

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 30 2000

PRESENT: R Butterworth, R Lambert, J Megginson, PC Steve Jackson.

APOLOGIES: A Baxter, M Patterson, P Leese.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a correct record.

POLICE MATTERS

BOLLARDS: Letter received from ERYC saying that the residents of Paddock Garth had been asked to remove bollards.

PICNIC SITE: PC Jackson reported that there had been a small number of incidents at the picnic site, especially recently now the nights are drawing in and the gates are not being locked. Clerk to write to ERYC to ask them to set up an arrangement to lock the gates as per last year and to also request that the gravel pit is kept locked as well.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ROUNABOUT: No reply received as yet from ERYC in response to our concerns about the number of accidents at the roundabout. Clerk to chase up a reply.

SPEEDING: The traffic calming measures have probably had some effect but it was felt that there was still a problem with speeding. The parish council agreed that they would like to see a police presence as often as possible as this seems to be one of the most effective deterrents.

HANWAG: The possibility of having a village meeting was discussed but decided against. However, the parish council felt that they would like to receive as much information as possible on local crime. PC Jackson offered to look into the possibility of faxing information through to the clerk whenever appropriate.

GRAZING: It was decided to make a final decision about this subject at January's meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATION: Application for a vehicular access at Lighthouse Cottages has gone to appeal – no decision as yet.

LITTER BIN/GRIT BINS: A new litter bin has been installed by the telephone box courtesy of ERYC. ERYC have also agreed to move the grit bins in the near future.

GRASS VERGE OUTSIDE VALLEY COTTAGE: The state of the grass verge outside Valley Cottage has been reported to the YEB and they have agreed to sort it out.

AUDIT: The parish council accounts were audited and everything seemed to be in order. A number of minor points were made and taken note of by the clerk, such as initialing cheque stubs.

TREES: Clerk to contact ERYC regarding our request for a tree and ask that it be planted near the rowan that had died on the village green instead of on the bank by Valley Cottage.

MILLENNIUM BOOK: Project well underway now that a grant of over 4000.00 has been received. The book should be published in April.

FIREWORKS PARTY: The usual arrangements have been made for Bonfire night.

PRECEPT: After a brief discussion it was proposed by R Butterworth and seconded by M Walker that the parish council should request a precept of 575.

PHOTOS OF VILLAGE: Ariel photographs have been taken of the village as part of the Millennium Book Project. It was proposed by J Megginson and seconded by R Butterworth that the parish council should purchase a couple for the village hall at the cost of 44.00 plus VAT. A display of all the photographs taken will be put up in the village hall on bonfire night to allow villagers to buy some if they wish.

ADDRESS DATABASE: At the request of ERYC, clerk to supply names and addresses of parish councillors to Colin O'Connor.

PAYMENTS

It was proposed by M Walker and seconded by R Butterworth that the following payments be made: Audit Commission 60.63, ERYC street lighting contract 221.64.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clerk to write to Highways department and ask them to clean out gutters on bridge farm road, the gutters leading into the pond from the main road and also the drain by the roundabout.

NEXT MEETING

Monday January 29 2001, 7.30pm.