

## Draft Minutes of the Meeting

**Held at the Old School, Englishcombe at 7:30pm, Monday 14 June 2010**

*Present:* Cllrs: Brian Huggett (Chairman) Margot Gray  
Simon Adams Andrew Scurlock  
Nicola Jeffries  
Clerk: Kathryn Manchee  
Guest: Sarah McQuitty, PCSO

In attendance: 16 Parishioners dropping to 6 from agenda item 4.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Vic Clarke, Sue Barber and David Bland

**2. PARISHIONERS MATTERS.** None. The Chairman then brought forward agenda item 17 Report by Councillors.

**17 Reports by Clerk/Councillors** Cllr Huggett reported that the RSS had now been scrapped but core strategy is proceeding and will be produced in draft format by end of the year. This will be followed by a period of consultation. Minister for Communities has written to all local councils saying they are free to block development on Green Belt land. However we don't know how this will affect the two options in the Core Strategy for housing. BANEs still working on gypsy sites as they have a duty under housing law. Also a working party has been set up to look at using MoD land.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr Scurlock declared his prejudicial interest in agenda item 7.2.

The Chairman then brought forward agenda item 9.4

**9.4 Junction Englishcombe Road/Rectory Farm Lane** The triangle had been created 40 years ago to stop lorries turning and was accepted by BANES as in existence and legal. Both entrances are public highways and therefore subject to the normal rules that apply to public highways. Never been a problem on this issue apart from 2 years ago when PC Trevor Gardiner raised the matter. At the time it was decided to let sleeping dogs lie. However there has now been a formal complaint made to the police at a recent beat surgery. Therefore John Davies has offered the school yard as an alternative to parking on the public highway by the triangle. Sarah McQuitty then explained how she had responded to the two complaints about parking here. She issued a letter to householders near the public highway explaining that it is a traffic offence to block a public highway. Therefore in future all offenders will get a warning following by a ticket if the parking continues. Councillors then expressed their views which in summary agreed that parking there was an obstruction and now there was an alternative in the school yard. The Chairman then asked if those most affected by parking could ask their visitors to park in the school. The Chairman then asked Sarah McQuitty if there would be any problem in putting polite letters on cars parked there. Sarah McQuitty happy with this so long as letters were not placed as soon as a car had parked there. Standing orders were then suspended for the public to make their comments on this matter. *After parishioners had expressed their views the Chairman suggested the solution would be to work with the police on producing a letter that we could put on cars parked there with alternative parking provided at the school. One parishioner proposed an alternative solution involving reprofiling the green and turning one slipway into a footpath. The Chairman asked the opinion of the parishioners attending on this alternative. The majority were against this alternative solution. Therefore the Chairman said that as it is a public highway there should be no parking there. The Chairman will raise the matter at the next Parish Forum meeting. The Chairman will also work with the police on the communication surrounding this issue. The majority of parishioners then left the meeting.* Standing orders were reinvoked.

**4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** – The minutes of the APCM having previously been circulated were approved and signed by the chairman. Proposed Cllr Gray, Seconded Cllr Jefferies.

**5. MATTERS ARISING.** None

**6 Signing of Amended Standing Orders.** Standing orders as amended at the APCM were signed by the chairman.

### **7 PLANNING**

#### **7.1 Results, correspondence and consideration**

Clerk informed council that two applications where the parish council and the case officer had disagreed had gone to the planning committee. Fairhaven (parish council supported, case officer wanted to refuse) was approved and Inglescombe Farm (parish council didn't support, case officer wanted to allow) was permitted. The Chairman reported that Jubilee Pub application still pending and similarly house at rear of Englishcombe Rise off Haycombe Lane.

**7.2 Planning Application 10/01748/FUL Parcel 8970 Tunley Road Tunley Erection of fodder storage barn and alterations to access.** The Chairman explained that the previous application which had been supported by the parish council had been refused. The chairman reported that there had been one objection to the current application. After a debate which focused on access, effect on highways and the visual impact of the barn, Cllr Scurlock left the meeting due to his prejudicial interest. The chairman then proposed that the parish council supported the application, seconded by Cllr Adams. A vote was then taken with a majority of 3 to 1 voting to support this application as it complies with policies D.2, D.4, GB.1, GB.2 and T.24. Cllr Scurlock returned to the meeting.

**7.3 Planning Application 10/02104/FUL Hedgerose Padleigh Hill Southdown Bath Provision of a loft conversion to include rear roof dormers and rooflights to front elevation (revised proposal)** The Chairman explained that this application is in a neighbouring parish and the previous application was refused. Therefore the application has now been modified so dormer windows are at the rear only. While the property can be seen from the footpath there is extensive tree coverage and it doesn't overlook anything. As the council believes the alterations are not detrimental it was proposed by Cllr Scurlock and Cllr Adams that the parish council supports this application due to its compliance with policies GB.1, GB.2, D.2 and D.4. This was carried unanimously.

**7.4 Planning Application 10/01774/FUL Parcel 7512 Fosseyway Englishcombe Reprofilng land for the purposes of agricultural improvement on land adjacent to Old Fullers Earthworks Odd Down.** The Chairman explained that again this application was one in a neighbouring parish and the work was intended to improve the quality of the land. After its debate against policies GB.1, GB.2, NE.1, NE.4 and T.24 it was proposed by Cllr Scurlock, seconded Cllr Gray that the council support this application subject to the following:

The council considers 200 mm of topsoil to be inadequate. This should be a minimum of 300 mm

The subsoil should be a natural substance and not spoil. This criterion should also apply to the topsoil.

The preservation of the footpath is crucial as well as the restoration of the path where spoil has already affected it

It is important that the hedgerows and trees are developed

This response was voted on unanimously.

## **8 FINANCE**

### **8.1 Consider and Approve Payments**

Payments to ratify

31 May 2010	Standing Order	Clerk's Salary May	£148.11
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31 May 2010	Standing Order	Sweeping Ashley Lye May	£193.82
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Cheques to approve

14 June	Cheque 661	Clerk's Expenses April/May	£147.60
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Proposed Cllr Scurlock Seconded Cllr Jefferies Approved

**8.2 Financial Report.** A bank reconciliation and summary receipts and payments were circulated prior to the meeting.

Balance of funds currently £6058.47

**8.3 Annual Return Approval.** A copy of the annual return and accompanying bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting. Proposed Cllr Scurlock, Seconded Cllr Adams. Approved.

**8.4 Possible Donation to the Care Network.** After the clerk outlined the budget for grants and the amount already allocated it was proposed by Cllr Huggett, Seconded by Cllr Gray that a donation of £75 be made to The Care Network.

## **9 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY & ALLIED MATTERS**

**9.1 Traffic Counts.** Nothing to report

**9.2 Restricted Byway Haycombe to Wilmington.** Nothing to report

**9.3 Wilmington Lane.** Nothing to report

**10 PCCA.** The Chairman explained that getting very mixed messages about the airport. Some airlines withdrawing from Bristol but the expansion has been allowed. However don't believe that we will get the improved infrastructure or better public transport.

**11. District Cllrs Report.** Nothing to report as Cllr Clarke on holiday

**12 Parish Plan.** Nothing to report

**13 ALCA Meeting Report.** Circulated prior to the meeting.

**14 West of England JWCS Consultation: Landfill Policy.** Council did not wish to respond

**15 Review of Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation** Council did not wish to respond

**16 Revision of Street Trading Policy Consultation** Council did not wish to respond

**17 Reports by Clerk/Councillors.** No other reports submitted

## **18 C ORRESPONDENCE**

**18.1 Correspondence requiring action.** The Chairman explained that he wrote to Nick Mould to thank him for the work clearing out Mill Pond carried out by David Adams on behalf of the Duchy .

**18.2 Correspondence for note**

### **COUNCILLOR'S CIRCULATION LIST 2010/10 10 May 2010**

- 1 CPRE Magazine Countryside Voice Spring 2010
- 2 Avon & Somerset Police Authority Newsletter

### **COUNCILLOR'S CIRCULATION LIST 2010/12 19May 2010**

- 1 Letter from Community Action
- 2 Transport News from the West of England Partnership
- 3 Somer Times Spring 2010
- 4 ALCA Newsletter May 2010
- 5 CPRE Newsletter

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Next meeting Monday 26 July 7.30 pm

Bill Davies reminded all about the village weekend July 3 and 4 which includes the civic service.