

A meeting of the EATHORPE, HUNNINGHAM, OFFCHURCH AND WAPPENBURY JOINT PARISH COUNCIL, held on Tuesday 21st September 2010, at Offchurch at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Councillor R Sargent, Chairman, councillors D. Varnish, D. Crisford, A phillips, Mrs. M. Green J. Hammon, Mrs. R. Commander and W. Redford, N. Pratt
Also present Councillor B Mackay, chairman of the District Council, and Mrs. A Shackleton.

Chairman Welcomed our visitors, and before the meeting, Annabel Shackleton gave an outline of proposals for a community farm.

It will be a joint village venture, and 46 people have so far shown an interest.

It is anticipated that it will include pigs, chickens, a vegetable plot and an orchard to be run on 3 acres, and has been set up as a registered business. The actual site has not yet been established, the two possibilities being around Weston, either near the village or Bridge Farm. The County Council have asked for a bond of £1k per acre, and they therefore seek a guarantee for this, should the project fold. Weston support the venture but would prefer access to be away from the dangerous bend in the village. It will be run on a club basis, with produce not being for sale, apart from perhaps fruit from the orchard. Funds have been applied for, and the setting up cost of £28k was explained. The bond could be shared with the 2 parish councils so far approached. There is a lot of enthusiasm, and training will have to be arranged

1. APOLOGIES

Received from Councillors Mrs. J. Hedderwick, Mrs. J. Medwell, Mrs. C. Foyer and County Councillor M. Doody

2. MINUTES

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

MATTERS ARISING

The access gates on Hunningham Hill are not considered satisfactory, and are to be for pedestrian use only.

Although having written and telephoned, it is clear that the waste bin for the Greenway, will not be provided.

The site meeting was held at Wappenbury, and we are promised that the bracken will be cleared, but no action so far.

Councillor Varnish contacted Highways re the hedges at Offchurch. They will carry out a survey, but do not generally cut back because of telephone wires, unless they are actually broken.

With regard to the gates at Offchurch, free legal advice is available from WALC, and Councillor Sargent will make contact.

Eathorpe have applied to the Community Forum for funds for the playground swing, which will further be discussed at our next meeting.

Councillor Phillips has requested a speed gun and awaits a response. Police sergeant Holtby has been replaced by Sergeant Edward King.

4. PLANNING

W100974:1, Barn Farm Cottages, Wappenbury
W101067: Step Aside, Hunningham

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5. HIGHWAYS

Offchurch Councillors will undertake speed gun training when available.

Cubbington approached us about heavy vehicles on Welsh Road and the bridge. They are keen to set up a monitoring system, which although is felt time consuming, will be discussed by Offchurch councillors.

Following Councillor Varnish contacting the land owner, stiles have been repaired between Offchurch and the Welsh Road.

Cars parking at Eathorpe Village Hall have been scratched from overgrown hedges. Councillor Redford will pursue this.

6 POLICE MATTERS

We continue to receive E. Mail reports, but there was no mention of the recent break in at Offchurch Sports.

AYLESFORD/HADDON CHARITY

Two representatives are required, and Offchurch councillors will discuss. Response to be sent to Robert Inman, Corniche, Welsh Road.

8. WATERMARK.

A nationwide initiative for energy planning. They wish to carry out a district exercise next march, for dealing with flooding. Eathorpe are committed to taking part and await further details. Councillor Phillips has literature on this, yet to be studied, and will discuss with Mike Potter.

9 WARWICKSHIRE AREA COMMITTEE.

Councillor Sargent attended a recent meeting, re setting up a new body of parish councils. A small working group has been set up to form a constitution, spelling out the proposals. It is open to any council, and an improvement on the earlier one. Next meeting is October 27th, and we need to decide if we wish to take part. Councillor Hammon felt it will duplicate matters already available, whilst Councillor Sargent felt there is merit on joining others with common interests. After discussion, the meeting decided further clarification was need on several matters, and that they do not wish to participate.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

The various notices were distributed.

Councillor Mackay was invited to speak on his term of office, and noted that his emphasis is to be on rural affairs. He spoke of the various groups operating, and is obtaining copies of information, which will be sent to us. He outlined various changes and proposals, and wishes to make contact with farming communities. He is pursuing the late payments with funding for farmers. He is also involved in the discretionary travel system, and a report is due shortly.

11. RAIL LINK

There is now a new route proposal that varies a few metres, with Cubbington Wood being less affected. It is also to be set lower in the landscape. It is still, however, subject to inquiry. Offchurch have a further meeting on 11th October. The County Council are awaiting more definite proposals, before making their decision.

12. FINANCE

Payments:-chq 888 £20 Room Hire. 889 £220 Tel Kiosk. 890 £176 Mowing. 891 £158.63 audit. 892.£176 Mowing. 893. £283 repairs.894 £20 Room Hire 895. £335 Clerk.

The audit has now been completed and the certificate received.

£20 has been received as a donation for providing car parking on the Offchurch field, at a recent wedding. The question of insurance for future events needs to be established.

13 A.O.B.

some fencing near offchurch bridge has fallen, believed to belong to Harry Johnson.

The County are to set up a scrutiny council, and Councillor Mrs. Medwell has offered to represent us.

Next meeting 16th November at Eathorpe.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.