

WILCOT and HUISSH (with OARE) PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
Wilcot Village Hall, Wednesday 12 March 2014, at 19.30.

Present:

Councillors: Mr C Bartlett, Dr J C Bouch, Dr D Nix (Chair), Mrs N Fleet, Mr R Fleet, Mrs A May (Clerk), Mrs P Smith and Ms D Wilson.

In attendance:

None

Actions

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Paul Oatway, Wiltshire Council.
Retrospectively: Mr L Giddings, Mrs B Lawson.

2. Declarations of Interest on any agenda item to be discussed

None

3. Chairman's Announcements

None

4. Public Question Time

There were no members of public present.

5. Minutes of the meetings of 18 February 2014 and action reports

9.1 Chair suggested the next step should be to talk to Mr Hiscox, not ROW.

10.4 Clerk contacted the Devizes-Westminster race organisers to request no parking on Wilcot bridge and suggested they consider hiring the hall for toilet and refreshment facilities. To be raised at a DW planning meeting.

11.1 Clerk has reconciled the accounts and will make a report at the AGM. Approximately £600 will be available at year end and Clerk will now purchase the hard drive, fire safe and Clerk's bible, as previously minuted. She has replaced the broken noticeboard in Wilcot with a new weatherproof one and suggested replacement noticeboards for Oare and Huish.

Resolution: That the above additional purchases be made before the financial year end.

Clerk

Proposed: Cllr R Fleet **Seconded:** Cllr Wilson All in favour.

11.2 Defibrillators have been added to the insurance at no additional cost, with an additional £18 on renewal. Clerk has added the defibrillators to the Asset Register, but further work now required on the Asset Register.

Clerk

11.4 Council considered whether to make a donation to Citizens Advice from the remaining funds and after full discussion decided against it. Item to be put in the next Newsletter inviting donations from parishioners.

12.1 Cllrs R Fleet and Smith have looked at the war memorial and consider it in better condition than was feared, however attention may be required to prevent future deterioration. Cllr Smith will seek advice on suitable treatment.

Cllr PS

12.2 Cllr R Fleet has now heard from Stowell estate who are in support of the project but has yet to hear from Highways. Deadline for submissions is 28 March and he will make the submission anyway. Cost will be £800 and volunteers for labour will be sought.

Cllr RF

12.4 Clerk forwarded the email inviting the three villages to apply for a grant from Pewsey and District Feast and Carnival and they have made applications.

16.0 Clerk has contact Stephen Matthews regarding village clean up day but no response received yet. Council would like the towpath included in the clean up as reports of litter have been received.

Clerk

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21.3 Clerk apologised, but had submitted a report to Pewsey Area Board just too late for it to be included in the agenda, however copies of the report were made available at the meeting.

Resolution: That the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting without amendment.

Proposed: Cllr Bouch **Seconded:** Cllr R Fleet All in favour.

6. To review and provide feedback on new planning applications from Wiltshire Council

(Town & Country Planning Act 1980, sched 1, para 8)

- 6.1 **14/01202/FUL** – Demolition of existing lean-to structure and the erection of a single storey rear extension. The Coach House, Wilcot.
No objections.

7. Exchange of Information

- 7.1 A letter was received from Mr Andrew Rae acknowledging receipt of the grant for Wilcot PCC, and informing that Wilcot will be signing up for the Living Churchyards and Cemeteries project, which promotes ancient cemeteries as a valuable source of biodiversity, something the PCC feels very strongly about. Volunteers will be sought and Clerk to contact Mr Rae inviting him to put an item on the website and in the newsletter.

Clerk

- 7.2 Cllr R Fleet has been contacted by Mr Tom Maidment, from Wilcot dairy, to advise that he will be submitting planning permission for an area of solar panels 50m x 50m.

- 7.3 As a result of the Emergency Plan, Cllr Wilson suggested that the track in front of the houses on the Green in Wilcot was unsuitable for emergency vehicles. The road is unadopted, and there are doubts as to its ownership. Repairs have been made in previous years although not all residents were in favour or contributed. Clerk to draft a letter to residents to ask that, if it were to apply for a grant for repairs whether there would be any objections.

Clerk

8. Proposed additional items for next agenda

None

9. Date and time of next meetings

Tuesday 20 May 2014 at 19.30, Wilcot village hall. AGM

Tuesday 29 April 2014 at 19.30, Oare village hall. Annual Parish Meeting.

Planning Meeting and closed Council CPD – date TBA

The meeting ended at 20.45

This meeting was followed by a CPD training session for Councillors.

Additional diary dates:

Saturday 5 April – village clean up day

WALC Regional Conference – 30 April

Chairman:

Date: