

# **WEARE PARISH COUNCIL**

A MEETING OF THE WEARE PARISH COUNCIL was held on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

## **PRESENT:**

Cllrs K B Ham (Chairman), B.Quantrill, I Ham, B. Stitch, M. Parrett.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk Mr A J Parfitt & PCSO Sam Haydon (Part of meeting)

## **APOLOGIES:**

G. Lunn, C. Byrne

## **08/132 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chairman – K. Ham proposed B.Quantrill sec I Ham & agreed unanimously  
Cllr Ham made her Declaration of Acceptance

Vice-Chairman – B. Quantrill proposed K. Ham sec I. Ham & agreed unanimously  
Cllr Quantrill made his Declaration of Acceptance

## **08/133 ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Cllr I Ham proposed & Cllr B Quantrill seconded that all representatives be re-elected en bloc. This was agreed unanimously.

Trustees of Memorial Hall (2) – K. Ham & I. Ham	
Weare Wildlife World	- B. Quantrill
SALC	- Clerk
Cluster Meeting	- Chairman & Clerk
Footpaths Officer	- M. Parrett
Auditor	- M. Ball

## **08/134 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

## **08/135 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

PCSO Sam Haydon introduced herself to Council and gave a résumé of her Background. Crime figures were down and there were no major problems in the area at present. A Beat Surgery would be held at the Village Lunches each month. Old Coach Road and A38 would be closed for a short time on Thursday afternoon whilst a funeral cortege passed from Cross to Weare. PCSO Haydon then left the meeting.

**08/136 THE MINUTES** of the Meeting of Weare Parish Council held on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009 were then taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the proceedings. Prop: I. Ham sec M. Parrett.

## **08/137 CORRESPONDENCE**

- Post Office Services – The Clerk read a letter from Cty Cllr A. Ham re the Closure of Allerton Post Office. There was no chance of this PO reopening and the Post Office was suggesting a ‘Hosted Service’. Whilst agreeing that this might be a possibility, Councillors were of the opinion that a Mobile PO service might be better, visiting twice a week and staying for approx 4 hours. The Wheatsheaf Car Park could be a central point. Clerk to convey this suggestion to Cty Cllr A. Ham.

**08/138 NEW BUSINESS** (Items notified to Clerk prior to publication of agenda)

None

**08/139 PLANNING**

- a) Ref:49/09/00004/CG Ashlyn Farm – Erection of Stud Workers cottage, garage and new access. Cllrs agreed to support in principle but questioned whether or not an Agriculture Assessment of need was required.

**b) Matters dealt with by Delegated Authority**

None

**c) Matters dealt with by Sedgemoor District Council.**

Ref: Brinscombe House – Erection of Extension – Permitted

**d) Other Planning Matters**

- None

**08/140 REPORTS**

- **Cluster Meeting** – Clerk reported on last meeting. RLT3 grants have been awarded to Wedmore, Cheddar and Shipham.
- **Footpaths** – M. Parrett had completed his inspections for the year. A report had been submitted to County and copied to the clerk.  
Thanks were expressed to Cllr Parrett for all his efforts.
- **WWW & The Combe** –  
Grass and grazing has been advertised. No interest yet. Closing date for tenders is 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Much work has been done, clearing out scrub, brambles and dead branches. It was agreed that the clerk investigate the possibility of an Aggregate Levy Grant
- **Burial Ground** – Clerk reported that a burial of ashes application had been received for Mr. D. Hymer in plot 16. Undertaker had been informed that head stone or inscription on it could not be changed without consent of the owner of the plot. Changes had been made to the original agreement giving Exclusive Burial Rights to Mr Hymer but ownership of the plot and headstone remained with Mrs Edith Paye (now Edith Betty Howard).  
This was confirmed in various items of correspondence, the latest dated 27/01/2007.
- **Highways** – The following problems were reported:
  - 1) Concern over the general deterioration of the roads in the parish was expressed.
  - 2) Clerk has spoken to Major Tomes, owner of hedgerow on Alston Sutton Road who was to speak to Highways. Nothing further.
  - 3) No reply has been received from Somerset Waste re - cycling bins on the A38, officer concerned on holiday.
- **SALC** - Annual General Meeting in September.
- **Other Reports** – A38 Committee meeting tomorrow 20<sup>th</sup> May –K. Ham to attend

## **08/141 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) New Items - Accounts for the past year were agreed unanimously prop I. Ham  
sec B.Quantrill and Annual Governance statement made by all Councillors.  
End of Public Inspection period is 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009
- b) Income - £5218 – ½ year precept £5000, Burial Fee £218
- c) Balances  
Current Account - £7023.53  
Reserve Account - £3179.48
- d) Settlement of Accounts.

The following payments were agreed, the cheques drawn and signed by two members.  
Proposed by M. Parrett seconded K. Ham.

- D. Dors – Ground Mtce - 251.13
- Clerks Salary - £445.12
- Inland Revenue - £111.28

- e) Cheques drawn and previously issued under delegated powers.
- None
- f) Other Financial Matters  
None

## **08/142 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- B. Stitch reported theft of small quantity of 'Round Up' weed killer.

## **08/143 DATE OF NEXT MEETING -**

Tuesday 16th June 2009

Tuesday 21st July 2009

No meeting in August unless there is urgent business