

A meeting of the EATHORPE, HUNNINGHAM, OFFCHURCH AND WAPPENBURY, JOINT PARISH COUNCIL, held on Tuesday 18th January 2011, at Hunningham, at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillor R. Sargent, Chairman, Councillors D. Varnish, Mrs. J. Hedderwick, Mrs. R. Commander, Mrs. J. Medwell, A. Phillips, Mrs. J. Foyer, Mrs. M. Green and D. Crisford.

Also present, District Councillor N. Pratt.

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Councillor W. Redford, J. Hammon, and County Councillor M. Doody.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

3. MINUTES.

Under Rail Link, it was agreed to add that Councillor Sargent had spoken with Jeremy Wright MP, and noted that there is no plan for the government to hold a referendum. With this amendment, the minutes were then agreed, and signed by the chairman.

MATTERS ARISING.

The swing has been installed at Eathorpe, and once the weather clears, it was agreed to check whether or not any safety surfacing is needed.

The application for Corner House has been withdrawn, as there is no licence for a septic tank.

Offa tree surgeons will shortly be undertaking the tree cutting at Offchurch.

The speed gun has been obtained, and has been used at Offchurch.

Councillor Phillips attended Marton Parish Council, re Broadband, and noted that the police from Rugby try to attend as many meetings as possible, in their area.

Work has been done on the car park at the Stag, but as yet do not have planning permission.

5. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Mr. Ward was unable to attend, but will join us at our next meeting.

6. PLANNING

W101067:Stap Aside, Hunningham	Conservatory	Refused
W101133:Land at Welsh Road	Stable Block	Granted
W101134: do	Storage	Refused
W101318:Stoneyford House Kathorpe	Brick Wall	Granted
W101576:Highfield Ollichurch	Extension	No Objn
W101580:Offa House	Fire escape	do

7. HIGHWAYS

Repairs are needed at the junction near Snowford Cottages.

Items reported, with repairs promised at Ollichurch are a damaged lamppost, Broken street name ans reinstatement of a public footpath.

A finger post at Hunningham is to be replaced.

There is a campaign for vehicle signs in Welsh Road, but a census that was done during the bad weather, will be done again in the spring.

8. POLICE MATTERS

E Mail information is only spasmodic, but police did attend for a short while at Kathorpe recently.

Councillor Pratt reported that the District Council had a recent demonstration by the police, and advised that they have to make large finance savings. Various ways have been suggested, and they have already cut back 250 officers. He noted that if it is possible to manage now, without them, why not before.

RAIL LINK

The County Council have decided to oppose, and the District Council have donated funds to the main opposition group. Jeremy Wright opposes the route.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The various notices etc. were distributed.

11. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Sargent advised of a recent competition to obtain improved Broadband, called the Race to Infinity. People were asked to register for the service, with the top 5 areas winners. This area had come 6th. However, BT may extend this, and Marton may yet be included. Councillor Phillips noted that they will examine the top 10. The present 5 are all in the south London area. It is possible that some funds will need to be raised.

After discussion, it was agreed hold the annual parish dinner sometime after the may elections.

12. FINANCE.

Receipts:-148.62 VAT. Payments:- 908 £61 Subs. 909 £90 Hedges. 910 £2257.77.911 £60 Moles. 912 £13.66 printing. 913.£335 Clerk 914. £40 Play Inspn. 915 £187 Playground repairs.

Offchurch request an additional gritting bin, and it was agreed that the clerk would order one. Hunningham are also discussing applying, to be discussed at the next meeting.

The clerk noted that the insurance should be increased to include the bins, and that the playground equipment is also under valued. It was agreed to amend this, with the play equipment increased to £15000.

The clerk had produced figures for the next precept, which would need to take into account that it is election year. He proposed a figure of £13060.

Councillor Phillips proposed this be accepted, and seconded by councillor Mrs. Medwell it was agreed that the clerk make application for that figure.

13.A.O.B.

Councillor Phillips had been contacted by the Wildlife Trust over a proposal to link up the present wildflower meadow at Hunningham with the old railway line project. A response to their funding application will be known in march. Meanwhile, they wish to make contact with youth groups in our area, and it was suggested that the Hathorpe Table Tennis group may be approached.. Also to note it in the magazine.

13 A.O.D. continued...

The manhole cover at Wappenbury still needs attention.

The Offchurch Plan is proceeding. A steering group has been formed, and the Draft Plan circulated. If agreed, it will then be brought to the JPC for approval.

Next meeting, 15 March at Offchurch.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm