

HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 5TH JANUARY, 2009 AT 7.30 PM IN THE WALTER ROSE ROOM

Present : Cllrs. (Mrs. Aston (Chairman), Mr. Adlard, Mr. Armer, Mr. Austin-Crowe, Mr. Cousins, Mrs. Goss, Mr. Truesdale, Mr. Young

1. **Apologies** : Mr. Wheeler – personal engagement. Accepted.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 1st December, 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. Declarations of interest pertaining to the minutes – none.
4. **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT**
 - (a) A meeting was not held in December.
 - (b) Arrangements have been made to meet the prospective new Councillors on 19th January.
 - (c) Playing Field cycle path – a paper had been circulated with specification and costs which will be discussed at the next F & GP and Planning Committees. Total projected cost shown is £29,525 inc. VAT. SW&CG has £9000 towards this cost and Sustrans have promised 50%. Mr. Truesdale had approached Hastoe Housing Association explaining the situation regarding access from Hedge Furlong into the Playing Field and they have promised to consider. The access way is under their ownership and the contract did not allow for an access but the planning permission does permit.
 - (d) Banks Park – Christmas tree – problems were encountered with lighting the tree as electricity had been accessed from the Gym. The PCT were very helpful and permitted access. Grateful thanks to PCT and to Chris Hawkins for providing the tree.
 - (e) Children's play area – letter had been sent to AVDC asking if the S106 payment for development on Thame Road paddock site could be used for this purpose. Quotes have been received from 4 companies. AVDC has asked us to forward the quotes and specifications. This will be done.
 - (f) The VHMC has made some changes to the Lease and Trust Deed thereby reducing the Parish Council's representation on the Village Hall Social Centre Management Committee. We have written to John Heydon requesting a meeting to discuss.

(g) Cardboard recycling facility – a suggestion has been received from 2 residents for the provision of an additional container in Banks Park. The present container is emptied twice a week, but this is insufficient. Siting is a problem as this could entail the loss of parking spaces. Will be discussed further.

(h) The following cheques were approved for payment :-

E-On Energy – street lighting	579.61
Ivor Miles – tractor diesel	17.77
Geo. Browns – rock salt, sign for new football pitch	25.73
Thames Water – allotments 35.21, Rudds pond 3.90	39.11
Inland Revenue	364.88
G. Dudley – Sal. 1031.80, phone 4, post 11.58, trav. 7.72	
Black bags 4.03	1059.13
Horwood & James – advising on recreation ground lease	201.25
J. Ayers – monthly contract	1540.57

(i) Parish Council Open Surgery will be held on Saturday, 7th March, 2009 at 11 am – 12 noon in the Parish Office.

(j) AVDC – still looking at Council Tax and is on target for 2% increase.

(k) BALC – it is with sadness that Irene Thompson passed away just before Christmas.

(l) AVALC – are looking into doing training with the parishes.

(m) NALC – nothing to report.

(n) Youth Centre – nothing to report.

(o) PFMC – front door of Pavilion has had a hole made in it. Will be repaired by a member.

(p) SCMC – next meeting Thursday, 8th January.

ALLOTMENTS AND SNAKEMOOR

(a) **Snakemoor** – a meeting had been held with representatives of AVDC to discuss a footpath to Snakemoor and the possibility of obtaining the whole field adjacent to Snakemoor. It is almost certain that they will give ground for a footpath, but it looks as though the field will remain as agricultural. The path will be wheelchair friendly. There will also be a new footpath from the railway bridge to the roundabout at a cost of approx. £15,000. Information is being obtained regarding its funding.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- (a) Mr. Young felt that each year the Environmental Committee should have a project which would make an improvement to the village. Suggestions welcomed.
- (b) BCC – are working on the budget for 2009/10.
- (c) Haddenham Local Area Forum – Mrs. Aston and Mr. Young attended the meeting on 10th December. PC Dean Kingham introduced himself as the new PC for the area. Chiltern Railway gave a presentation on the proposed car park deck at Haddenham Station and the new service from Oxford via Bicester to Marylebone. The trains however, will not stop at Haddenham. **Agreed** we write to Chiltern Railways requesting consideration is given to having a stop at Haddenham in view of the fact that more parking is being made and surrounding villages tend to use Haddenham Station. Reports were also given on Community Transport by Richard Maskell; Bucks Community Action by Laurie Johnston who can give advice on playground equipment; Dave Smith, BCC on winter gritting and Anne-Marie Davis on Delegated Transport Budget. We have submitted two applications towards funding for projects. Next meeting 25th March 6.30 pm Long Crendon.
- (d) Safe Walking & Cycling Group – nothing to report.

PLANNING

- (a) Meeting held on 8th December at which 7 new applications were viewed.
- (b) Application for Townsend Garage site we supported, but AVDC still have concerns. 29 Churchway there was concern about the BBQ flue as viewed from Crabtree Road. 26 Rudds Lane, demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two dwellings – it was considered an improvement on previous application. Land adjacent to Thame Road there were concerns about the future management of the meadow grass and the proposed pond. It was thought the meadow grass might be better located at Snakemoor. Haddenham Business Park, Thame Road – erection of four signs at entrances to link road. We supported the A418 end but would like to see how the signs proposed for Thame Road junction would integrate with the proposals for the housing development at the Paddock site.
- (c) Application received for 49 Thame Road for new dwelling is going to AVDC Planning Committee on 8th January with a recommendation for approval. Parish Council had objected to this application.
- (d) Additional higher street lights have been installed in Thame Road from Business Park entrance to railway bridge. It is understood these have been

installed by Bakti. Mrs. Aston would make enquiries as to what is happening with Parish Council's street lights.

- (e) Additional car parking at Station. This will be set further back. Original application was for an additional 340 spaces but this has been reduced to 226. We had met with representatives of Chiltern Railways and expressed concern at the impact it would have on Snakemoor and therefore requested more tree planting; commented on the level of lighting and asked for lower lighting which would be less intrusive, and to be white in colour not orange.

COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) January Newsletter – this will be the first issue in the new format. It will be 2 A5 sheets, folded and stapled in the middle, making an 8 page Newsletter. Text went to printers before Christmas, but problems have been encountered in receiving a draft.
- (b) Counting will take place on Saturday, 17th January 10 am Parish Council office.
- (c) It had been agreed to take advertisements in the Newsletter and a letter will be sent out to local organisations inviting them to advertise. Cost of advert starts at £17.50 for one tenth of an A4 page to commence with the April issue. Letters to go out by end January.
- (d) Website is making steady progress.
- (e) Information received from Thames Valley Police of a company calling themselves The Children's Welfare Foundation asking for unwanted clothes, toys etc. They call themselves a charity and advise that they support terminally ill babies and their families – they are not a registered charity but are a commercial venture. Also a company called Quick Quid.co.uk offering instant loans – these are at an extortionate rate. BE AWARE.

CHAIRMAN

2nd February, 2009.