



Enborne Parish Council

Meeting 9th March 2009

Minutes

Chairman's Introduction and Welcome

Present: Cllrs. Doug Staples (Chairman), Gordon King, (Vice chairman) Kimberly McCartney, and David Callaghan.

Councillor Rowles, West Berkshire

1. Approval of Minutes of Meetings

The chairman gave a short address on the structure and purpose of the council and its conduct as governed by its standing orders. The subject of providing copies of the minutes was raised at this stage of the meeting. (See below) The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record of the extraordinary general meeting. on 18th Feb (last meeting).

2. Apologies

None

3. Finance (Clerk)

- a. The meeting received statements of income expenditure and reserves. These were approved. Of the total Balance an amount of approximately £2000 is held in reserve to fund the Parish Plan and other projects. The remaining reserve is in keeping with the amount to be kept against emergencies and unforeseen demands.
- b. Charges for copies of Parish Council documents. As provided in the Parish's Model Publication Scheme it is RESOLVED that a charge should be made for papers copies of the minutes. This should be at the rate of 40p per sheet with a nominal 20p to cover postage.

4. Planning Matters and Approvals.

- a. **No.09/00260/FUL Planning permission for the partial removal and re-siting of earth bunds at Long Copse Farm.**

Standing orders were suspended to take contributions from the public. The parishioner (Mr Tompkins) maintained that existing use was an over-development of the site beyond the scope of original planning permissions, particularly in regards to the supposed opening of a circus school, damage to highway verges, and noise. The Parish Council was asked to raise these concerns with West Berkshire Planning Authority.

RESOLVED to reject the application on the grounds that removal and re-siting of bunds will lead to even more intensive use. West Berkshire Planning authority also be asked to investigate the issue of overdevelopment.

AGREED also that Members will examine the original documents to inform themselves in the event of further enquiries and appeals.

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5. Parish Plan

Formation of a working party. Update from Chairman. The numbers of comparatively new residents in Spring Gardens and Knoll Gardens puts Mr. Callaghan in an ideal position to recruit members of a working party who will start the process of Parish planning, subject to the Chairman's recommendation of key individuals. Carried forward to next meeting.

6. Care of Verges and Mud-free road surfaces

The Chairman proposed to publish a notice drawing attention to the problem of damage to verges and its implications for amenity and road safety. RESOLVED that the notice should be published with letters to individual householders that the roadside verge is also their area of responsibility. Other heavy users of local roads should be included in the circulation and a note on the effect on local roadsides forwarded to West Berkshire in connection with the current Planning Permission hearing.

7. Governance. There were no matters to report.


8. Update on William Waterman's Bequest (Clerk)

- a. The meeting RESOLVED to accept the bequest under the terms explained in the letters from our legal and local government Proposed by Cllr Callaghan and seconded by Cllr McCartney.
- b. The detailed guidance from BALC and NALC were noted and will be taken into consideration.
- c. The Rector has written to the Clerk explaining the difficulties of erecting a plaque on or in Enborne Church. RESOLVED that the Parish Council should strive to implement the plaque proposal exploring at the same time other ideas including a signpost to ensure his remembrance. The clerk to ensure that the Rector has copies of all the relevant documents.
- d. The solicitor advises that transfer of the money to the Parish Council is unlikely to happen in this financial year.

9. Items received for Information

- a. Closure of the Rural Housing Trust
- b. Review of Area Forums
- c. Safe Driving
- d. Communities in Control
- e. District Parish Conference
- f. Berkshire Economic Development
- g. Flood Prevention Leaflet

10. Dates for AGM Agreed 18th subject to availability. The clerk is Instructed to ensure that the date will be published in Enborne Parish News
Meeting closed at 2100



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