

**Minutes of a meeting of Caversfield Parish Council, held on Wednesday
22 September 2010, at 7.45pm in the small hall at Southwold Community Centre.**

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

In attendance: Mrs Catherine Fulljames (District & County Councillor), Joan Himpson (Stratton Fields Management Committee), Squadron Leader Will Still (RAF Croughton), Mrs Alina Strong (Stratton Fields Management Committee), and Mrs P Wood (Parish Clerk).

Apologies: Mrs Jenny Collyer (Community Relations Adviser covering RAF Croughton), PC Keith Herring, Cllr. Mrs G Sutcliffe.

1. Cllr Phipps welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Squadron Leader Will Still (RAF Croughton) who was attending for the first time since his appointment in the summer. The 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**

The Clerk reported that Carol Robinson of 31 Turnpike Road had emailed in connection with dog owners and their dogs, and a problem with dog fouling and dogs running around without leads. The Clerk said she had given Ms Robinson PC Herring's contact details. Those present agreed that PC Herring was the right person to contact.

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2010.**

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

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- Insurance cover - the Clerk had obtained a revised quote from Zurich, and had had unsuccessful discussions with Came and Company to see if they would lower the excess payment in their quote. It has subsequently been decided to accept Zurich's revised quotation. Cover is now in place.
- £1,000 had been transferred from the Post Office Account as agreed.
- Yellow marking to be put on the A421 by the Skimmingdish Lane turn, to show where the bus stops are – Clerk has taken this up with Mr Bromley.
- A formal letter has been sent from Parish Council to the City and Country Group asking them, in drawing up plans for the development of the old MOD Domestic Site, to take into account a request from parishioners for one building to be dedicated as a Community Centre for the benefit of the residents of the village.

- Mrs Patricia Bennett's resignation as transport representative for the parish – the Clerk has written to thank her for the service she has given. Also notices, asking if any resident would like to take on the role, have been put on the notice boards.

6. Report from County and District Councillor.

Cllr Mrs Fulljames covered several matters in her report.

- Councils continuing to consider what cuts to make in budgets as required by the new coalition Government. CDC looking at possibility of joint working with Northamptonshire in order to make savings.
- The Incinerator proposal – Mrs Fulljames urged councillors to support Ardley by attending demonstration at County Council meeting on 25 September to hear Viridor's second application.
- Villages affected by the proposed High Speed Train link are building up their opposition to proposals.
- NW Bicester Eco Town Proposal – [see Minute 9(a) below]

Cllr Phipps thanked Cllr Fulljames for attending the Parish Council meeting, and for her report.

7. Finance

- The Clerk reported the bank balances: £4405-86 in the Post Office Account on 30 July. £235.36 in the Barclays Bank Current Account; and £326-85 in the Barclays Bank Saver Account on 14 September. The Council **RESOLVED** that £1000-00 should be transferred from the Post Office account to the current account to enable payment of the invoices. **Action – Clerk.**
- Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the following invoices for payment:

Payment to:	Cheque Number	Amount
I Black (for internal audit)	100598	£50-00
CDC (for dog bin emptying - summer)	100599	£341-43
Mrs P A Wood (for clerking duties) Clerking July to Sept £137-42 Stationery & Postage <u>3-54</u> £140-96	100600	£140-96

8. Planning Applications

Councillors discussed:

- Planning Application No. MW.0078/10 Ardley Energy from Waste Plant – same comments as made for previous application.
- Planning Application 10/01393/F W E V Malins & Sons, proposed implement shed. Location: Hawkwell Farm, Bucknell Road, Bicester – no comments.
- Planning Application 10/01394/F W E V Malins & Sons, lean-to extension to existing Dutch Barn. Location: Hawkwell Farm, Bucknell Road, Bicester – no comments.

Councillors noted the following **Permission** given for development:

- Planning Application No. 10/00937/F Mr Chris Dunbabin Two storey side and single storey rear extensions. 21 Montgomery Road

9. Parish Matters

- a) NW Bicester Eco-Town (Cllrs. Phipps and Strong left the room). After discussion, Councillors asked Cllr Nisbet and the Clerk to draft comments on the document "NW Bicester: testing Master Plan Ideas". **Action – Clerk and Mrs Nisbet.**

(Cllrs Phipps and Strong returned to the meeting)

- b) Old MOD Site development - City and County Group have held sessions to inform the public of their thinking so far regarding the future development of the site. Several Caversfield Councillors had attended one or other of the sessions and there was discussion about the proposals so far. **Action – Clerk to complete and return Questionnaire in the light of the discussion.**
- c) Council Tax Increase Referendum proposals - OALC's response to Eric Pickles, Secretary of State, noted; n.f.a.
- d) Proposal for Bus Shelter on Buckingham Road - An outline draft contract with the County for the bus shelter had been circulated. Mr Bromley has now sent a filled in contract for signing. Councillors RESOLVED that the contract should be signed once it had been circulated for everyone to read. **Action – Clerk to circulate.** It was noted that MOD has now objected to the proposals for the siting of the bus stop, so implementation will be delayed while their objections are investigated.

10. Correspondence

Much of the correspondence received since 21 July had been circulated to Councillors by email or by envelope and no further action was required. However, the Clerk drew attention to the following letters, for information:

- Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Fund – open for applications
- Invitation to join walking audit of Bicester
- Invitation to take part in Oxfordshire Big Debate (one meeting is in Banbury Town Hall on 29 September, 7.30 to 9.00pm)
- Invitation to Environment Forum Event "Thermal Imaging: showing where the heat can leak" @ CDC on 4 October, 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

A few letters required a response:

- Draft Local Transport Plan 3 – open for consultation 4 October to 9 January. Document is on County's web-site - response to be discussed at November meeting.
- Invitation to Countryside Forum on 28 September, 7.00pm at Bodicote House – no one able to attend.
- Invitation to Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting on 10 November – Cllr Wood volunteered to attend. Other Cllrs will let the Clerk know if they are able to go as well. **Action – Clerk to inform CDC.**

11. Reports from meetings

None .

12. Dates of Future Meetings

The following date had already been agreed: 24th November. Dates for 2011 will be set at the November meeting.

13. Any other Business

- a) Squadron Leader Still informed the meeting that on the first Thursday of every month there will be a 'Giant Voice Test' (a security warning device – there are speakers at MOD Caversfield). He also said more English members for the British American Committee would be welcomed.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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