

**Minutes of a meeting of Caversfield Parish Council, held on Wednesday
26 January 2011, at 7.45pm in the small hall at Southwold Community Centre.**

Present: Cllr. Mr J Gilmore, Cllr. Mrs J Nisbet, Cllr. Mrs O Phipps (Chair), Cllr. Mr L Strong (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Mrs G Sutcliffe.

In attendance: Keith Herring (MDP), Mrs Alina Strong (Stratton Fields Management Committee), Jan Jackson (resident), Mrs P Wood (Parish Clerk).

Apologies: Mrs Jenny Collyer (Community Relations Adviser covering RAF Croughton), Mrs Catherine Fulljames (District & County Councillor), Cllr. Mr D Wood

1. Cllr. Phipps welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies were noted.

2. **Declaration of interests**

Cllr. Phipps declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the NW Eco Town Proposals.

Cllr. Strong declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Viridor Incinerator and the NW Eco Town Proposals.

3. **Public Participation**

Jan Jackson introduced herself and explained she was interested in seeking information about the Eco Town Exemplar planning application, and hearing the discussion about it.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 November 2010.**

It was **RESOLVED** that these be accepted as a true copy and be signed by the Chair.
(Proposed by Cllr. Sutcliffe and seconded by Cllr. Gilmore).

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Proposals for a bus shelter to be erected on the east side of the Bicester Buckingham Road adjacent to the MOD airfield site – the Clerk had circulated information about the MOD's objections to the siting of the bus shelter. MOD was concerned that the shelter was going to be put up too near the entrance to the MOD site and would obscure visibility for people going in and out. The Clerk had also circulated to Councillors a copy of the Safety Audit subsequently carried out in response to MOD's objections. The Clerk reminded the Council that the Safety Audit had recommended that the bus shelter should be re-located "further north (about midway between the two Advance Direction Signs). Care will still be needed to make sure the shelter is behind the centre line of the two signs in order not to reduce the visibility splay from the access. Existing vegetation must be cut back or removed completely. In the interests of safety and security it is recommended that a lighting column be erected at the bus stop at this location." The Clerk reported she had met the County Officer for the project (Matt Bromley) at the site in December and taken some photographs to show where it was now proposed to put up the shelter (photo circulated). Subsequently, Mr Bromley had met an MOD representative on site to discuss the revised proposal, and the MOD has now declared it is satisfied with the revised plan. In view of this the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to sign the contract for the new bus shelter and ask the County to proceed with the work as soon as possible.

Councillors expressed concern about the lorries that have for sometime now been seen to park overnight by the bus stop and slip road to the entrance to the MOD airfield site.

Action – Clerk to find out position regarding overnight parking there.

6. Report from County and District Councillor.

Cllr Mrs Fulljames was not able to attend the meeting but had sent the following information about the Viridor Incinerator: "the Secretary of State has not called in the second application for the incinerator, so the County Council would be able to continue with that permission. In the meantime the Inspector has approved the first application and the Secretary of State "is minded" to approve the application. Therefore, the Government office has consulted all people at the July Public Inquiry and will decide the conditions for the incinerator in mid February."

7. Finance

(a) The Clerk reported the bank balances:

Community Account	£166.00
Saver Account	£1,577.12
Post Office	£3,405.86

(b) Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the following invoice for payment:

Payment to:	Cheque Number	Amount
Southwold Community Association Inv. No. 1213 (for hire of hall)	100605	£28-80

(c) The Council **RESOLVED** to keep the precept for 2011/12 the same as it was in 2010/11, that is £2,500.

8. Planning Applications

[Cllrs. Phipps and Strong left the room.] Councillors discussed Planning Application No. 10/01780/HYBRID a2Dominion Group/P3Eco (Bicester) Ltd – Development of Exemplar phase of NW Bicester Eco Town etc. All Councillors expressed strong reservations about being asked to consider such a comprehensive application 'on-line' or through use of a disk. After discussion, the Clerk was charged to: (a) ask CDC for a hard copy of the application, and (b) (in response to a request from a member of the public) to ask CDC if they would come to present the proposals to a special meeting open to all Caversfield residents. If a meeting can be arranged it should be publicised through posters on the noticeboards and bus stops. **Action - Clerk** [Cllrs. Phipps and Strong returned to the meeting.]

Councillors noted **Permission** for development had been given to application No. 10/01627/F - Mr Phil Ross, 6 Wilson Way, Caversfield, for a single storey side extension.

9. Parish Matters

MOD Domestic Site Development update – the Clerk reported that the City and County Group had emailed that day to say: "the planning application should go in on Friday. Could you please pass on that we really appreciated all the Parish Council members, and

residents of Caversfield who attended the public consultation, and all the positive feed back we received. The only other information that may be of interest is that English Heritage have also responded very favourably to the proposals in their pre-application advice."

10. Correspondence

Most of the correspondence received since November had been circulated to Councillors by email or by envelope, and no further action was required. However, requests for grant support had been received as follows:

- a) 18 November – Brain Tumour Research;
- b) 4 Jan – letter from Royal British Legion – can you organise a Poppy Party over weekend of 10th to 12th June?
- c) 10 January – Ryder Cheshire Volunteers (Oxfordshire)

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to make a grant of £150-00 each to Brain Tumour Research and to Ryder Cheshire Volunteers. The letter from the Royal British Legion was passed to Keith Herring for the Fete Committee to consider.

11. Reports from meetings

The Clerk attended the Parish Transport Representatives meeting held at County Hall on Friday 26th November. The Minutes are in circulation.

On 30th November Cllr. Nisbet and the Clerk attended a training session at CDC about the web-site. The Clerk must update and develop the web site this year.

12. Dates of Future Meetings

The following meeting dates were agreed for 2011: 16th March (to be changed to this date from the 23rd if Hall is available), 25th May, 20th July, 21st September, and 23rd November.

13. Any Other Business

- Cllr Sutcliffe reported that almost half of the food composting bags have now been sold. She will pay the money collected to the Council before the end of the F/Y.
- Cllr Gilmore reported that the Bicester 2010 Poppy Appeal raised the highest amount ever.
- Keith Herring reminded the Council about the Fete to be held on 21 May. He said that if anyone wanted to run a stall, or knew someone else who might like to, they should contact him. Finally, he asked if the Council would consider giving some financial support to the Fete. Cllr Phipps asked him to put his request in writing so that it can be put on the Agenda for the March meeting.
- Cllr Phipps drew attention to an article in the winter edition of Cherwell Link (page 8) where Cllr Gibbard is reported drawing attention to the subsidies available for cavity wall and loft insulation, and explaining they are available "to homeowners *within the Bicester ring road* thanks to Eco town money Cherwell won from the Government". Cllr Phipps said she was horrified to see that apparently Caversfield residents – in whose parish the Eco town exemplar will be built and who will be greatly affected by the development – are to see no benefit from the Eco Town money. The Parish Council unanimously agreed with Cllr Phipps and

RESOLVED that the Clerk should write a letter of protest to Cllr Gibbard in the strongest possible terms.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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