is breaking up due to heavy vehicles.`
- j. Litter pick – Date and time for litter pick decided. Saturday 13th June 2.30pm. Newsletter to publicise. Clerk to contact Cherwell District Council to possibly obtain equipment and remove garbage. Stream clearance postponed for now.

7. Reports

- a. County Council
 - County Council results from CPA were 3 star out of a possible 4 star. The same as last year. Finance department receiving top marks.
 - National cut backs on local spending inevitable. Schools should not be affected like other public expenditure.
 - County Council have forwarded to Unions a proposal for a pay increase of ½ % for 2009 / 10 and foresee problems.
 - Charles Shouler is a candidate for the county council election in June.
- b. District Council
 - District Councillor had opposed the 2.9% increase in council tax.
 - The possibility of recovering funds from Icelandic banks is being pursued.

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- 2010 earliest date for town centre development. Will depend on North West Bicester option being resolved first.
- The District Council support the building of an Eco Town at NW Bicester. The Land owners together with Andrew Fulljames oppose it
- Miller application for stabling etc next to Rectory Close had been refused
- c. Planning – No planning responses to be endorsed.

8. Other Matters

- a. Allotments – Various options available. Initial step is to ascertain the amount of people who would be interested. Several villagers have already approached Councillors. Newsletter article required to drum up any more interest. Possible Lottery grant available.
- b. Proposed Traffic Protest – The decision was made not to pursue this protest.
- c. Chiltern Railway – Meeting to take place at Wendlebury village hall on Wednesday 29th 7.30pm to include a presentation. Relevant points of interest are noise levels and footpaths.

9. Dates and times for next meetings were confirmed as

13th May Annual Parish Meeting

1st July – Parish Council Meeting

14th October – Parish Council Meeting

It was decided that for the annual meeting flyers would be sent out inviting members of the public to come for a glass of wine and some nibbles.

Chairman..... Date.....