



**ENBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING May 24th 2007, at 7:40pm**

Minutes

Present: Cllrs. D. Staples, Maria Morgan, G. King, M. Phillips.
P. Cogswell, Clerk,

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies received from Cllr Alicia Robinson
2. **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 18th January.** The Chairman drew attention to section 5 “Precept” and in particular the need for a parish plans and other matters alluded to in this meeting. The minutes were unanimously APPROVED as a True Record.
3. **Finance** The Chairman circulated to members the records of the Parish Business Accounts and the Parish Working Account, briefly explaining the function of each. The balance of £ 1382 in the working account was allocated for notice boards, a project that had not been implemented due to delays at the site. This expenditure will be re-authorised in due course. See below:
4. **Parish Notice Board** The Clerk is DIRECTED to speak with officers at WBC to confirm the site situation.
5. **Planning Applications.** The associated list of planning applications was received with no objection. Chairman signed off the documents and the Clerk will send them back to WBC.
6. **Church Close and Sovereign Housing.** The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Mr. Peter Taylor to speak on the issue. The Chairman preceded this with brief summary on progress so far, noting that the scheme involved a piece of land belonging to a Member. The issues revolved around availability of parking and access to Mr. Taylor’s property. After this and Mr. Taylor’s outline, it was RESOLVED that a letter should be written to both Sovereign Housing and West Berkshire Planning Authority to ask for clarification of the proposals for access and parking, in particular with respect to Numbers 6a and 6b Church Close. This draft to be prepared by members.

Standing orders were then re-imposed

7. 2007-2008 Parish Plans

The Chairman described progress on the issues so far, making clear there was still much work to do. In particular he mentioned the need to buy extra printing capacity to deal with extra demands and PROPOSED that the Parish should buy an HP 2605N Model, being the best Value for Money and likewise proposed buying a Applemac lap-top with included software. An Applemac was recommended because of its better security and graphic capabilities. The Clerk confirmed that he was able to cope with this and the proposal was unanimously APPROVED.

The Clerk was DIRECTED to begin purchase, using the Parish Funds so that VAT could be recovered .

Other Parish Plan matters deferred for detailed discussion at a subsequent meeting included:

- Adopting our the our own website Domain Name
- Production of Parish Questionnaires, especially ones directed at promoting an interest in local affairs amongst the young . A young Persons Council is also a long term objective.
- Gathering information on future funding opportunities especially for the creation of a village hall and other facilities

RESOLVED that it would be timely to publish an update in a forthcoming edition of ENBORNE NEWS.

8. Item for Information only

The Clerk reported a request from the Audit Commission to complete a web-based questionnaire entitled "Survey of Council Stakeholders". He will bring any contentious items back for Councillors' attention

9. Closure of Meeting

The meeting was closed at 8:45pm and the chairman directed that no further business could be then be transacted or questions raised without prior notice

Clerk to the Council
30th May 2007

Signed as a true record by Chairman Mr D S Staples on 11th September 2007.

