

A meeting of the EATHORPE, HUNNINGHAM, OFFCHURCH AND WAPPENBURY JOINT PARISH COUNCIL, held on Tuesday 18th May 2010, at Eathorpe at 7.30pm.

## PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES Received from Councillor Mrs. C. Foyer *Councillors*  
*as: Doody & Hammon*

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None

## 3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Phillips proposed Councillor R. Sargent as chairman, and seconded by Councillor Redford, this was agreed unanimously.

Councillor Redford proposed Councillor Mrs. Medwell as Vice Chairman, and seconded by Councillor Hammon, this too was agreed unanimously..

## 4. MINUTES

Having been circulated beforehand, the minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting and signed by the chairman.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING.

A letter has been sent about the dog bins at the Greenway, but no response as yet. The Gritting bins have been received, and the clerk to arrange for the District to provide the grit.

The fencing at Hunningham, that is creating a new access has been reported to the enforcement officer, who has visited. A planning application is to be submitted

## 6. PLANNING

100279:Fosseway Barns

Conversion.

Granted

## 7. HIGHWAYS

The County Council invite us to install temporary flashing speed signs, but after a brief discussion it was agreed not to pursue.

Offchurch have installed 3 floral displays at each village nameplate, and we are asked to include them on our insurance. Replacement value is about £300 each. This was agreed. The cost has been provided locally, and the clerk is asked to convey our thanks to Mr. Ian White, and Mr. and Mrs. Clark.

It is also suggested that some small notice be attached to the boxes, along the lines of Slow Down and enjoy the village. We are asked for our comments. Whilst there was no overall objection, there also was not much enthusiasm. Concern was expressed that they would detract from the appearance, and there is a safety issue with drivers trying to read small notices.

A letter received from Cubbington Parish Council expresses concern over heavy vehicles using the Welsh Road between Offchurch and Cubbington. Damage to grass verges have been caused, and there are worries over the weight of vehicles crossing the bridge. Whilst we agree with their comments, it is felt that having raised the matter of a weight limit before, it is unlikely to receive favour.

Councillor Hammon referred to the earlier site meeting arranged at Wappenbury bus shelter, and which had to be cancelled. He asked for a further approach to consider hedge cutting, a manhole cover, and the nearby junction.

## 8. POLICE MATTERS

No police matters as such, but it was noted from the Community Forum, that a speed check had been carried out near the Stag, but few offenders recorded. Speed guns could be considered, but we are not convinced that this should be the responsibility of the parish, but is police work.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

The various notices etc. were distributed.

## 10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Phillips reported that the annual dinner had been a success.

Councillor Sargent reported that the Community Forum held at Offchurch had been well attended, and proved to be an interesting meeting. A youth community offer had given a good presentation..

He thanked Councillor Phillips as outgoing chairman for his work during his term of office.

## 11. FINANCE

Receipts: £6450 Precept and Concurrent Services.

Payments: Chq 868 £113.75. 869 £618.84 Gritting Bins. 870 £20 Room Hire 871 £4.94 printing. 872 £20 Room hire. 873 £176 Mowing. 874 £69 Repairs. 875 £40 Play Inspection. 876 £162 Walc. 878 £20 Room hire. 877 £637.27 Insurance. 879 £302.50 Clerk.

The year accounts had been prepared and circulated beforehand. Most figures were similar to the previous year, administration costs being fairly standard. The total in hand at the end of the year is £11366.94.

Councillor Hammon proposed that the accounts be accepted, and seconded by councillor Redford, this was agreed..

Prior to the audit requirements, the statutory form was completed and signed by the chairman and clerk.

Councillor Redford asked that the ground at the Mill pond be cut, left for 6 weeks, and then cut again. He also requested that a baby swing be erected in the Eathorpe playing field. The clerk to enquire re cost etc.

An allotment association is being set up at Eathorpe for the ground near the village hall. We are to be offered the lease, and Eathorpe councillors asked us to accept this, in order to give some control and manage,emt. It is suggested that first refusal to allotment holders should be given to those residents of the joint parishes. There will be some costs involved, and it was agreed that when a lease is produced, we should seek legal advice before making any commitment., having been proposed by councillor Phillips and seconded by councillor Redford.

12 RAIL LINK.

We received notice of a meeting at the Shire Hall on 27th May, inviting us to send a representative. Councillor Crisford offered to attend, and Councillor Hammon will be there on behalf of the District.

Meetings have been held at offchurch and Weston, both of which were well attended, and Offchgurch have agreed to set up an action committee, the chairman being Mr. Geddis. The Compensation Scheme had been discussed , and locals affected are asked to write individually their objections. Councillor Phillips is concerned over the apathy at Hunningham, and also noted that no one from Weston volunteered their services. Reasoned arguments must be prepared before the consultation date. There is concern over the Hardship Scheme, and it is noted that many are already affected, and full value for property unlikely.

*Sargent- Crisford* Councillor ~~Crisford~~ will draft a letter for the JPC registering our concerns. Councillor ~~Sargent~~ will do likewise for the action group

13 A.O.B. None

Next meeting July 20th at Hunningham.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm