
Filkins & Broughton Poggs Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm, The Village Hall, 27th September 2016

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: K Perry- Chairman, (KP), R Bohm (RB), R Jones (RJ), N Walsh (NW)

1 Apologies for absence: Roger Chitty, Jeremy Irwin-Singer

2 To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest: None

3 Adjournment for public participation.

3.1 Wall / Fence behind Bridge Cottage

Comment from the floor that the fence behind Bridge Cottage is in poor conditions and part of the stone wall has collapsed. Cllr KP agreed to inspect and to speak to the owners

3.2 Proposal for a Community Orchard – Mr A Hoad

Mr Hoad gave a presentation concerning the possibility of planting a Community Orchard that could be sited in Hardcastle's Field. St Filica, who currently rent the field, has no objection if the scheme gets the go ahead.

He proposed that the Orchard be planted with 10 - 12 small, disease free trees that would not grow beyond a manageable height of 3.5m. These would include a variety of fruit trees: damsons, cherries, pears but no apples; and planted in such a way as to allow temporary parking for village events. He anticipated that up to 50 cars could be parked and screened from the road. Animals would also be allowed to graze.

Pedestrian access would be to the side of a locked gate which would replace the existing one. This would be positioned four feet back into the field in line with the wall. The orchard would be opened during the fruit season for residents to access.

Estimated costs:

£30 - £40 per tree

£400 for a new gate plus mulch and repairs to fencing

Timescale:

If given the go ahead work could start immediately.

Mr(s) C Payne, I Grey, C Frank and A Hoad would implement the project and carry on initial care for up to 2-3 years but he envisaged that after this period the Orchard would be controlled by the Parish Council

Funding required from the Parish Council would be circa £600

The Parish Council agreed that this was a worthy project for the community.

Cllr RO proposed and Cllr R B seconded.

4 Minutes

4.1 Minutes of the July PC meeting were agreed by all and duly signed

4.2 Matters for information only arising from these minutes: None

5 Finance

5.1 Report on cheques paid list and account balances

These were agreed by the Council

Signed.....

Mr Keith Perry - Chairman

- 6 Village Centre**
- 6.1 Bowling Club** current issues (JIS) Ongoing. Cllr JIS is looking at a License
- 6.2 Damp problem** at the Museum and Office – Cllr R B stated that this was due to water underneath in the cellar and this was not an easy problem to resolve. He recommended that more ventilation is required.
- 6.3 Swimming Pool** – The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Ian Grey for his work in installing a temporary floor in the changing room.
- 6.4 Allotments**- All village allotments are now full. There is still one available at the Gassons. There has been a complaint about the state of one of the allotments at the Gassons that needs attention.
Cllr N W suggested that if no one is interested in the spare allotment then could the area be used for a Croquet Club? The terms of the lease from WODC needs to be looked at and also whether this action would require a change of use application
- 6.5 Playground** - Cllr RJ has received a quotation for the two pieces of equipment that have been taken down. Cllr RJ said it was necessary to decide on what other items need replacing and how much F&BP can put into the budget. KP agreed that a full quotation needs to be obtained from two other sources. Also a regular inspection schedule of the equipment needs to be implemented
- 6.6** The Parish Council agreed that the mower and strimmer, used by the Groundsman, are in poor condition and need to be replaced. Cllr RJ agreed to source and replace the equipment.
- 7 Planning and Cemetery subcommittee report**
- 7.1 Report on new and existing applications**
- Broctun House** – it was reported that the that the tree, near the boundary wall on the road side is not shown on the plans and the build would be seen from the road
- Vine Cottage** – alterations, no adverse comments
- Millers Cottage**- resubmission, awaiting receipt of plans
- Merchants Cottage** – slight amendment, no adverse comments
- 2, Saxons Close** – listed building, alterations, retrospective application
- 7.2 Cemetery Issues**
- A grave stone has been erected in the Cemetery, without permission from F&BP Parish Council. It does not comply with regulations and has not been paid for. A letter has been sent to the family concerned
- 8 Other Village Issues**
- 8.1 Oxfordshire Together** update (KP). Cllr JIS has reviewed the contract submitted and recommended that F&BP do not accept
- 8.2 Street light progress** (JIS) – ongoing
- 8.3 Trees works:** update (KP) now completed
- 8.4 Car Parking** is once again becoming an issue.
Cllr KP agreed to speak with the 5 Alls and the nursery
- 8.5 Correspondence received** (Mr. R Martin) (KP) Cllr KP has now responded
- 8.6 Dog Noise complaint** – not a Parish Council issue and the police have been informed
- 9. Vacancy for a Councillor**
- 9.1** Cllr Roger Chitty has offered his resignation. W.O.D.C to be informed and notices to be displayed around the villages advertising the vacancy. F & BP thanked Cllr Chitty for his continuous hard work, proactive input and ongoing dedication to improving village life.
- 10. Future Meetings**
- 10.1** Date of next meeting will be the 8th November, 7.30pm, in the Committee room, Filkins Village Hall.

Signed.....
Mr Keith Perry - Chairman

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