

OLDBURY ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2009 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall, Oldbury

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: Mr B Turner (Chairman), Mr P Feltham, Mr A Knapp, Mr M Lynden, Mr A Pearce, Mrs J Hales
Clerk: Mrs S Bailey **Public:** Mr M Riddle (Ward Cllr), approximately 35 parishioners, 4 representatives from Eon; Mr T Proudler-Planning & Consents Manager

057/09 Apologies for Absence Accepted from Cllr G Poole

058/09 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda none

059/09 Public Forum

Mr Proudler updated Councillors & Public on new power station events since their exhibitions recently. Two sites for Eon have been nominated for the nuclear development auction process of which Oldbury is one. Ground investigations will soon commence involving bore holes & seismic measuring to assess ground suitability. No planning permission is required due to permitted development however Eon will actually apply for 'one' permission which will cover all the ground contract works into the future. Regarding build plans – not all design information is yet available and many options still being investigated. Of the two options, both reactors would be a new design and tests are still being done with conclusions early next year. Cooling towers will still be needed and types decided likely at end 2009. Layout will be influenced by the ground investigations and in early November exhibitions may be held with indicative ground plans. The two designs will aim for 1650 megawatts per reactor and an upgrade to pylons is likely but would be done by National Grid. Complete ground size of area could be 3 or 4 times size of existing, and height of cooling towers may be an issue...possibly up to 200metres. Currently many reports are being compiled such as environmental impact assessments, biodiversity & habitat & archaeological surveys, and a high level scoping report which comments on the many impacts such a development would have- hope to publish this end of September beginning October ahead of exhibition. Construction of the new buildings would be a staggered process. A planning application is unlikely before mid 2011. Cllr Riddle noted complaints he had received regarding construction traffic access & noise, and suggested using a more direct road route near the existing power station. Further concerns were the devaluation of surrounding properties and the request for free electricity for locals. Lack of communication from Eon was also emphasized as being a sore point and it was stressed that notification of intentions needed much improvement.

Regarding land & property, Eon now have enough land for the actual power station but would look at further land if it is available as it may be useful for extra landscaping activities around the site. It is a priority to keep safe the few boarded up properties – most properties have been upgraded and are tenanted. Regarding communication, any news will be given to the Parish Council; business cards with freefone numbers & newsletters were handed to all. The Chairman suggested setting up a group as a communication route between Parishioners /Councilors & Eon.

There was a majority show of hands indicating a desire for more information and future debate as any information becomes available. The Clerk should be the receiving point for information. Maybe a meeting every two months with an expert speaker would be useful.

The meeting was adjourned from 7:55 till 8:20 whilst Eon & public exited the Hall.

060/09 Approval of Minutes It was proposed by Cllr Lynden and seconded by Cllr Feltham and **resolved** that minutes of meetings held on 5th & 28th May 2009 are signed as a correct record after a minor amendment.

061/09 Planning

PT09/1207/PNA Lower Farm Cowhill - Prior notification of the intention to erect an agricultural building for the storage of fodder. It was agreed to make no comments on this application.

The following applications & decisions were discussed & duly noted, having previously been offered for comment but none forwarded to S. Glos Council Planning Dept.

PT09/0109/F Appeal lodged against refusal of permission at Fishponds Cottage Kington Lane – conversion of existing barn to form self contained annexe ancillary to existing dwelling & change of use of land to form part of residential curtilage.

PT09/1144/CLP Avening Mumbleys Lane – Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of a rear single storey & rear first floor extension

PT09/1084/F Valley Farm Oldbury Naite – conversion of existing barn to form 1no. work/live dwelling with associated works.

PT09/0960/F & PT09/0961/LB Shepperdine House – dismantling & re-erection of existing glasshouse
PT09/1032/F Poppies Farm Shepperdine Rd – change of use from cold meat storage to form holiday let - resubmission
PT09/0971/F The Cobbles Oldbury Naite – erection of workshop

Planning decisions noted:-

PERMIT PT09/0695/F Shepperdine Farm Nupdown Lane – erection of single storey side extension to include construction of flat roof to pitched

CONSENT PT09/0694/LB – Shepperdine Farm Nupdown Lane – removal of existing flat roof, erection of single storey side extension to include raising of roofline and re-open original internal doorway to form additional bedroom and bathroom accommodation. Installation of chimney to side elevation

Lanpro letter reply to comments regarding Old Stores Site – Chapel Rd. The issue of corresponding with the application prior to a planning application was discussed & given also the tone of the letter, and it was agreed to make no response to this letter. Clerk to e-mail a copy of these letters to Cllr Riddle who will be discussing the matter with the enforcement officer.

062/09 Finance

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Hales and seconded by Cllr Feltham and **resolved** to approve the following for payment
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| S.Bailey Clerks salary (1/05/09 – 30/06/09) | £ 333.33 |
| S.Bailey Expenses (Internet cont.£8, stamps £13.57) | £ 21.57 |
| Charfield PC for office phone 25% of qrtly net bill | <u>£ 15.65</u> |
| Total | £ 370.55 |
- b) It was proposed by Cllr Hales and seconded by Cllr Knapp and **resolved** to approve the annual Came & Co Insurance payment in May 09 £1375.56
- c) It was suggested that the internal auditor's report be discussed at the next meeting after perusal.
- d) It was decided not to give grants to either Alzheimers or South Glos Senior Citizens Forum.
- e) Cllr Feltham questioned whether bank signatories were now changed. Clerk to check.

063/09 Flooding/Drainage

Drains – Camp Rd & Church Rd. The drain outside Holly Tree is full, & the drains outside the Ship and the post box seem full but not much rain to test them. Drain outside Pill House also full of sludge. Cllr Riddle is meeting Mr M Williams from S.Glos Council this week and will discuss how the system is silting up.

Drains – Camp Rd/Ham Lane. Similar silting problems to above – a new cut should be discussed if possible.

No formal reply has been received to the Chairman's letter to South Glos Council concerning the problems of Oldbury flooding and the system not coping due to overdevelopment & new housing in Thornbury. Cllr Turner is to arrange a summer site meeting with Nigel Hale of South Glos Council Drainage & James Drewitt of Lower Drainage Board so that discussions on drainage & possibilities can be explored.

Severn Estuary Tidal Power. Nothing further to report to website info– next consultation in 2010.

Severn Estuary Flood Defences – A report was given on the meeting recently in Clevedon where the objective seemed to be to hold the existing shoreline/riverbank defences (Shoreline Mgmt Plan II) although it will be looked at in more depth in the near future. Internal drainage flooding was also mentioned.

064/09 Recreation

An update on risk assessment questions was received and circulated to Councillors; this was considered acceptable with no further questions at present. £500 was gratefully received from Oldbury Power Station towards tarmac paving some of the play area. There are problems with the youth club and two outside youths causing disturbances which have necessitated temporary closure. ASBOs & working with the Police to ban Mssrs Connor & Savery from village were discussed – Clerk to formally involve Police. Cllr Turner to speak to Mr Gazzard about events. The ROSPA safety inspection was discussed – this needs to be done at least annually by PFC – they may be undertaking another one at the moment. It appears that a temporary portaloos not yet established – need to ask if PFC are progressing with this.

065/09 Footpaths/Bridleways The cycle way establishment is on the 'back boiler' – a parishioner is getting signatures on a petition together to present to Eon.

066/09 Parish Property

Registration of property – no update to report from Mr J Belbin.

Risk assessments – this is a continual ongoing process – nothing to report by Cllr Turner at the moment but notes that seats should be part of the next risk assessment.

PFC has now completed their risk assessment.
Funeral Bier –Cllrs Lynden & Knapp to liaise on repairs needed.

067/09 Highways Uneven drain covers are still a problem and will worsen with heavy lorry movements near Power Station. If a new Power Station is likely there needs to be discussions and planning now for upgrading of the whole road encompassing new drainage and cycle paths, possibly incorporating underground cabling. Cllr Riddle to consider who is best to contact within South Glos Council for this type of planning & consultation.

068/09 Proposed Power Station Communication tools are essential at this stage. Clerk is to be central contact. Two Sheppertine residents have also offered to be contacts. Await Eon/Marketing consultants to get in touch with next proposals whilst we consider how best to form a local working group.

069/09 Parish Council Administration Archiving is almost complete – Mr Belbin now has all the previous Clerk's files. Discussions centred on future website possibilities and the fact that if a website is not run by the Parish Council it is at the mercy of local volunteers to update it..... With a new Power Station possible, it may be a useful communication tool in the future – Clerk and Cllr Feltham to obtain quotes for a simple website similar to Aust or Charfield which could be updated by the PC.

School Governors – Cllr Hales represents the PC on the Governors Board, although here is still one place vacant. A few names were discussed as options; Cllr Hales proposed that Mrs A Knapp be the other rep, seconded by Cllr Feltham and agreed – Cllr Turner to contact her. Discussions followed on traffic and problems of children walking to school. Use of flashing warning lights was mentioned to which the PC has no objection but care must be taken on siting.

070/09 Long Term Future of Parish

Affordable Housing – two sites are currently under discussion between landowners & S.Glos.

Future Oldbury Group recent meeting was cancelled. Await future developments.

Parish Plans - a Community Action representative will come and talk to the September 1st Parish Council meeting commencing 7pm.

071/09 Correspondence none

072/09 Circulation. The following items circulated to Members including:

- Periodicals (Clerks Direct,Rural Parish Matters, the Clerk,Severn Estuary Partnership)
- Newsletters (Local Environment Networking, Volunteer Centre, Eon newsletter)
- S.Glos Gypsy & Traveller Sites development Plan Document
- S.Glos NHS Annual Report
- S.Glos Annual Report of the Standards Committee
- Local Policing Plan for next 3 years

073/09 Minor matters or items for next agenda

Mr J Belbin has agreed to continue as one of the William Stephens Trust representatives.

This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at approximately 10:10 pm.

Signed by

Chairman

1st September 2009