

Held at the Boscombe and District Social club

Present were – Cllr M Miles, Cllr R Kitson, Cllr P Smith, Cllr M Brunton, Cllr G Barnes, Cllr P Smith and Mrs Melanie Thomas (Temporary Parish Clerk),

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| <p>District Cllr M Hewitt</p> <p>5 members of the public</p> <p>Prior to the meeting a time was allowed for questions from the public and included:</p> <p>(i) a comment by a resident regarding a recent incidence of vandalism within the Parish – the resident Police Community Support Officer referred to this item.</p> <p>(ii) a comment by a resident about the apparent lack of control of certain dogs by owners within the Parish, and with reference to the Dog Control Act. The Parish Council noted that if they were informed of the identities of the owners then the Council would write to those concerned – Parishioners are to be encouraged to notify the Council and a note to be placed in the Parish magazine.</p> <p>(iii) Comment regarding the concern about the verges on the Newton Toney road being worn away by heavy lorries – this item mentioned at the February meeting where a letter was agreed to be written by the Parish Council to the District Council – Cllr Kitson informed the Council that this had not been done – <i>Clerk to action</i> – add to the May agenda for update.</p> | <p>Action</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>1. To receive apologies</p> <p>Cllr S Borrett – As Cllr Borrett was unavailable as Chairperson to chair the meeting, Cllr M Brunton as Vice Chair agreed to chair the meeting in her absence.</p> <p>Welcome was given to Mr John Richardson, Clerk to Figcheldean Parish Council and Mr John Smale, District Councillor of Figcheldean and Bulford, Police Community Support Officer from Amesbury.</p> | |
| <p>2. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None.</p> | |
| <p>3. Minutes</p> <p>A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on February 17th 2009 were submitted and approved and duly signed by Cllr Brunton. Cllr Miles proposed the acceptance and Cllr Smith seconded.</p> | |
| <p>4. Matters Arising</p> <p>The date of the Annual Parish meeting was confirmed as being due to be held on Tuesday 5th May 2009 between 7pm and 7.30pm. It was agreed that Steve Milton of SDC and a County Councillor be invited to attend the meeting. <i>Clerk to action.</i></p> <p>Note was made of the Parish Council Standing Orders which were referred to at the February meeting. This item was agreed to be added to the May agenda when it is hoped the Orders can be located for discussion.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>5. Councillors Report (WCC/SDC)</p> <p>An update was given by Cllr Hewitt on such issues as the introduction of the Area Boards, the Community Area Partnership Scheme, and the organisation of planning matters following the demise of the District Council on the 31st March 2009. A note was made of the date of the European elections and Unitary election for Wiltshire which is to be held on 4th June 2009 and where Parishioners will be invited to vote at the Boscombe and District Social club.</p> | |
| <p>6. R2 Funds</p> <p>The second stage of the update of the playground was discussed and using the available R2 funds. Cllr Kitson confirmed he had contacted the R2 representative at SDC and was awaiting</p> | <p>Cllr Kitson, Cllr Brunton</p> |

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| <p>confirmation of information regarding the funds. Thanks were given to Cllr Kitson in his efforts with regard to this work.</p> <p>Concern was raised regarding the expiry date of part of the funds which was stated as the 20th April 2009 and amounting to £11,321.00. The funds being spent on the playground total £9,367.00. Due to the amount remaining left to spend before the expiry date, it was agreed to purchase a marquee which is hoped to be used for the village fete and other events in the Parish. Cllr Brunton agreed to obtain the necessary quotations to satisfy the criteria for the R2 release of funds and by the expiry date of 20th April 2009.</p> <p>Further mention was made of the use of R2 funds for the Bourne Valley Youth project and after discussion Cllr Brunton agreed to further this matter with the youth project co-ordinator.</p> | <p>Cllr Brunton</p> <p>Cllr Brunton</p> |
| <p>7. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dstl letter – notification of road closure of the MoD section of Winterslow Road Porton – between 10.00hrs and 16.00hrs from 23rd March until the 27th March 2009 inclusive. • Invitation to the Parish Council for the event of LAUNCH from Community First to attend on Tuesday 7th April 2009. • Documents received from Robert Key MP – copies of the responses received by him from Wiltshire County Council, Hampshire County Council, the South West Regional Assembly and the Department of Transport about the A338. • A G Bowden trading as Mr T Services – Contract received and discussed for the Mr T Services to undertake grass maintenance for the Parish Council for the period 1/4/09 to 31/3/09. It was agreed to pay the contractor by standing order in twelve equal payments on the 30th of each month in arrears. <i>Clerk to action.</i> • Diocese of Salisbury – notification of the Church of England closure of Allington Church – after discussion it was agreed that Cllr Brunton should write to the Diocese to state the Parish Council support for the Church to remain open. <p>Concern was raised that if the Church were to close, to whom the responsibility would lie for the maintenance of the grounds – <i>Clerk to enquire.</i></p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Brunton</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>8. Parish Clerk</p> <p>Following the resignation of the Parish Clerk at the February meeting, it was confirmed that an advertisement for the vacant post had been displayed on the Parish notice boards and with the District Council. It was confirmed that Mrs Jane Tier would be acting as temporary Clerk and that interviews would take place in May with appointment being made in time for the June Parish Council meeting.</p> | |
| <p>9. Finances</p> <p>A set of accounts which were produced by the temporary Clerk, Mrs Jane Tier, and after perusal were accepted.</p> <p>Cheques authorised for payment: Wiltshire County Council £26.67 (Cemetery and premises charge for 2009/2010)</p> | |
| <p>10. Any other business</p> <p>It was with regret that Cllr Miles notified the Parish Council of his intention to resign with immediate effect as Parish Councillor. Clerk to confirm this resignation with the District Council and to organise for the arrangement of the advertisement for the vacant post.</p> <p>Note was made of the Parish Steward visit due on 31st March 2009 and if any Councillors had any relevant jobs to add to the work remit for the scheme then they should contact Cllr Kitson who would forward the request to the relevant department.</p> <p>RoSPA – following comment at the last meeting and note at this meeting, Cllr Kitson confirmed that an inspection of the play equipment would be organised.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm. Date of next meeting: Tuesday May 5th 2009 in the Boscombe and District Social club at 7.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will precede this meeting and will begin at 7pm.

