



CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of Charlbury Town Council held on Wednesday 19th December 2012 at 7.30pm in the Corner House.

Members Present: Mr R N Potter (Chairman), Mr W Hackmann, Mr P Kenrick, Mr J Holah, Mr A Merry, Mr R Fairhurst, M/s L Reason and Mr R James

Apologies: Mrs S Finch, Mrs K Broughton, Mr R Robson and Mrs V Pakenham- Walsh

Prior to opening the meeting the Chairman announced that he had received a Christmas Card from WODC and that former Chairman and long serving Councillor, Bob Wilkins had died on 9th December. The Clerk had sent a letter of condolence to the family.

The Precept meeting had been postponed due to the District Council awaiting central government information on grants etc.

1. To receive the minutes of the last meeting.

Mr Merry proposed that the minutes be signed as a correct record this being seconded by Mr Hackmann and agreed nem con.

2. To deal with matters arising.

The Chairman had attended a civic carol service.

M/s Reason reported on a quiet surgery and mentioned that she and Mr Robson had discussed possible alternative times / venues to increase accessibility.

Bell Hotel sign. Put pressure on Greene King to replace/reinstate.

Potholes Ditchley Road report to OCC.

Surgery format. Agenda item January.

Gifford meeting. 4 to 5 Councillors attended

Mr Oddy of WODC will be at the January planning meeting (7-30)

3. Declaration of Interest

Mr Merry declared an interest in the letter referring to joining Walkers are Welcome.

4. To sign orders for payment/receive report

The accounts due for payment were circulated and explained by the Clerk together with a brief financial report

Mr Kenrick proposed that the accounts be paid, this being seconded by Mr Hackmann and agreed. Accordingly cheques were signed by three Councillors.

5. To receive a report from the Planning Committee.

The following plans were considered

12/1776 Single storey extension at War Memorial Hall Browns Lane.

1. We are the trustee of the building and the applicant
2. We have no objection and welcome this improvement
3. NB. The plan as proposed and the D and A statement were not included with the information supplied to this Council by WODC.

12/1779

1780 Alterations and erection of single storey rear extension at Minster Cottage Church St.

1. We have no objection

12/1810 Construction of raised decking for communal use at Hanover Close, Sandford Rise.

1. We are concerned with the potential over-looking of 8 Hill Close in particular and the resultant loss of privacy.
2. If consent is given can the surface of the decking be made with non-slip inserts.
3. Otherwise no objection

Planning Results

12/1605 Single storey side extension and rear extension at 8 Hixet Wood

Permitted

6. To deal with Correspondence.

Trees at Hixet Wood.

Professor Marsh and Mr J Hoy. Noted
Clerk has been asked to meet the Duchess to discuss the matter

Mr Merry Walkers are Welcome membership. Mr Hackmann proposed that the scheme be joined with a cheque for £30 being signed, seconded Mr Holah and agreed.

TV Police

Chief Inspector Paine and PCSO Smith – noted. Clerk to respond accordingly.

7. To consider Affordable Housing

SOHA will welcome Councillors and residents to view properties when complete.
Arrangements for opening in hand.

8. To consider a response to the Draft Local Plan

The Chairman thanked Mr Fairhurst for drawing together a response, which had been circulated to all. It was agreed that the Chairman, Mr Fairhurst and the Clerk meet in early January to prepare a final response incorporating any comments received.

9. To consider Council Bankers

The Clerk reported on a problem with Barclays in respect of additional signatories. Further report at annual meeting.

10. To consider Neighbourhood Planning

Mr Holah to prepare a bid to ORCC for the Clerk to submit in due course (£500)

11. To consider an update on the Precept position

WODC wish to be given an indicative precept to help them when government information is forth coming. This will be £84,000. Following discussions on how WODC may calculate the implications of revised grants the Council agreed, on a proposal from M/s Reason that a District wide approach should be used, seconded Mr Hackmann and agreed nem con.

Precept meeting to be arranged, when data available in January (9th / 16th or 23rd)

12. To receive reports

- a. Cemetery** Surplus stone near wall repair to be moved
Footpath edge/loose turf. Check
- b. Corner House and Memorial Hall.** No report
- c. Mill Field, Watery Lane and Bridges.** No report – about to flood river level high
- d. Nine Acres** Report circulated
- e. Quarry Lane and Ticknell** Report with minutes.
- f. Wigwell** Report circulated. Green Gym working in Wigwell
- g. Station** Steps being constructed in corner of new car park
New train times
Puddles near ramp
Parking ticket issues
- h. General.** Bell sign
Footpath Nine Acres Lane to Enstone Rd needs clearing
Crawborough to Wychwood Paddocks – definitive map/right of way to be checked
- i School Governor** Mr Hackmann gave a comprehensive and interesting report
- j. Transport** Report circulated
- k. Neighbourhood Action Group** Report circulated.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.23pm

The Chairman made a presentation to the Clerk and wished everyone a Happy Christmas.