
Filkins & Broughton Poggs Parish Council

Minutes 21st July 2016

Present:

Clr K Perry – Chairman (KP), Clr R Bohm (RB), Clr R Chitty,
Clr N Walsh (N W), Clr Jeremy Irwin-Singer (JIS)

The meeting began at 7.30pm.

1 Apologies for absence: Clr R Jones, Clr D MacFarlane, Clr P Handley

2 To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest: None reported

3 Adjournment for public participation.

Diane Blackett reported that the cellar of the museum and the office were very damp. She informed the Council that the Men's changing room, at the swimming pool, was in a poor state of repair.

Action: (RB) Clr R Bohm agreed that although ventilation may help it will not remove the dampness and that a damp specialist/builder should take a look at the problem ASAP.

4 Minutes

4.1 The minutes of the May 2016 PC meeting were agreed as correct.

Clr JIS proposed and Clr N W seconded

4.2 Matters for information only arising from these minutes: none

5 Finance

5.1 Report on cheques paid list and account balances (attached) were: agreed by all Clr KP proposed, Clr RB seconded

5.2 The council accepted the audited accounts for 2015/2016

5.3 Mandate Progress: the Clerk reported that the necessary forms had been sent to the Bank for changes to signatories.

5.4 Pensions Regulator: Clr KP reported that this had to be completed by 31st August 2016

6 Village Centre

6.1 **Bowling Club** Progress current issues:

Clr JIS reported this was still in progress and would report at the next meeting

6.2 **Swimming Pool**

The Sensor light needs to be fixed and the Ladies changing room floor/cellar – need attention.

Action: It was agreed that Clr RB would pursue with Ian Gray

6.3 **Gassons allotments** maintenance:

Clr KP reported that the allotments are seriously overgrown and suggested that Chris Maunders to be asked to strim/cut the plots. **Action: RJ**

6.4 **Playground** – progress including ROSPA report recommendations (RJ)

Clr KP reported that the two items of unsafe equipment had been taken down at no extra cost.

Action: Clr RJ to update all as to the ongoing situation on his return from holiday.

Signed.....

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7 Planning and Cemetery subcommittee report

7.1 Report on existing applications: None

8 Village issues:

8.1 Cessation of Bus Route service 64 Progress (JIS) on the 20th July, Cllr JIS had spoken with Pulhams and they reported they had no plans to re-instate without a subsidy from O.C.C.

8.2 Vacant Glasson's allotments and maintenance: see 6.3

8.3 Advertising availability of Gassons allotments{

Action: Posters to be placed in the village advertising plots available. AT

9 Other Village Issues

9.1 **RAF Brize Norton** Quarterly liaison meeting postponed – Cllr KP said he had not yet received notification of when the next meeting would be.

9.2 **Oxfordshire Together** update (KP) JIS to look at the proposed contract and report on its implications at the next F&BP meeting

9.3 **OCC warning sign B4477** – Traffic Group (JIS) this has now been fixed. Council recorded a vote of thanks to Cllr Peter Handley for his help

9.4 **Street light progress** (JIS). Ongoing, Cllr JIS has been in touch with SSE and his contact, Peter Smeaton, has left and he is waiting for an update from his replacement

9.5 **Tree works:** Hardcastle's Field and Vale Wood (KP):

Cllr KP reported that there had been concern over the ownership of part of Hardcastle's Field and after investigation the trees are F&BP PC responsibility and he will progress with obtaining quotations for work to be carried out.

9.6 **Correspondence received (KP)**

A letter has been received from a Filkins resident and the Council considered its content. The questions asked are detailed below:

9.61 Could the Council adopt a more coherent communications policy?

Response: The Clerk has posted notices at three points in the Village and has also asked for email addresses of residents in order that they can be updated with developments/meetings. Several residents have come forward already.

Signed.....

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9.62 Could Hardcastle's Field be used for permanent car parking?

Response: The Council does not concur with this motion because of increased traffic at the nearby junction. This is as a result of Brize Norton commuter traffic travelling through the village and all agreed it would cause problems at certain times of the day at an already busy junction.

The situation has arisen because of the business expansion of the 5 Alls and the Children's nursery. Cllr KP suggested that this matter should be discussed at the included at the next F&BP meeting in September agenda both parties to discuss.

9.63 Sale of Affordable Housing.

Response: KP stated that although we may not agree with the policy it is a matter for WODC and Cottsway Housing and not F&BP PC

9.64 What is happening with the Environment Group?

Response: It was agreed that as Mr R Martin had expressed an interest in chairing this group. The F&BP Parish Council were happy for him to deal with the local concerns. However, close contact would be needed and minutes of the meeting provided to F &BP PC.

10. Future Meetings

Date of next meeting – change of date. The next two meetings will be held on September 27th and 8th of November respectively

Signed.....

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The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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