

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 19 June 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present- Chairman	Mr E Webb
Councillors	Mrs M Peyton, Dr. N Strudwick
District Councillors	Mr N Cathcart and Mr D McCraith
Parish Clerk	Mrs Y Albery
Parishioners	2 Present

1.0 Apologies for absence received from County Councillor L Oliver, Vice Chairman C Byatt, Councillors L Ginger, P Neale and Prof. A Milton.

2.0 Approval of previous minutes

All councillors agreed that the minutes of the last meeting were correct and the Chairman (Mr E Webb) signed them accordingly, including one copy for the Main Notice Board.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 Village Hall Boundary Wall

Three enquiries have been issued for the rebuilding and we are awaiting replies. The adjacent neighbour has been very cooperative in helping to deal with the problem.

3.2 Affordable Homes

A meeting had been arranged to meet members of the SCDC regarding eligibility for the affordable homes. Unfortunately the meeting had to be cancelled. Another meeting will be arranged, hopefully during July and District Councillor Cathcart will assist in setting up the meeting. Concern was expressed that funding for this scheme does not appear to be available yet. The Clerk is keeping in communication with Bedford Pilgrims regarding progress.

4.0 New Correspondence

Cambridge Water Company is running the annual competition 'Cambridge Water Village Life Fund'.

Councillor Strudwick asked if all correspondence for the past month, could be listed and form part of the Minutes. Councillor Peyton stated that a lot of the post received has no relevance to this village. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

5.0 Planning

S/0859/06/F College Farm, Church Street, Whaddon for Mr and Mrs Elbourn. An extension.

S/0971/06/F 111 Meldreth Road, Whaddon, for Mr and Mrs Warren for a conservatory.

S/1134/06/LB Whaddon Grange, Bridge Street, for Mr N Shaw. Alterations to kitchen hearth, raising and replacement of bressumer beam, renovation of bread oven.

6.0 ROSPA Report

The ROSPA report has not yet been received, but the day after the playground was inspected, Chairman Webb received a telephone call telling him that the 'monkey climbing frame' was rotted and should not be used. Subsequently after further inspection by the Chairman, it was decided to have the frame removed for safety reasons. This has now been done. The children of the village who have been using this equipment, were asked to form a group and come up with suggestions for a replacement.

7.0 Finance

Cheque No. 100504, £120 for removal and disposal of Climbing Frame, to Mr Roger Taylor.

Cheque No. 100505, £60 for auditing of accounts for 2005/06, to Mr P Chilvers.

Cheque No. 100506, £15.32 for telephone expenses, to Mr E Webb.

Cheque No. 100507, £50.00 for Whaddon News Letter, to Mr K Charles.

Cheque No. 100508, £615.46 for Clerk's salary, to Mrs Y Albery (includes £22.90 expenses)

Monies Received

£601.99 for Grass Cutting

£100.41 for Recycling for year 2005/2006

7.01 Agreement of 2005/06 Accounts

The Clerk asked for approval of the above accounts and all councillors present approved them.

7.02 Reclaiming VAT

As a result of an article in 'The Clerk' magazine, enquiries are being made into the amount of VAT which may be claimed in a given year.

VAT booklet 729 which appears to cover the subject has been given to the Chairman for his perusal.

8.0 Village Hall Management Committee

The latest situation report on the sewer connection was requested. The clerk has been in contact with Anglia Water and has been told to expect that permission to proceed will be granted in the next few days.

Thanks were given to Mr Ron Albery for overseeing the work on the Village Hall lighting, which is now up and running.

A meeting has recently been held covering ideas for improvements to the Village Hall.

The positions of the proposed bollards will be finalised by the Parish Council.

The Village BBQ will be held on Saturday July 1st 2006 at 7.30 pm on the Recreation Ground.

9.0 Any Other Business

County Councillor Oliver sent some notes to the meeting which included:-

- Distraction Burglaries (people posing as Utilities Officials, gardeners, children collecting balls from gardens etc.)
- Herts. Fire and Rescue Service has moved services and manpower closer to S Cambs. during periods of the Hertfordshire strike, to cover emergencies.
- At Stansted Airport, BAA has applied for maximum use of the existing runway and has requested a major increase in aircraft movements and passenger numbers. Cambridgeshire County Council is not supportive of any relaxation of current controls.

Councillor Peyton stated that in her opinion the grass verges were not very well cut on the last occasion. The Chairman will investigate.

Councillor Strudwick expressed disquiet at what appeared to be some heavy-handed action by the police in Bassingbourn. He was somewhat reassured by the District Councillors that there have been a few problems there which are being addressed. He also felt that the police had used inappropriate language to describe miscreants in an e –mail, and had made a complaint, and received an apology. He still felt local police behaviour should be watched carefully. He then asked what highway work was happening at Meldreth cross roads.

Councillor Cathcart said that a new entrance was being created for the Meldreth affordable homes.

A reminder was given of the date of the Church Fete (15th July).

The meeting was now opened to the public.

A member of the public said that he was interested in the replacement of the climbing frame as he felt that it was a good piece of equipment for a wide age range of children. He would also be interested in helping with the acquisition of any new equipment.

The meeting was closed at 8.50 pm. Date of next meeting is 17th July at 7.30 pm