

A meeting of the EATHORPE, HUNNINGHAM, OFFCHURCH AND WAPPENBURY JOINT PARISH COUNCIL, held on Tuesday 20th July 2010, at Hunningham at 7.30pm.

## PRESENT

Councillor R. Sargent, chairman, and councillors D. Varnish, A. Phillips, Mrs. C. Foyer, J. Hammon, Mrs. R. Commander W. Redford, and D. Crisford.  
Also present District Councillor N. Pratt and County Councillor M. Doody.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Received from Councillors Mrs. J. Hedderwick, Mrs. M. Green and Mrs. J. Medwell.

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.                      None

## 3. MINUTES

Having been circulated beforehand , the minutes were taken as read.  
Councillors M. Doody and N. Pratt had been omitted from the apologies.  
Under item 12 , the names of Councillors R. Sargent and D. Crisford had been reversed.  
These alterations having been made, the chairman signed the minutes.

## 4. MATTERS ARISING.

The fencing at Hunningham Hill has gates, but Planning Department tell us that permission is not required.  
Grit for the new bins will be available from october, and the clerk will apply at the end of september.  
The waste bin at the Greenway has not yet been supplied.  
Highways ask for dates for the site meeting at Wappenbury, and the clerk will request a friday morning, after 4th August.

## 5. PLANNING

W100610:March House Eathorpe,	Extension	Granted
W100734:Bunkers Hill Farm	do	No Objn.

## 6. HIGHWAYS.

Insurance has been taken out for the floral boxes at Offchurch, and the people involved in providing them, have been thanked.

Details of lighting column replacements have been received, with maps, and Councillor R. Sarhent will respond.

The overgrown hedge in Village Street, Offchurch is affecting overhead telephone cables. The owner being abroad, we are unable to make contact. Councillor Doody offered to speak to Ian Coker and Gerald Brookes at the District Council.

## 7. POLICE MATTERS

None.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

Details of several forthcoming meetings were advised, and the usual leaflets etc. were circulated.

## 9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

Councillor Sargent had attended a meeting at the Town Hall, of WALC Area Committee.

The Association with other member councils wish to come together to jointly discuss local issues. There would be 2 representatives from each parish, and a subscription of £15 p.a. There was also a presentation on the rails link.

A discussion followed in which it was clear that we have a variety of concerns over being part of the new forum. Reservations were expressed over the need for such a meeting, duplicating much of that already available, and the financial affect on existing groups. At the same time, it was acknowledged that not joining, we may be unaware of their actions.

Agreed that we wait until new terms of reference are available before making a decision. To be on the agenda for our next meeting.

A Draft Strategy re Rights of Way is being circulated, *WIE* should be involved.

## 10 WATERMARK EVENT

A national exercise to publicise flood awareness. We are invited to a meeting on 8th September to explain more fully the emergency plans etc. It is organized by Mike Potter, and each parish to decide if they wish to send a representative. Councillors A Phillips and W Redford will attend, and Offchurch are also interested.

## 10 OFFCHURCH PLAN

Councillor Sargent gave an update, advising that the questionnaires have been completed, giving a lot of feedback. A summary is available on the Website for Offchurch. The sealed responses will eventually be held by the clerk.

## 11 FINANCE

Payments:-Chq 88. Audit £50. 881 Gritting Bins £618.84. 882 Mowing £176. 883 Printing £4.28. 884 Insurance £14.39. 885 Moorcroft £135. 886 Mowing £133. 887 Clerk £302.50.

Internal Audit completed, and the forms sent to the national auditor.

Eathorpe Swing. A brochure has been obtained, indicating the cost to be around £1450 plus installation. Councillor Redford will study this for a decision at our next meeting.

It was agreed that the clerk's salary/expenses be increased to £335 every other month.

## 12 RAIL LINK

Meetings continue with other groups to make stronger response, led by Ladbroke.

There has also been a recent meeting at the Town Hall, details of which are on the Website. There is a great deal of concern, this topic being the main item at the recent Offchurch parish meeting. The County and District councils will be consulted on planning grounds, but it is felt likely that the route will be altered.

Councillor J. Hammon stated that the District Council did not have prior knowledge, and were as much in the dark as everyone. He feels that Warwickshire would derive no benefit at all.

### 13. A.O.B.

Councillor Reford reported that Eathorpe is likely to have a piggery on land adjacent to the play area. It was agreed that we ask our insurance company if there are any steps we should take, to be certain that we are covered.

Councillor Phillips will be attending the local forum, and will raise the matter of speeding in Hunningham.

Councillor Varnish reported that a young child, although under the supervision of his grandfather, had fallen off the climbing frame, and has received a complaint. The clerk will write to him, quoting the satisfactory report from Rospa.

Mr. Chiles has adjusted his gates at Offchurch Village Hall car park, so that they automatically close, but they still infringe on the parking area. Before contacting him, the clerk will speak to Alison Hodge at Walc, to check if there is free legal advice available.

Next meeting 21st September 2010, at Offchurch.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.