

**SHIPTON UNDER WYCHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held at the New Beaconsfield Hall at**  
**7.30 pm on**  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**Present:** Cllrs Jagger (in the Chair), Watson, Matthews, Mavin, Rigby, Young, Parish Clerk: Annie Champness. CCllr Rodney Rose  
Jon Westerman and Dawn Brodie from WODC (for items 1 - 4 and 8)  
Member of the Public: Phil Hall (here to observe items 4 and 8)

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Robin McConnachie and there were no **Declarations of Interest**.
2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013** were approved.
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** There had been no response from the Cricket Club asking when they would repair the dry stone wall. Cllr Watson would follow this up and then see if Volunteers might be able to help.
4. **Jon Westerman from WODC spoke on planning matters of concern to the Council (which had been supplied to him previously) and answered questions.** A summary is available on request. It was encouraging to hear that SUW responses are held up as an example of 'good practice'.

5. **Public Time.** There was none

6. **County Councillor's Report.**

Charging units have been put into Park and Rides at Water Eaton and Thornhills - (£2 per day).

The £40 million extra hole previously identified has today gone up to £60m over the next 4 years on top of the £200m they need to save already. 3/4 of children's centres will need to be cut and bus services may have to be cancelled. The CC had thought of going for a referendum for a 2.5% rise this year and 3.75 % over the next few years. They will need to go back to near statutory minimums re school transport and for example libraries will need to be generating half their labour cost by April 2015. Libraries that don't will probably close. Wychwood library will need to raise volunteer help. Charlbury will put complete volunteers in, Goring PC have taken on extra money needed. This could be a matter worth talking with Ascott and Milton about when we meet informally next week.- £7 to £8K pa will be needed. Rodney could kick this off at the joint meeting. Books, training, buildings will be provided by County. The FBU has called a national strike on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

7. **District Councillor's Report.**

There was none.

8. **Planning:**

a. **New:**

**13/1229/P/FP Coldstone Farm, Leafield Road, SUW.** Demolition of modern agricultural buildings. Erection of dwelling and alternations to traditional agricultural buildings to provide stables, car parking and ancillary accommodation. The PC are happy to support the application.

**13/1187/P/FP Land off A361.** Construction of new vehicular access. The PC would object: the road is narrow and inappropriate for agricultural access which would therefore be dangerous. The existing entrance is more than adequate for agricultural purposes, there is no need for a second agricultural entrance.

b. **Ongoing:**

**13/0958/P/FP Nutberry Hill, Mawles Lane, SUW.** Erection of detached two storey dwelling with associated garaging, drive and turning area. **Letter of no objection sent.**

**c. Decisions:**

**13/0960/P/FP Nutberry Hill, Mawles Lane, SUW.** Erection of double garage and alterations to driveway. Letter of no objection sent. **Grant STC**

**13/1073/P/FP Hill Buildings, Burford Road, SUW. Conversion of redundant farm buildings to agricultural workers dwelling.** A letter expressing very positive support was sent. This is genuine agricultural need. **Grant STC.**

**13/1070/P/FP 12 Tothill, Shipton under Wychwood.** Conversion of part of garage to study/hobby room. A letter of no objections was sent. **Grant STC.**

**13/0972/P/FP Myrtle Cottage, Leafield Road, SUW. Erection of two storey side and rear extensions. Grant STC.**

**13/0969/P/LB & 13/0968/P/FP The Wychwood Inn SUW.** Alterations to fire escape and insertion of fire door (part retrospective). Letter of no objection sent. **Grant STC.**

**9. Playground**

Cllr Mavin reported that the RoSPA inspection had taken place on the 17th August. R Davies came and the accompanied visit was well worth £35. It should result in a medium risk rating; there were few problems to address. A few things had been mentioned in last year's report which should not be there. The Skateboard area had been checked free of charge (as it was not checked last year). Whether it was too slippery was discussed. Red oxide paint had been bought and the painting done a week ago and seems to be working. A crack in the concrete base needs attention but is not high priority - we are hoping to do this ourselves. As to the Basketball area - we had been advised last year that a sign is needed at the top. We were told this year this is ridiculous: it is low risk, no sign is needed! Re parking at the basketball area; hatching by basketball area and a sign have been agreed with the Village hall. 3 small square notice boards will be sourced from the same company. 2 signs, square, will be placed on the back of seat supports on the big shelter: 1st will carry surgery, phone numbers, where you are, 2<sup>nd</sup> will carry donor information (which will come eventually). Anti graffiti paint is very thick and will need several layers: it's a big job; when done, graffiti should wipe off easily. Jill will approach Gordon to see if volunteers will help. Weeding: there is no one signed up to help next year. She will wait till after Christmas and try and find someone for a few hours next year.

**10. Environment**

- a. **Street Lighting.** It was agreed to see if all could be put on part time (off approx. 12.30 pm to 5.30 am). CCllr Rose will check if all but the A361 can be done.
- b. **Winter Preparations.** Cllr Watson provided an update. Salt bins in locations agreed have been applied for. The next move will be detailed site locations. A bag of salt (yielding approximately 40 bags) has been ordered and will be offered again to residents - we will probably have to store it. Help will be needed filling bags.

**11. Highways and Transport**

- a. **Transport Needs Survey.** A grant to cover printing costs has been awarded. Forms are about to be posted. The report should be ready mid October.

## 12. Civic and Community

- a. **Automated External Defibrillator.** The Clerk was asked to make a bid for one (the ambulance service man would advise on where these could be located), and request a visit at the next meeting.
- b. **Oxfordshire Community Network.** To decide whether to proceed with this and if so how. Deferred till next meeting.
- c. **Shipton Fete.** Cllr Young reported it had been a very good day; people thoroughly enjoyed it and the dog element. It was well attended not only by this village, but by others too. 2009 prices were matched. After expenses and marquee the committee ended up with £4K+ for donation to local causes. The marquee was used on the day and was available to be hired locally. A big thank you was extended to Shipton Volunteers and to all those who supported on the day.
- d. **Post Office.** Changes to Milton under Wychwood Post Office were noted.
- e. **Wychwoods Working Together** - final details were agreed.

## 13. Communication.

- a. **BBC 1 Show 'Escape to the Country'.** Cllr Watson reported permission had been given to film in the village in early September, he will check when it is to be broadcast.
- b. **Newsletter.** A discussion would take place next year on whether we go to 4 a year - the minimum standard for Quality Council Status. This year one would need to go out in October/early November. Topics could include salt, security and rural crime: 4 sheep had been mauled to death in a field off Meadow Lane. There had been 2 other similar incidents across the county, thought to be caused by dog fighting rings. The word could be spread about WODC and Thames Valley Police alerts: planning and neighbourhood watch. Since information is needed about who the Carols Round the Tree collection will be given to before the next meeting (given newsletter print deadlines), Councillors would circulate ideas and agree on a good cause between meetings. The possibility of supporting a local food bank being set up by the Vicar was raised too. All options would be looked into and then annual giving covered at the October meeting.

## 14. Financial and Administrative Matters

### a. Payments were authorized and cheques signed as follows:

1	Green Scythe July mowing	£751.32
2	Parish Clerk August salary and expenses	£290.00
3	Repay gratuity re allotments mowing	£10.00
4	Repay Cllr Watson for census analysis	£300.00
5	Parish Clerk holiday back pay	£300.00
6	Green Scythe August mow	£602.90
7	Repay M Cochrane playground expenses	£48.28
8	Treetech June - August	£629.50

### b. Local Funding Opportunities.

 Deferred to next meeting

15. **Correspondence Received.** Was noted. April and May meetings needed to be rearranged because of council elections in 2014

## 16. Any Other Business

The oak tree planted earlier on was not doing well. Treetech recommended leaving it as it had been affected by drought and hopefully would recover.

Wychwood school of Rock is considering applying to the NBH Management Committee for permission to convert part of one changing room to a music room. Paul Chantry had suggested representatives from the PC and Hall committees get together informally to chat

through options. Cllrs Young and Rigby would represent the PC. Storage in NBH and the village in general is a continuing problem - there are ongoing discussions about options. The PC view was that no single interest group should have sole/dedicated use of any part of the Hall. Storage would be for the benefit of the wider community if chosen as a way forward. Wild Gardens - 12 days' work had been done, both banks of main canal have been rebuilt. Stone work to be redone.

Notifying neighbours about planning matters to be discussed would be taken off the agenda after hearing from Jon Westerman.

A note of grateful thanks was to be sent to Jon and Dawn.

Sheep had been mauled down Meadow Lane - last field on left, as mentioned at 13.b above.

**17. Dates of the next Meetings:** 15 October, 19 November, 17 December. **2014:** 21 January, 18 February, 18 March, 29 April, 27 May (AGM). Date to be determined for Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting finished at 10.10 pm.