

WENDLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 26 January 2010 in the Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors: Anna McDonagh, Jackie Hucker, Kathy Sharp, Caroline Abbott, Julian Cordy, Chris Burton and Mimi Powell (Parish Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor: Justine Brown, District Councillor Andrew Fulljames and County Councillor Charles Shouler
2. Declarations of interest: No declarations of interest at this time.
3. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th October 2009 were approved and signed.
4. Statutory business:
 - a. The following payments were approved:
 - Churchyard lighting – a request was made to check the outside church lighting in relation to both the timing and bulb replacement –
Julian Cordy to action.. £ 20.00
 - ½ Clerk's annual salary £500.64
 - Village Hall (5 meetings) £ 40.00
 - Newsletter £100.00
 - Woodland grant £ 88.58
 - Notice board £700.00 + VAT
 - Pollarding of Willow Tree £258.50 + VAT
 - b. Precept for the year 2010 -11 – it was agreed to set the precept at £4240 – this is the estimated cost of expenditure.
5. Matters arising:
 - a. Flooding – The Environmental Agency is working with the Parish Council to try and improve flooding within the village. Problem bridges are being investigated. The brook from the Village Hall towards the motorway, has now been dredged and lower boughs have been removed where needed. This should improve the speed that water flows away in heavy rain.
 - b. Meetings attended on behalf of the Council –
 - Parish Liaison Meeting – Councillors Caroline Abbott and Jackie Hucker attended this meeting. Details have already been circulated.
 - c. Proposed new town – The Parish Council is now awaiting the planning application for the Eco Town.
 - d. Allotments – Parish Council still awaiting replies from land owners. Letters to be sent to the land owners requesting a response. **Clerk to action.**
 - e. Willow tree in Main Street – It was concluded that the Willow trees in Main Street need pollarding to keep under control. The Parish Council has agreed to initially pay for the pollarding of both trees if the two households in question agree to undertake future maintenance on the Willows. One household has already agreed to maintain the Willow Tree closest to them.

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- f. Footpath Warden – It was decided that this matter should be implemented within the Village Plan.
 - g. Mirror re' Church Lane – **Chris Burton** to follow up.
 - h. Notice Board – A new notice board has been ordered from the wood mill within the village and the Parish Council are now awaiting delivery.
 - i. Village Plan – the Councillors believe that a Village Plan could be very beneficial to the village. Support and grants are available for such projects and are to be investigated. **Julian Cordy to action.**
6. Reports
- a. County Council – not present
 - b. District Council – not present
 - c. Planning
 - 6 planning applications were endorsed by the Parish Council; 1 application withdrew.
 - Chiltern Evergreen 3 Project – The Parish Council is monitoring this application very closely, in particular noise levels, public footpaths and assets across the track.
7. Other Matters
- a. Cold Weather / traffic disruption – it was reported that the salt bin Wendlebury side of the M40 bridge is missing. **Clerk to Investigate.**
 - b. Bicester Village Traffic- there has been a lot of concern about the traffic associated with Bicester Village specifically over the Christmas period. The Parish council are liaising with various council bodies to try and find some solutions to this – a Facebook site 'I Hate Bicester Village Traffic' now has more than 1400 members and is helping to put pressure on Oxfordshire County Council to do something to ease the traffic. There is also an e-petition on the No. 10 Downing Street website, Number10.gov.uk, with 95 signatures as of January 27th.
 - c. Proposed incinerator at Ardley – This has now gone to appeal and the Parish Council will be objecting to the incinerator for the same reason as they previously objected.
8. Any other business
- a. Notification of holiday – Councillors to keep Parish Clerk informed of holidays.
 - b. Anna McDonagh has resigned from both the position of Chairman and from the Parish Council.
9. Date and time for the next meeting confirmed as
Tuesday 27th April 2010 8pm Parish Council Meeting

Chairman date