

FINMERE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 5th January 2010 in Finmere Village Hall

Present:- Councillors, Mike Kerford-Byrnes (Chairman) (MKB), Katherine Grimston (Vice-Chairman) (KG), Barbara Cunningham (BC), Kevin Ochel (KO) and Dr Adrian Wood (AW)

In attendance:- Sharron Chalcraft (Parish Clerk) (SC) and Ian Macpherson (Treasurer) (IM)

1. Apologies:- Apologies were received from County Councillor Catherine Fulljames

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 1st December were circulated and approved.

3. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

This was postponed as Cllr Fulljames was unable to be present.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 **Moss on Roadway** c/f

4.2 **Freedom of Information** c/f

4.3 **Local Transport** District Councillor Barry Wood reports that there has been no progress with obtaining the X5 service for the village

4.4 **Village Noticeboards** c/f

4.5 **Caddy System** Nothing heard so far about this new system for collecting food waste.

4.6 **Phonebook** SC has contacted BT, with some difficulty and it has been explained that economies of scale mean that directories are delivered according to post code areas and as 70% of the MK18 post code requires the Aylesbury directory then others have to have it. Administration costs mean that replacement directories have to be charged for. This matter has effectively reached a stalemate at the moment.

4.7 **Unmetered Connection** SC has returned the form to Eon. The minutes do not show exactly who proposed the fitting of a light to be paid for by the PC but there are references to several lights funded by the PC at one time.

4.8 **Re-assignment of Website Responsibilities** c/f

4.9 **Christmas Carol Service** Fred Tew and Beryl Smith turned the lights on in a successful if somewhat chilly ceremony.

- 4.10 **Christmas Newsletter** This was produced and distributed.
- 4.11 **Sewage** KG and MKB have been to look at the effluence and MKB has written to CDC, nothing has been heard. MKB has contacted EA and they will look into it.
- 4.12 **Verge Clearance** Two of the residents of Mere Court have had a big clear up. There has been no progress yet on obtaining a working party. BC is persevering.
- 4.13 **Christmas Lights** These were put up successfully. A new tool has been supplied by MKB, an 8' bamboo pole with a fork at one end. One string of lights is broken, Phillip Rushforth, villager, will need to replace this. There will be a taking down party next weekend, 9/10 January. KO, AW, and MKB will do this, weather permitting.
- 4.14 **Neighbourhood Watch Messaging** MKB has informed Roger Fiander, Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, of the request from BC and AW to be removed from the recipient list.
- 4.15 **Orchard Barn Planning Application** CDC had informed the applicants that this development was too big and amended plans have been submitted, see below.
- 4.16 **Poors Plot Article** AW has written a repost for the Parish News.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

It was reported that there was £509.15 in the Treasurer Account, £5,503.80 in the Business Money Manager Account and £25,000 in the Deposit Bond.

The following had been paid out:

£73.24 to Sharron Chalcraft (administration and running costs)

£273.00 to Ian Macpherson (administration)

£400.00 to OCC (fitting of temp vas sign base)

The following had been paid in:

£24.93 interest

The following had been transferred:

£25000 from the deposit bond

£25000 to the deposit bond

£1000 from the money manager account

The deposit bond has been reinstated at a rate of 0.4 % interest.

6. S19/137

The flower bulbs for the Cross Tree area have arrived, on Dec 12th. They are to be planted when possible given ground conditions.

There has been a request for a grit bin by the owner of the Old Granary, the piece of road just before the Bacons House bridge is lethal when icy. Alan Maidment, the owner, has spoken to Bob Adams, OCC Highways. He has confirmed that the bin can be ordered through the PC. It is proposed that the PC order two bins, one for the driveway of Old Granary, to be paid for by Mr Maidment, and one for the roadside at that point, paid for by the PC. The PC will order the bins and claim the money for one from Mr Maidment. OCC will fill the bins before delivery and will continue to fill the PC bin. It is decided to place this in the old railway line entrance. There have been three requests from Stable Close residents for a bin to provide grit for the steep slope at the entrance to the Close. These bins are definitely covered by S137. SC is to give Bob Adams number to AW who will find out details. If the cost is as expected, around £150 each then the PC need to consider this.

7. FINMERE LANDFILL SITE UPDATE

The PC need to decide on a response to the conditions appeal. It is decided not to support the appeal on condition 5. For conditions 3, 16 and 18 it is decided to follow OCC's lead as they have more expertise available to them. MKB is to draft a reply to OCC and run it past the PC.

At this months Quarry Liaison meeting it was confirmed that the site was still closed and still for sale. The company came out of CVA on 6/12. The site will be able to accept waste from 11/1/2010. The litter netting is in place. The phasing of the tipping is to be the lower part of Cell 8, then Cells 5 and 4, toward the village. There is likely to be a smell until April. The surface water scheme has been approved. There is to be a possible extension to the north part of the MRF, changing the shape. Powergen are to fit a larger engine in January. There will also be flares with an automatic restart. The bungalow application has been refused. Planning applications may go in for the land left and right of the access road, apparently deposits there are greater and PA may wish to quarry instead, to within 10 to 20 metres of the road. It was felt that this smacked of blackmail, no bungalow, then quarrying instead. There is currently a shortage of inert waste.

The EA has received between 4 and 10 odour complaints. They have carried out their routine inspections. There are no major gas issues. The data logging will be carried out for three weeks in April. There are no leachate concerns, water content is lower than normal. There will be a leachate management plan by March, formulated by PA and put forward for EA approval. The water table outside the site is higher. There are problems in many sites. The agricultural aftercare scheme is still outstanding. Inspection is to sign this off before the MRF can open. There will be 6 visits and spot checks per year. There may be more problem with smell in a cold snap. There is to be a Draft Minerals Plan presentation in March. PA have said nothing else is in the pipeline.

8. PARISH PRECEPT REVIEW

Given the drop in interest income from the deposit bond and the likelihood of this being spent on the field during the coming year it is felt that it is necessary to increase the precept. It would be better to phase in some increase now and more next year if necessary. The sum of £5,500 is discussed. Proposed, BC. Seconded, AW. Carried unanimously.

It is unanimously decided to adopt IM's figures for the year.

Due to the timing of the formal letters arrival it is necessary to delegate the signing of the document to an individual. It is felt this should be the Chairman, with the Treasurers help. Proposed, BC. Seconded, KO. Carried unanimously.

9. REVIEW OF PROCEDURES

This item is carried forward, to be an agenda item for February.

10. REMOVAL OF PAPER RECYCLING FACILITY

Unfortunately due to changes in the value of recycled materials Grundon no longer collect waste paper. The paper collection bin has been removed. There is nothing that can be done about this.

11. HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS LIST COMPILATION

IM suggests the village pump. BC suggests the school. The Coach House is also a candidate, this is 18th Century but not listed. This item is to be carried forward to February so that councillors can think more about possible listings.

12. REVIEW OF LOCAL VALIDATION CHECKLIST - PLANNING

This item is to be carried forward to February.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Notice has come of a Minerals and Waste meeting at Standlake on March 2nd. This clashes with the PC meeting. It is decided to move the meeting to 1st or 3rd. MKB is to confirm dates with PR.

A letter had been received from Mr and Mrs Corns of Oak Tree House. A recent PC response to CDC about a planning application had mentioned them by name when describing their complaints about loss of privacy. Other complainants had not been named and they felt that this was unfair. MKB is to write a letter of apology.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

09/01387/F – Orchard Barn, Warren Farm – two storey rear extension – permission subject to conditions.

09/01365/F – 1 Chinalls Close – replace single storey extension, raise roof height – permission subject to conditions

08/02519/CM – Finmere Quarry – Operation and Restoration – appeal by Premier Aggregates against conditions – as discussed the PC will either agree or follow OCC's lead on this appeal

09/01001/F – Finmere Quarry – demolish and relocate bungalow – appeal by Premier Aggregates to Secretary of State – as all former submissions will be forwarded for consideration it is not felt necessary to add any further comments

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

EA Conduct MKB has seen Dr Brighty twice now. BC points out that John Cunningham, her husband, has written and received a reply. The PC should make retrospective representation to the Ombudsman with TB's support. This is to be considered.

Correspondence KG complains that she has not been receiving correspondence. MKB confirms that he delivered last month's file to the office at Titch's cottage.

Church Clock AW asks what amount the PC might be willing to give, the PCC meets next week, the last time for some months. IM confirms that there is some £1400 in the kitty with probably two applicants.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is set as February 2nd 2010.

BC apologises for absence from the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 21.30.

CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED

Fieldwork Dec 2009

Health News Issue 4 2009

ORCC Review Autumn/Winter 2009

Thames Valley Police Parking Laws Poster

Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Policing Letter