

WENDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st July 2009 in the Village Hall.

1 member of the public attended.

Present: Parish Councillors Anna McDonagh (Chairperson), Kathy Sharp, Jackie Hucker, Justine Brown and Julian Cordy, County Councillor Charles Shouler and Mimi Powell (Parish Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Parish Councillors Chris Burton, Caroline Abbott and District Councillor Andrew Fulljames.
2. **Declarations of interest:** No declarations of interest at this time.
3. **The minutes of the Parish Council** meeting held on 22 April 2009 were approved and signed.
4. **Statutory business:**
 - a. Payments for churchyard and lighting were approved.
 - b. All declarations of interests were checked and approved.
5. **Matters arising:**
 - a. Flooding and flood plan – still waiting on a possible flood prevention scheme. Environment Agency to conduct a Cost Benefit Analysis as to whether or not this particular scheme is viable.
 - b. Meetings attended on behalf of the Council –
 - Chiltern Railways – Evergreen 3. Nothing relevant to Wendlebury was discussed. The Councillors (Kathy and Jackie) who attended the meeting left their contact details
 - Various meeting on the proposed new town have been attended and will be reported on at 5 C.
 - c. Proposed new town – no decision has been made about Western Otmoor or Northwest Bicester option. However a possible outcome is expected within the next few weeks or there won't be a decision till after Government Recess in October.
 - d. Road between garden centre and Chesterton overbridge – We were informed that the initial survey has started and County Councillor Charles Shouler is to follow up.
 - e. Allotments – Both Chesterton and Launton Allotments have been visited. Fairly extensive research is being done into allotment holders requirements / expectation in terms of size, availability of water, livestock and complying with allotments rules and regulations. There are a few possible sites but as of yet nothing is confirmed.
 - f. Willow tree in Main Street - Kerry Wilce's son is a tree surgeon. Jackie Hucker to follow up.
 - g. Chiltern Railways – Bicester Ad interested in Wendlebury Parish Council's objections. Bridleway, level crossing and footpath contact needs to be pursued. The Parish Council is aware that the Ramblers have recently walked footpaths in Wendlebury. Land swapping possibility for farmers
 - Footpath Warden – to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

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- h. Pavement in Rectory Close – County Councillor informed the Parish Council that this had been budgeted for in 2010 / 2011 but priority is given to more urgent jobs. Spraying weed killer is no longer permitted by the County Council.

6. Reports

a. County Council

- County Councillor Charles Shouler has been re-elected.
- County Council under spent for 2008 /9. Balance carried forward to 2009/10.
- Big school project planned money incorporated in budget.
- The planning application for the Ardley incinerator will no longer be heard in July but later in the year.

b. District Council – County Councillor Charles Shouler announced:

- Town centre redevelopment due to start in Jan. Sainsbury's and other businesses involved now investing as original developer pulled out.
- New library planned for the above development.

c. Planning –

- John Miller's planning application has been refused.
- Julian Cordy has withdrawn his planning application.
- Orchard House has been leased for 3 years to Bayberry Clinic.
- Councillors have been asked to try and circulate folders quicker especially planning applications. Parish Clerk to design and circulate a form with the planning applications so Councillors' objections and concerns can be noted easily.
- Parish Councillor Jackie Hucker has asked for a volunteer as she no longer wishes to deal with planning issues. Parish Councillor Caroline Abbott may wish to continue dealing with planning issues but Parish Councillor Julian Cordy has offered his services if required.

7. Other Matters

a. Village Plan

It was decided that the Village Plan would be resurrected in 2010 in conjunction with the village fete.

b. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

It was agreed that this could be of great interest but more information on the programme is required.

c. Parking within the village

Visibility at the junction of Church Lane and Main Street due to parked cars was raised. The possibility of a mirror to aid this problem is to be investigated by Councillor Justine Brown.

8. Any other business

a. Notification of holiday

Parish Clerk noted Councillors' holidays.

b. Dates for future Parish Council Meeting 2010

Note: All dates are to be confirmed in next Parish Council Meeting
January 13th Wednesday 2010

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April 21st Wednesday 2010
July 14th Wednesday 2010
October 13th Wednesday 2010

Annual Parish Council Meeting
May 19th Wednesday 2010

9. **Date and time for the next meeting** was confirmed as
Wednesday 14th October 2009 @ 8pm Parish Council Meeting

Chairman date

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

- Parish Councillor Julian Cordy would like to thank everyone involved, especially the Fete Committee, in making the fete a success and for raising so much money. Future events include Village of the Year Competition on Saturday 4th July and a Christmas Family Carol Event.
- Bucknell Parish Council has asked Wendlebury Parish Council if they can add their name to emails to the Planning Committee re' the Incinerator at Ardley. Wendlebury Parish Council agreed.