

# OLDBURY ON SEVERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall, Oldbury

## PRESENT

**Parish Councillors:** Mr B Turner (Chairman), Mr P Feltham, Mr A Knapp(from 7:25), Mr M Lynden, Mrs J Hales, Mr G Poole(from 7:25) **Clerk:** Mrs S Bailey **Public:** Mr M Riddle(Ward Cllr), 1 parishioner,

**080/09 Apologies for Absence** none received

**081/09 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda** none

## 082/09 Public Forum

The continued interest in maintaining the cycle path as a possible future route was emphasized.

Ms Jacqui Ward from South Glos Council (also ex Community Action) gave a comprehensive and enthusiastic presentation with slide handouts about parish plans and how this could help Oldbury to plan its future. Plans should be done by external groups but with the backing of the parish council and would probably cost approximately £2000 – there are grants available. Many funders like to see community involvement and documentary evidence such as a parish plan. Councillors were concerned that it might throw up issues that were new/unseen – although this can be a benefit in showing what is wanted in the parish – and also the problem of getting younger generations involved in an organizational group might be difficult. However, the concept of parish planning was considered interesting and convincing enough by the whole Council for Cllr Lynden to investigate funding availability for a buffet evening/gathering whereby everyone possible in the parish is invited to hear about parish planning from speakers and discuss its possibilities. This idea will be further informally discussed after the drainage meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**083/09 Approval of Minutes** It was proposed by Cllr Hales and seconded by Cllr Feltham and **resolved** that minutes of meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009 are signed as a correct record.

## 084/09 Planning

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

PT09/5008/LB Quarry Farm Kington Lane – internal & external alterations for conversion of existing outbuildings to create 2 detached dwellings and 1 office

PT09/5006/F Quarry Farm Kington Lane–change of use of agricultural outbuildings.....see above

PT09/5030/LB Wrenwood Barn Shepperdine Rd – conversion of agricultural building to form 1 dwelling with ancilliary office space for farm

PT09/1375/F Salmon Lodge Pullens Green – erection of 1<sup>st</sup> floor side & rear extension to form additional living accommodation

PT09/1368/F Shepperdine Hse Shepperdine Rd – construction of chimney

PT09/1369/LB Shepperdine Hse Shepperdine Rd –demolition of internal wall to form larger kitchen, lower floor level to kitchen breakfast room, & increase height of external French doors. Restore chimney to inglenook

Planning decisions noted:-

PT09/1084/F Valley Farm Oldbury Naite – conversion of existing barn to form 1 work/live dwelling – refusal

PT09/1144/CLP Avening Mumbleys Lane – Certificate of Lawfulness ISSUED

PT09/1312/PNA Moor Farm Kington Rd –prior notification of intention to erect agricultural building for storage of fodder & machinery – Approval Not Required

PT09/1207/PNA Lower Farm Cowhill - prior notification of intention to erect agricultural building for storage of fodder– Approval Not Required

## 085/09 Finance

- a) Cllr Poole proposed that the Parish Council pays the expenses of any Councillor who wishes to undertake Councillor training, with prior Council approval regarding amount, seconded by Cllr Turner and **resolved**. It was also **resolved** (proposed Cllr Lynden seconded Cllr Poole) to allow Cllrs Feltham and Hales to attend the GAPTC Councillor training day in October at a cost of £320 for both.
- b) It was proposed by Cllr Poole and seconded by Cllr Feltham and **resolved** to pay £50 to the South Glos Citizens Advice Bureau
- c) It was proposed by Cllr Lynden and seconded by Cllr Poole and **resolved** to pay £30 annual membership fee to Community Action

- d) After much discussion over budgets and precedents, it was proposed by Cllr Lynden and seconded by Cllr Poole and **resolved** to pay £600 grant subsidy to the Playing Fields Committee with a further review in January.
- e) PC Account statements were noted, and latest PFC account information was given out.
- f) The following were approved for payment:
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| S.Bailey Clerk salary (1/07/09 – 31/08/09)                      | £ 333.33        |
| S.Bailey Expenses (Internet cont.£8, stamps£8.64, envelopes £2) | £ 18.64         |
| Mazars accounts external auditor £400+vat                       | £ 460.00        |
| GAPTC two Councillors training day in Gloucester                | £ 320.00        |
| Community Action annual membership                              | £ 30.00         |
| South Glos Citizens Advice Bureau                               | £ 50.00         |
| PFC subsidy/grant   | <u>£ 600.00</u> |
| Total   | £ 1811.97       |
- g) Cllr Feltham questioned whether bank signatories were now changed - still problems with Nat West due to bank admin incompetence – Clerk requires two signatures for mandate changes.

### **086/09 Flooding/Drainage**

A drainage meeting is arranged for daytime Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September to have a walkabout with officers Drewitt & Hale and discuss various problems. Cllr Riddle was unable to invite Senior Highways officer Peter Slane due to long term illness. Mr Hale may bring new drainage plans to meeting to be considered. Cllr Riddle will arrange a separate meeting with Mr M Williams to discuss drains, with the input of Cllr Knapp. No formal reply letter to Peter Jackson of South Glos Council in May has been received regarding overdevelopment in Thornbury leading to increased flooding in Oldbury. A response from Spatial Planning Team was received in July which did not fully answer all the questions. Cllr Riddle to chase a response.

Drains – Camp Rd & Church Rd. – problems ongoing to be discussed next week.

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Flooding – Cowhill to be removed from agenda.

Severn Estuary Tidal Power. Nothing further to report.

Severn Estuary Flood Defences – nothing further to report until Forum soon in Gloucester

### **087/09 Recreation**

No updates from PFC. The disturbance problems at youth club appear to have been sorted out. The youths attended the Police Station on the 18<sup>th</sup> August where a banning letter from the Youth Club was issued; this led to the process which was described by the PCSO as a form of contract for good behaviour. Since that time they have not been seen near the village. So as long as that continues and if they do behave, a banning letter would be counterproductive. It was agreed by the Council however that should there be a reoccurrence of bad behaviour a banning letter from the PC would be issued without the need for further discussion. It was requested that Mr Gazzard (youth club) informs the Parish Council immediately should there be further problems.

No information has been received regarding a ROSPA safety inspection this summer – Clerk to ask PFC

**088/09 Footpaths/Bridleways** The cycle way establishment is still on the ‘back boiler’ – a parishioner obtained over 1330 signatures on a petition a couple of years back and interest likely increased. Monitor power station for project likelihood.

### **089/09 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. A new bench has recently been donated by a parishioner at the village green with residue £46 donated to Parish Council.

PFC – no news on updated risk assessments – Clerk to bring to PFC attention for their next meeting.

Funeral Bier –Cllrs Lynden & Knapp to liaise on repairs needed.

**090/09 Highways** It is not understood why surface dressing was necessary on Westmarsh Lane which serves very few, yet other worse but higher populated areas are ignored and needed the work sooner. Cllr Riddle noted that highways budget has increased from £2m to £4m this year.

**091/09 Parish Council Administration** Archiving is continuing – no files are with previous clerk.

Future website possibilities were discussed along with two quotes to design a website and the offer to take over the existing Oldbury Community website. It is felt by the majority that a website is an essential tool for moving forward within the parish especially for parish planning and involving younger generations and marketing the Parish Council and the benefits it brings to the village. It was decided that an informal working group of Cllrs Poole, Turner & Feltham should meet to research & discuss what would need to go on the website, and show findings/preferences at next meeting. A discussion also involved the website setup and who would maintain it.

**092/09 Long Term Future of Parish**

Affordable Housing – the site in Church Rd is still obtaining a land valuation.  
Future Oldbury Group – nothing to report.  
Parish Plans – as discussed during Public Forum by South Glos representative.

**093/09 Correspondence** none

**093/09 Circulation.** The following items circulated to Members including:

- Sustainable Thornbury talks/films series
- Severn Estuary Partnership Welcome Pack
- Rural Parish Matters newsletter
- Newsletters of Senior Citizens Forum & Disability Action group

**094/09 Minor matters or items for next agenda**

The wall and foundations on the bridge by the Anchor are cracking and this is being monitored by a South Glos Council engineer who is concerned enough to monitor monthly rather than every 6 months. Put on next agenda under Highways.

*This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at approximately 9:55 pm.*

Signed by

Chairman

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009