

East Hagbourne Parish Council Meeting – 14th January, 2010.

A meeting of the East Hagbourne Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 14th January, 2010 when the following members were present :-

Mr D Rickeard (Chairman)

Mr C Alberry

Mr D Button

Mr R Dawson

Mr I Duff

Mr R Emery

Mr D Harding

Mr R Rendell

Mr R Parsley (Clerk)

Mr P Greene (District & County Councillor)

Two members of the public also attended.

An apology was received from Mr Wilkins for domestic reasons.

1. Mr Rickeard spoke of the sad news of Washington Hunda who died before Christmas.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th November, 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Actions and Matters Arising. (Refer also to Appendix 1.)

(a). Responsibility of Footpaths. Mr Rendell to continue to research into who is responsible for three local footpaths.

(b). Recreation Ground, Hopfields and the Car Park. Mr Rendell and Mr Button to continue the registration with the Land Registry.

4. District and County Councillor.

Mr Greene reported That SODC plan to collect the recycling bins this week although one day latter than the normal collection and that the recycling bins would be collected again next week to return to the normal programme.

He also reported that the 'Core Strategy' discussions have been delayed until May 2010. It is his view that the proposed housing programme will be north of the ring road but that no decision has been reached.

The OCC 'Youth Service' budget has lost £350,000.00.

At the last SODC Council meeting it was stated that the inclement weather had cost an additional £700,000.00 which he expected would come out of the Reserve fund.

He stated that there will be a workshop on the LPT3 at SODC on 29th January, 2010.

Action: Mr Emery to follow up and ascertain if it is possible to apply for a place.

The railway bridge update at South Moreton is still ongoing but with little feedback from Network Rail.

Mr Emery stated that at the last Didcot Forum meeting it was announced that the government had appeared to have pulled the plug on immediate growth so were the proposed 1500 houses still viable. He enquired whether the Government schedule would be adhered to. Mr Greene stated that a possible change of Government could well mean delays, and he would enquire into the situation.

Action: Mr Greene to ascertain the fate of the additional houses not supported by government funds.

Mr Emery also enquired that as the 'Grenoble Road' project had been turned down by the Inspector where will the 4000 homes go? Mr Greene stated there was room in the Oxford area.

Action: Mr Greene to confirm that the Grenoble Road decision will not mean more houses for Didcot

Mr Rendell asked about the procedures for recycling, and if it was alright to place broken glass in the recycling bin. Mr Greene stated this was acceptable as all the sorting was carried out mechanically at Birmingham. It was suggested a visit to a recycling plant would be educational, and Mr Greene agreed to enquire.

Action: Mr Greene to investigate the possibility of a visit to the recycling plant

5. Items for Decision.

(a). Monica Lawson Memorial. Mr Duff to contact West Hagbourne Parish Council and check on the progress of the design competition for a memorial gate. Mr Rickeard requested that the plan be progressed as quickly as possible. Mr Alberry requested details for the website.

(b). New School Gates. Our donation for the new gates had been acknowledged by Mr Jones. The work has already started and there will also be a separate pedestrian entrance. The work should be finished by 23rd January 2010. Once the gates are fitted there will be an opening ceremony.

(c). Hagbourne Charities Committee Vacancy. Mr Duff requested the clerk to write to Mr Beran to inform him that Mrs Rickeard has been nominated as the Parish Council representative on the committee.

Action: Mr Parsley

(d). Speakers at the Annual Parish Meeting. Mr Rickeard stated that he had invited Mr Buckle and Mr Greene to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to give short representations. The rest of the meeting will be devoted to the Parish Plan. Mr Emery reported that in the past one or two parishioners had requested that more details of the actual spend was presented at the meeting. Mr Alberry suggested that a notice of the meeting be delivered to all households which was

favourably accepted in principle. Also that the broad direction of the meeting be shown on the website.

(e).CPRE. It was proposed by Mr Rickeard, seconded by Mr Button and agreed by a majority to renew our subscription The annual subscription is £29.00.

6.Planning Applications.

(a).Principles for reviewing planning applications. Mr Emery repeated that the SODC's seminars on planning did not provide a basic knowledge on how to comment on planning applications.

With the present system of recording the comments on planning applications on hard copy only, those at the end of the list are aware of the comments made by the other Parish Councillors. Mr Alberry to devise an electronic solution so that all comments will be easily available.

Action: Mr Alberry

(b).Planning Appeal – Greenacres Farm. It was suggested that Mr Emery and/or Mr Rickeard resubmit our previous comments and attend the appeal meeting on 16th February, 2010. (*Note: we have been subsequently advised that the appeal has been withdrawn*).

(c).The following planning applications have been received since the last meeting. The Parish Council's comments are indicated.

P09/W1103	Hagbourne Village Hall.	No strong views
P09/W1120	29 Wilcher Close	Withdrawn.
P09/W1168	67 Blewbury Road	No strong views
P09/W1284	14 Main Road	-ditto-
P09/W1290	67 Blewbury Road	-ditto-

7.Parish Plan.

Mr Rickeard presented an outline of the proposal for the Parish Plan (see Appendix 2). A small group is working on the component topics, calling on others in the community for help as appropriate. He outlined the various categories and the nominees who could be assigned to assist.

With reference to 'Communications' the problems of compiling a newsletter are not generally known. Mrs Corderoy, editor of the Parish Magazine, is willing to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain the procedure. She had stated that if the Parish Council wanted to issue a separate quarterly newsletter it would not affect the Parish Magazine. Mr Rendell, Mr Duff and Mr Rickeard agreed to discuss the matter with Mrs Corderoy in the first place.

Action: Convene meeting with Mrs Corderoy (ID/RR/DR)

Mr Rickeard and Mr Harding had a meeting with our local PCSO's regarding dog fouling and found them very helpful. PCSO's can issue fines for dog fouling as long as they catch the culprit's in the act. They asked that we as a community report all instances of any crime so that

they can build up cases. An information letter will be prepared and circulated to alert people to the legal situation and encourage recalcitrant dog owners to follow the best practice.

The Sports and Leisure facilities will have to be scaled down, since we have been unable to fund the original project. A small group is looking at alternative approaches, and a letter has been received from Hagbourne United Football Club, also suggesting alternatives for a new pavilion. Mr Rickeard to reply to Mr Davies thanking him for the letter and to state the Council's views pointing out that we were not in a position to make a snap decision. He will arrange a meeting with the Football Club to discuss the way forward.

Action: Mr Rickeard

8. Britain in Bloom.

The report for 2009 is displayed on the website. Also, a report on the debrief meeting was circulated to all known contacts, and attached to the minutes of the November meeting. The procedures for the regional competition in 2010 remain somewhat unclear; evaluation may be based purely on a visit as in previous years, however the procedures may be changing for 2010. The clerk and Mr Rickeard to check on the entry details for 2009 and available information for 2010.

9. Reports.

(a). Play Area. Mr Rendell stated that there had been minor vandalism to the seats. Mr Wood will carry out the necessary repairs. He has applied for the final instalment of the TOE grant which should cover the remaining amount expended on the project.

(b). Didcot Development. - No Report.

(c). Butts Piece. Cynthia Napper has agreed her plans for the 'Wild Area' of Butts Piece' with Mr Beran. Mr Alberry stated that the water survey by Thames Water for a contingency water supply to the allotments if the proposed well project fails will cost £235.00. His request for a cheque to cover the cost was agreed.

(d). East Hagbourne Website. - No Report.

(e). Dog Cleanliness. - See comments under Parish Plan.

(f). Flooding. Mr Rickeard stated that he will follow-up OCC to review the findings from the drainage system checks carried out during the autumn.

Action: Mr Rickeard

(g). Standing Orders. Mr Button will present a report in due course.

10. Correspondence.

(a).Direct Information Service. (Email 10/12/09).

(b).Oxfordshire Play Partnership. (Email 17/12/09)

Members are asked to review and advise if they consider we should respond.

11.Finance.

(a). Payments since the last meeting :-

		£
Sue Ryder Care	(Donation)	50.00
RBL Poppy Appeal	"	125.00
Didcot & District Citizens Advice Bureau	"	250.00
South & Vale Carers Centre	"	200.00
Oxfordshire Association for the Blind	"	75.00
Playdale	(Equipment)	5359.00
Hewlett Packard	(Print Cartridges)	320.99
Hagbourne School	(Donation)	1000.00
Parker's	(Plants)	96.93
Scion Estates Ltd	(Grass Cutting)	190.16
Re-Vamp Multiserve	(Key Tags)	7.96
Hagbourne Builders Ltd	(Tree Surgery)	224.25
Hagbourne Village Hall	(Hire & Electricity)	187.76
R.Emery	(Expenses for BiB meeting)	74.59
R.Parsley	(Clerk's Salary& Expenses)	1359.18

(b).The receipts were :-

SODC (Grant)	3979.00
Barclays Bank (Interest)	14.44

12. Any Other Business.

(a).A resident from Wilcher Close, complained about the parking in Harwood Road and the entrance to The Croft. Particularly during the recent icy weather these represent a hazard when exiting The Croft. The cars are thought to be those of local residents and not those of school parents. Mr Rickeard and the clerk to investigate.

Action: Mr Rickeard and Mr Parsley to investigate and encourage safe parking

(b).Hagbourne Bowls Club wish to erect two signs on the highway directing traffic to the Bowls Club. They will apply to OCC Highways Department for guidance and permission. There were no objections to this request.

(c).Mr Duff highlighted the Training courses available to Parish Councillors, and raised the need to comment on 'Natural Green Spaces Strategy' consultation from SODC. Mr Rickeard explained that the report does not specifically mention the Didcot area, referring instead to the specific Didcot study in 2008, to which we responded. It was agreed to resubmit the comments we made on the earlier report.

Action: Mr Rickeard to take the necessary action.

Mr Duff also reported that the new Neighbourhood Watch team are formulating the plan ahead.

(d).Mr Rendell stated that no progress had been made to have the potholes at the entrance to North Croft repaired. The matter will be discussed by Mr Rendell, Mr Rickeard and the clerk to try to solve this issue.

Action: Mr Rendell to convene a meeting with Mr Rickeard and Mr Parsley

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.01 pm.

The next meeting is on Thursday, 18th February, 2010.

Chairman

Date

T 1. Summary of Actions.

Action No	Action	Responsible	Status
2009-10-01	Find out who is responsible for selected footpaths	RR	in progress
2009-10-02	Register Recreation Ground, Car Park and hopfields with Land Registry	RR	in progress
2009-10-07	Continue to pursue training on planning review	RE	DONE
2009-10-09	Make recommendations on updating the village web site so that it is more easily accessible and undatable	CA	ongoing
2009-10-10	Make proposal for new Standing Orders	DB	in progress
2009-11-01	Clerk to monitor OCC progress to repair Great Mead surface.	RP	DONE
2009-11-02	Develop action plan to produce a draft Parish Plan with RE,DB,ID and others.	DR	DONE
2009-11-03	Circulate report on Britian in Bloom debrief and PC discussion, and solicit input	DR	DONE
2009-11-04	Advise implications of the OCC traffic report after consultation with Mr Townsend	RE	ongoing

2009-11-05	Investigate the legal aspects of dog fouling and enforcement	DH	DONE
2010-01-01	Check on 29th Jan mtg at SODC on LTP3 consultation and arrange attendance as appropriate	RE	
2010-01-02	Check impact of govt withdrawal of New Growth Points initiative - does this mean 1500 less houses for Didcot?	PG	
2010-01-03	Investigate implication of Grenoble Road development refusal	PG	
2010-01-04	Find out more about how recycled material is handled and whether a visit to the processing centre would be possible	PG	
2010-01-05	Investigate parking around Harwood Road/Croft area	DR/RP	
2010-01-06	Write to Charities Secretary advising that Mrs Yen Rickeard is the new PC nominee for the committee	RP	
2010-01-07	Investigate potential to record comments on planning applications electronically so all can see	CA	
2010-01-08	Resubmit our comments on Greenacre Farm, discuss with Planning and attend appeal hearing as appropriate	RE/DR	
2010-01-09	Parish Plan: convene mtg to discuss communication aspects with Janet Corduroy	ID	
2010-01-10	Respond to HUFC on proposals to develop existing pavilion	DR	
2010-01-11	Find out the procedures for entering 2010 Britain in Bloom Regional competition	RP/DR	
2010-01-12	Follow up OCC on Main Road drainage survey	DR	
2010-01-13	Respond to the Green Spaces survey, resubmitting our comments to the 2008 consultation	DR	
2010-01-14	Discuss our understanding on North Croft maintenance and define a way forward	RR/DR/RP	

APPENDIX 2. DRAFT OUTLINE FOR EAST HAGBOURNE PARISH PLAN

1. Introduction

- Objectives & background of Parish Plan
- The process so far (initial meetings, survey . .)

2. East Hagbourne in Context

- Brief history and description of the village and its surroundings

3. A Vibrant Community

- What goes on in the village – an opportunity to detail the multitude of activities that make EH special

4. Our vision for the future

- End with a brief explanation of the challenges and issues we see for the future

5. Responding to Urban Growth (RE)

6. Communications (DR/ID)

7. Road Safety (RE/DB with John Townsend)

8. Footpaths (DR to ask John Jones and Paul Chambers for help)

9. Vandalism and Anti-Social Behaviour (ID with Di Duff, Myra Hardiman)

10. Dog Fouling and Litter (DR/DH)

11. Sustainability and Environment (DR talk to Cynthia Napper)

12. Education and young people (DR)

13. Church and Community (DR)

14. Sports and Leisure Facilities (PH, DR, Andy Barnes)

15. Shops and Services

16. Conclusions