

WILCOT and HUIISH (with OARE) PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Oare Village Hall, Tuesday 15 July 2014, at 19.30.

Present:

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

In attendance:

8 members of the public.

Actions

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Nix (Cllr Bouch, Vice Chairman, took the Chair for the meeting).
Cllr Paul Oatway, Wiltshire Council.

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

Cllr Giddings item 8.2.

3. Report from the Police

PC Richard Barratt was unable to attend the meeting at short notice, but had submitted an electronic copy of his report which was subsequently made available on the website.

4. Minutes of the last meeting – 9 April 2014

Clerk's action report was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, and was made available to members of the public by request.

Item 4 Wilcot Hut and Green Liaison is Cllr Bouch, not Cllr R Fleet.

Resolution: That the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting with one amendment as above.

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

At the last meeting (AGM) Clerk omitted signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Vice Chairman Cllr Bouch signed his Declaration. Carry forward signing by Chairman Cllr Nix to next meeting.

Clerk

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting – 10 June 2014

The Chair read out the applications that were considered at the meeting.

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

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

5. Budget and Monitoring Report

5.1 The Budget and Monitoring Report was circulated with the Agenda. There has been little activity since the last meeting and all spend is as expected and within budget.

Resolution: That the Budget and Monitoring Report be adopted.

Proposed: Cllr Bartlett **Seconded:** Cllr Smith All in favour.

5.2 2014 Annual Return

Carry forward.

Clerk

5.3 Applications for grants to Splash Wiltshire and The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

Council would prefer to make awards to local charities and therefore did not support these requests. Clerk recommended reserving a sum for charitable awards in the next budget.

Resolution: That Splash Wiltshire and The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

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not be awarded a grant.

Proposed: Cllr Bartlett **Seconded:** Cllr Smith. All in favour.

6. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman noted that the issue of Camping at the Golden Swan, Wilcot, was once again on the agenda and felt that, as the pub is one of the village's most valuable assets and it had been an issue for a long time, that it was time it was resolved. The members of the public present then joined in the discussion and therefore item 8.2 was heard at this point.

The Clerk confirmed that she has received a considerable number of complaints from neighbours of the Golden Swan about noise from the campsite. There was, once again, some heated debate about the number of campers that should be permitted on the site. At the last meeting there had been a suggestion from the floor that a meeting of interested parties take place and, as this had not happened, the Clerk offered to arrange a meeting. The Clerk had contacted Wiltshire Council and Wadworth's Brewery to pass on the complaints from residents, and the landlord of the Golden Swan asked that any complaints also be passed to him.

Clerk

7. Public Question Time

A submission was received from a resident relating to 8.2 and this was circulated to Council with the agenda.

A member of public enquired about the path leading to Cocklebury Farm which was overgrown, and was advised that this was not a public right of way and was shown an alternative route on the ROW map. Cllr Bartlett was requested to put a copy of the ROW map on the website.

Cllr CB

8. Current Parish Issues and Updates

8.1 Kennet and Avon Canal, Wilcot

The Chairman updated the meeting with the results of the meeting with the Canal and River Trust on 19 June 2014. He considered the meeting had been constructive and made some progress and noted the C&RT plan to produce a booklet for boaters with improved guidance. The canal will be divided into 'neighbourhoods' for the purposes of identifying how far boaters should move to comply with the 14 day stay rule. Council will be interested to hear about plans for 'visitor spaces' and 'quiet zones'.

8.2 Camping in Wilcot

Item heard at 6 above.

8.3 WW1 Events and Commemoration

8.3.1 A commemoration service will be held at East Grafton on Sunday 3 August at which the name of one of the fallen of each parish, from the village memorial, will be read out. From the names proposed Council agreed to nominate Private Phillip Henry Giddings of 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment, who died 06/07/1916 aged 19 years, and is commemorated on the Huish memorial. Members of the Giddings family continue to live in the parish and it was suggested that one of Cllr Giddings granddaughters might like to lay the posy on behalf of the parish at the service. Clerk to submit information to the organisers.

Clerk

The Clerk asked Council if they would like to make a donation

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to the collection but they considered the collection should be limited to the attendees of the service.

Cllr Wilson said that parishes were still waiting to be given crosses to name, to be laid at the event at Tidworth Military Cemetery on 30 July 2014.

8.4 Highways

8.4.1 C264 repairs

The C264 Stowell road is in need of permanent repair and will therefore be carried out by a separate team to those working on resurfacing.

8.4.2 Closure of C8 for repair

Sections of the C8 Devizes to Pewsey road will be closed for resurfacing works 8 July for 6 days and 23 July for 2 days.

8.4.3 Oare – surface water from spring

Water is running from a point in the road where, it is believed, a spring surfaces. This was first reported last year and has now been reported again.

The Chairman commented that it is nice to see some money being spent on improving the roads in our area.

Some of the signs approaching Cross Hayes crossroads are becoming obscured by vegetation. Clerk to report this to the Parish Steward.

Clerk

Cllr Wilson will raise the layout of the junction by the Golden Swan, Wilcot, at the next CATG meeting.

8.5 Broadband and phone signal

Cllr DW

Wiltshire Council has awarded the Superfast Broadband contract to BT and a survey will be carried out in this area at the end of the year. Wiltshire has been divided into segments for this purpose, which does not match the Area Board segments. Areas of higher population will take priority. Wiltshireonline shows a map of the rollout and gives an explanation of the programme.

Cllr Lawson has written to the Chief Executives of the 4 major mobile phone companies to complain about the poor mobile signal in the area.

8.6 Rights of Way

No further update on the Rainscombe Park issues.

The Parish Council would like to hold another parish walk in September.

9. Projects

9.1 The project to provide a school bus hardstanding and waiting area in Wilcot continues to make progress. Funding is sought from the Area Board, supported by Cllr Oatway. Cllr R Fleet has had a constructive meeting with Highways who will provide a raised curved landing area after which Council will carry out the rest of the improvements. It is hoped that it may be in place for September/October.

Cllr RF

9.2 Cllr Wilson was successful in her approach to the British Heart Foundation for a third defibrillator, for Huish. BHF will supply the defibrillator on receipt of a contribution of £400 from the Parish Council, to be funded from the Defibrillator Project Fund. This unit will not come with a case and so must be housed in a warm, unlocked cabinet. Cllr Wilson will register it with the Ambulance Trust once it is in place.

Cllr DW

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

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

Two applications were received after the agenda was published.

- 10.1 **14/06664/TCA** – Fell horse chestnut tree. Lattenbury Cottage, Oare. As the tree has canker and horse chestnut leaf miner there were no objections to the application.
- 10.2 **14/06466/FUL** – Proposed new calf shed with new concrete apron and ramp and two new feed silos. The Dairy, Manor Farm, Wilcot. Mr Maidment had offered a site visit but Council did not feel it necessary and fully supported this application.

11. Correspondence

Clerk's correspondence report was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, and was made available to members of the public by request.

12. Exchange of Information

- 12.1 Cllr Wilson said that Pewsey (and Malmsbury) are to be pilots for a new neighbourhood watch text alert scheme.
- 12.2 Cllr R Fleet said that further speedwatch sessions have taken place and volunteers have received new high-vis jackets.
- 12.3 Cllr Lawson has completed an online train survey on behalf of the parish, and it was noted that local MP Claire Perry was given responsibility for Transport in the recent cabinet reshuffle.
- 12.4 Clerk has written to two stonemasons regarding repairs to the Wilcot war memorial but has not had any reply. Clerk to chase. Clerk
- 12.5 The Chairman commented on the high volume of email correspondence and the workload for the Clerk. The Clerk filters some emails but felt she should not decide what Council should and shouldn't see and will therefore circulate the majority of email correspondence.

13. Proposed additional items for next agenda

14. Date and time of next meetings

- Tuesday 16 September 2014 – Wilcot Village Hall
- Tuesday 18 November 2014 – Oare Village Hall
- Tuesday 13 January 2015 – Wilcot Village Hall
- Tuesday 17 March 2015 – Oare Village Hall
- Tuesday 19 May 2015 – AGM – Oare Village Hall

Annual Parish Meeting to be held April 2015 in Wilcot Village Hall, date to be arranged.

The meeting ended at 21.10

Additional diary dates:
Parish Walk – date to be arranged in September

Chairman:

Date: