

FALFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 21st September 2010 at 7.30 pm at Falfield Village Hall

Present

Parish Councillors: Mr P. Mair(Chairman), Mr A. Knight (Vice Chairman), Mr J. Whitney, Miss E. Jarvis, Mr K. Fryer and Mr Pirie. **Clerk:** Mrs D. Bramley.

Public: 3 Parishioners.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillor C. Williams and Ward Councillor Sandra O'Niell

00122/10 To Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Fryer, seconded by Cllr Mair and **resolved** unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2010 be signed as a correct record.

00123/10 To Receive Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

00124/10 Public Forum

00124.1/10 Sunday Hills Lane Road Resurfacing

Although the resurfacing work on the road has been completed a small part (outside "Whitgates") was not included and this is now breaking up due to a dip in the road.

Action: Clerk

00125/10 Financial Matters

00125.1/10 To Approve Payments for 2009/2010

It was proposed by Cllr Mair, seconded by Cllr Knight and **resolved** unanimously to approve the following payments.

Mrs D Bramley – Clerks Salary (Jul – Sep) and Office Expenses	£ 877.04
British Royal Legion Poppy Wreath (£16 plus donation. Paid £40 last year)	£ 50.00

00125.2/10 To Note the Account Balances

The following balances were noted.

NatWest Account: 1901.71. It will decrease to £974.67 when all payments above have cleared.

National Savings and Investments Account (NS & I): £6776.00.

00126/10 Planning Matters

The following applications were considered and any responses unanimously agreed at this meeting.

00126.1/10 Application PT10/2364/F Pool Farmhouse Buildings, Whitfield
Conversion of barns to form 2no. dwellings with garage and associated works.

Council Response: A brief history of the site was given with the previous issues being access and the increase in usage as a result of residential dwellings. An Objection will be sent restating these issues.

00126.2/10 Application PT10/2256/CLE Spring Barn, Eastwood Park
Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use as a residential dwelling house and for the continued use of land (outlined in red on plan) for residential purposes. Council Response: No Comment

The following notifications were noted.

00126.3/10 Permit with Conditions PT10/1470/F Ambulance Station, Charfield Road

Erection of 2 no. modular buildings for storage and accommodation for Hazardous Area Response Team for a temporary period of six months

00126.4/10 Permit with Conditions PT10/1268/F White Horse Inn
Installation of sewage treatment plant and associated drainage

00126.5/10 Permit with Conditions PT10/1187/F Brinkmarsh Lane Farm,
Erection of agricultural building for storage of fodder

00126.6/10 No Objection PT10/1421/NMA Falfield Garage, Bristol Road,
Non-material amendment to application PT09/1083/F to add oak beams above all windows and doors, where possible and to dark stain timber cladding to dormer gable fronts

00127/10 Highway Matters

00127.1/10 SpeedVisor Sign Results

The results of the Speedvisor sign situated on Gloucester Road (north bound) just before the B4061 showed that the traffic was exceeding the speed limit. The results were sent to the Police to see if any enforcement action was required.

00128/10 Village Hall

00128.1/10 Maintenance Work and Repairs

Paul Davenport addressed the council regarding the work required on the village hall. The funds required to repair the hall floor is in excess of the current funds available. Additional work is also required to the guttering and the walls at the front of the building. The £8K received from the Lottery should have been spent by the end of August and will be used to 'make good' the floor whilst the committee decide upon a way forward.

Most of the funding sources are not interested in investing in the hall as it has a small financial turnover. However, should the hall undertake a major development funding may be available and could also cover the other work required. It is also hoped that the heating will be upgraded thanks to the generosity of the heating contractors currently working at Berkeley Power Station.

00128.2/10 Village Hall Representative

Although the Council has amended its Trust Deed document to limit liability to the councils assets a parish councillor signing the village hall trustee document is not covered by these changes. It was **unanimously** agreed that the Parish Council would not have a representative on the village hall management committee. Cllr Pirie will continue to receive copies of the minutes of their meetings.

00129/10 To Receive Reports from Councillors

00129.1/10 Sharpness Compost Plant

Cllr Fryer circulated an email regarding the Composting Plant in Sharpness and a meeting they had about the smell, flies and noise. The plant was taken over by New Earth Solutions who did not attend the meeting. The outcome of the meeting was to form a committee and raise the profile of the problems with the plant in the media.

00129.2/10 Wind Farm Near Oldbury

Cllr Mair stated a meeting had been held regarding the proposed Wind Farm development near Oldbury on Severn. Steve Webb was in attendance and was asked to look at Statutory Regulations for Wind Farms and not just guidelines so that the community could be aware of any government policies. There are currently 54 sites being looked at in South Gloucestershire.

00129.3/10 Chairman's Reception

Cllr Mair has been invited to a reception at Court House, Yate on the 19th October at 7 pm. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will attend, if available.

00130/10 To Discuss/Approve Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Review

After the Clerk clarified several items within the Standing Orders it was proposed by Cllr Mair and seconded by Cllr Jarvis and unanimously **resolved** to adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

00131/10 To Receive Clerks Report

00131.1/10 Response to Core Strategy Pre – Submission Consultation Document

I responded to the consultation as per the points raised at the council meeting on 20th July 2010. I am waiting to hear back from them now the consultation has closed.

00131.2/10 Merlin Housing Society

After drafting a letter to send to Merlin Housing Society Mr C. Smith informed me that he had received a letter and new reduced bill from the housing society. The letter stated an error had been made with the initial bill and although the new bill was higher than previous years an explanation of why the bill had increased was included.

00131.3/10 Asset Repairs

I will be meeting with Kevin Jones from HMP Leyhill to show him the Notice board, Jubilee bench and discuss the Bus Shelter work with him. He briefly stated that a working party costs £125 per day and they can do a variety of work.

The Laptop keyboard repair has not progressed any further.

00131.4/10 Gables Hotel – Planters

A letter has been sent to The Gables Hotel and I am awaiting a response.

00131.5/10 HMP Eastwood Park - Sale of Land

No new information has been received but Ward Cllr Sandra O' Neill has informed the clerk that Steve Webb has been contacted regarding the closure of the Scout Hut. The Clerk will give Ward Cllr O' Neill the details we have.

Action: Clerk

00132/10 Correspondence (*Italics – available by email*)

To Respond to:

Joint Local Transport Plan Consultation www.transportmatters.org & Questionnaire (Expires 2nd Oct)

Council Response: No Comments

South Gloucestershire Open space, sport, recreation and play facilities Consultation (Expires 30th September)

Council Response: No Comments

Licensing Act 2003 Consultation - Review of Statement of Principles (Expires 22nd October)

Council Response: No Comments

Consultation on Revised Local Planning Application Requirements for planning and related applications (Expires 15th October 2010) **Council Response: No Comments**

Parishioners Concern - Light Aircraft Flying over Falfield

Council Response: The airspace above Falfield is open air space. To make a complaint you can contact the Civil Aviation Authority but you will need the aircraft registration number.

It was stated that the Ham and Stone Parish Council had also had problems with light aircraft in the area but had been unable to do anything.

For Information:

Notification of Estimated Election Cost for May 2011 (£2972 if contested or £175 if not contested)

SLCC - Notice of Annual General Meeting on the 16th October 2010 (being held in Durham)

ALCA Newsletter August 2010 & September 2010 plus other notices

South Gloucestershire Link E-bulletin - Summer 2010

Senior Citizens Forum Newsletter - Summer 2010

Invitation to Annual Severn Estuary Forum 2010 on 8th Oct at Armada House Conference Centre (cost £40)

Severn Tidings Newsletter – Summer 2010

Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine – September 2010

South Gloucestershire Deaf Association Newsletter - September 2010

No Need for Nuclear Letter and Newsletter

Taste Programme

Rural Arts Autumn and Winter Programme

SLCC - The Clerk – September 2010

South Gloucestershire Disability Action Group Newsletter September 2010

South Gloucestershire News Autumn 2010

Horizon Nuclear Power Announcement – New Smaller 'Hybrid' Cooling Towers at Oldbury Power Station – Public Events in October

South Gloucestershire Community Archaeology Research Project – Is any one interested in setting up a local Archaeological Group?

Children and Young Peoples e-bulletin July, August & September 2010

South Gloucestershire LINK Summer E Bulletin

Skills, Worklessness and Employment Bulletin - June 2010

Parish Charter Working Group Minutes 13th July 2010 – Next meeting 7th October at 6.30 at Baileys Court Activity Centre, Bradley Stoke

Charfield Safer Stronger Community Group Minutes to meeting 29th July 2010

Gloucester Road Speedvisor Results

SLCC Branch Newsletter

South Gloucestershire Council Reviewing its polling districts and polling places

Joint Waste Core Strategy Hearing (1st Oct at 2 pm) and Examination (16th Nov at 10 am) Meetings. These public meetings will be held at The Council House, College Green, Bristol.

South Glos Budget Consultation for 2011-2012 to 2014-2015 (website: www.southglos.gov.uk/budget)

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) & questionnaire runs to 2nd December 2010. (www.sglos-pct.nhs.uk/consultations)

Sevenside Environmental Link Group Minutes 15th June 2010 and Agenda for meeting on 12th Oct at 10 am at Almondsbury Scout Hut

00133/10 Matters for Further Discussion / Information

00133.1/10 Orchard View Garage & Road Development

The Clerk read the letter from Clare Burchell regarding changes to parking provision related to the proposed affordable housing scheme. In summary: ground and service investigations revealed that more work was required than first thought and would significantly increase the cost of the work required to supply road access. Therefore they have looked at alternative options for this part of the project. StreetCare have drawn up plans which still supply enough additional parking but are more cost effective. Councillors looked at the plan provided which shows two ranks of five parking bays one located off the existing hammer head at the west of Orchard View and the other five off a new parking area at the East of Orchard View. The residents will be contacted shortly regarding these changes and they intend to submit a planning application for the parking and affordable housing when consultations have been completed and considered.

00133.2/10 Power Surge

A parishioner asked if anyone else had had equipment damaged as a result of a power surge at the beginning of September when contractors went through a power cable. Replacing the equipment cost in excess of £100.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 16th November 2010

This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at 9.15 pm.