

A meeting of the EATHORPE, HUNNINGHAM, OFFCHURCH AND WAPPENBURY JOINT PARISH COUNCIL, held on Tuesday 16th November 2010, at Eathorpe at 7.30pm.

PRESENT.

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

Also present, 7 members of the public.

1.APOLOGIES

Received from Councillor Mrs. Green, County Councillor M.Doody and District Councillor N.Pratt.

2.DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs. Medwell declared an interest in the Eathorpe allotment and orchard scheme.

3.EATHORPE COMMUNITY ORCHARD

The group have been offered a field for allotments and an orchard the first choices for the plots being locals. After which they may be opened to others. The association is not yet fully formed, needing to first obtain a lease. They ask The JPC to take over the lease, to make sure that the village interests are properly represented. Handouts were provided showing a plan of the proposed plots, most of which are already taken. The layout, and screening were explained by Mr. Woods, on their behalf. There are 22 subscribers, and a constitution has been agreed. Individual plots will not be leased separately, to keep control. Running costs will be provided from rents, with the lease being for £1000pa, for a 15 year period. The orchard will be open to the community.

A question and answer session followed, and it was then agreed to discuss the matter further under finance.

4.MINUTES.-

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

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There is a similar problem on School Hill, near the Stag, the quote being for £410. As this is not our responsibility, it was felt this would create a precedent. It was, therefore, decided to go ahead with the first two only..

6. HIGHWAYS...Continued.

There seems to be insufficient parking spaces at the Stag, with cars now being parked on the Welsh Road, which is now a hazard.

A resident near the bridge at Offchurch, has expressed concern over speeding traffic. The officer consulted suggests a scheme to have white lines, or signs, or perhaps 2 flashing signs. A census needs to be carried out to see if it is justified. This will probably take place in december. The Warwickshire area committee could be approached for some finance. Councillor Sargent will contact Councillor Doody.

The road surface on the Hunningham/Long Itchington Road, near the junction with Snowford Hill Cottages is in need of attention.. Clerk to advise Highways.

7. POLICE MATTERS

Most items already dealt with, but it was noted that there had been a recent accident on the Welsh road.

8. HOUSING NEEDS REVIEW.

Following last years presentation, Councillor Sargent feels that an update would be appropriate. We had earlier decided not to do a separate survey, but to wait for details from the Offchurch Plan. This is to be published shortly. People have been asked for comments, and 33 had stated a need for affordable housing. It was suggested that we invite Phil Ward to return to advise the present position. Councillor Hammon reported that the District Council will be consulting us re housing within the coming year. Councillor Sargent will arrange to contact mr. Ward.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The various notices and booklets were distributed.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman had attended the District Civic Service and supper. There was a speaker from the Rural Coalition, a group of various organizations, about producing a Rural Challenge. This is to be circulated, and a seminar will follow in February.

There were also reports on the Youth Panel and community forum.

11, FINANCE

Received £3580 Precept: Payments:- chq 897£40 Play Inspn.
898.£176 Mowing. 899 £185 Grit Bins. 900 £88 Mowing.
901. £97 Repairs. 902. £148.05 Rospa. 903 £20 Room Hire.
904 £736.38 Insurance. 905 £335 Clerk.907 £54 Play Repairs.

Eathorpe have obtained a £1500 grant towards the cost of a swing. An additional £768.50 is needed, which is all inclusive. It was agreed that we provide this.

Community Farm Bond. There are two possible sites to choose from. We are requested to contribute to a £3000 bond requirement with a suggested 50% This would be to ensure that the land would be restored, should the venture fold. We are sympathetic to this, but feel we should wait for the court case outcome, before deciding.

Eathorpe Lease.

A solicitor has been consulted, and there are queries to be resolved. Concerns were expressed, and a variety of issues were discussed, especially over clauses to be requested. Solicitor's fees are estimated at about £650.

Councillor Mrs. Medwell, having already declared an interest, did not vote on the issue.

After a full discussion, it was unanimously agreed to take on the lease, and meet the costs stted.

A.O.B.

None.

Next Meeting 18th January at Hunningham

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.