

44. Flooding Update

The updated monitoring chart was discussed. Mr Gordon Kelman had measured the levels and estimated that the cost of work to change camber in Lower End was between £130,000 and £140,000 assuming there were no complications. The PC would write to the Highways Authority (HA) and enquire about funding and establish the possibility of their carrying out the work. Follow up with WODC was needed regarding progress on Actions 7 and 11. Enquiries would be made of Mr Michael Barnes about the timing of work on the proposed groove in the glebe land. The French drain and porous surface in the roadway in front of the affordable housing seems very effective.

Clerk

45. Planning

- a) No applications had been received from West Oxfordshire District Council
- b) No decisions had been received from West Oxfordshire District Council
- c) Cotswold AONB boundary change submission

Inclusion would give greater protection against inappropriate development. Support was needed from WODC for this. HD had produced a map, and the first draft of a letter to Cllr Verena Hunt was discussed.

**HD
CC**

46. Committees

- a) Domesday Committee – the Ramsden Book

Discussion was deferred pending further information from the Committee.

- b) Memorial Hall

A copy of the trust deed had been given to the MHC. Minutes of the June meeting were received.

- c) Ramsden Pools Allotments – to consider correspondence received

There had been enquiries concerning the Allotments. The Allotments Committee was looking into the current situation and would be reporting back.

- d) The PC congratulated the Tennis Court Committee on obtaining a grant for repainting the court.

HD

47. Churchyard and Cemetery

- a) To consider quotations for tree and hedge maintenance

Quotations and advice from two contactors were discussed. It was agreed to ask for a quotation from Nicholsons and to review at the September meeting. The PC would check with contractors about who would apply for permission to carry out the work. As two of three quotations for work on the yew trees and hedge were still awaited, this was also deferred to September. Emergency repairs to the cemetery gate had been kindly carried out by Malcolm Lewis at no charge.

- b) To consider applications for two memorials

The memorials to Lillian and Fred Cantwell on the graves in the cemetery and the churchyard were approved.

Clerk

The PCC had notified the PC that there would be a skip on the parking area while they were installing a path at the rear of the church. The path up to the front door needed cleaning to reduce the risk of slipping. The PC agreed to share the cost (£155) 50/50 with the PCC.

HD

48. Financial matters

- a) Financial Summary

Income from the cemetery and churchyard would contribute to this year's maintenance expenditure. Accounts were healthy. The insurance policy documents had been received.

- b) Three Villages Shop Association grant request
The Association's letter was discussed. Provision had not been made in this year's budget. A response would be sent to the Village Shop Association. **CC Clerk**
- c) VAT
Draft letters to each of the village Committees explaining the legal situation and where it was unfortunately not possible to reclaim VAT were considered. The implications for the separate bank accounts were discussed and will be dealt with subsequently. **Clerk TS CC**
- d) Accounts for Payment
KopyRite (Newsletter) £40; Clerk salary & expenses (July) £317.55; Memorial Hall Committee (hire of hall for meetings) £70; Clerk salary (August, dated 19/08/09) £284.88 **Clerk**
- 49. Highways and Footpaths**
- a) To consider re-surfacing Little Lane
HD and SW had met with Dan Weeks (Footpath Officer). The crushed concrete was no longer available. Advice was received on remedial measures for the path round Skippett Pool. A kind verbal offer from a villager to do the work would be confirmed in writing. **HD**
- b) Maintenance of the War Memorial
Giffords had previously recommended localised repairs followed by an overall coat of paint, and the PC was happy for the British Legion to undertake this. The next inspection was due Autumn 2010 and at that point a longer term solution would be considered. **Clerk**
- 50. Review of FOI information**
Material for display on noticeboard and other information sheets were updated. Amendments to the village amenities and facilities document were approved. **Clerk**
- 51. Correspondence and consultations**
- a) Consultation on Gambling Policy
The proposed changes were very minor. The PC had commented on the original consultation and had no further comments on this occasion.
- b) To consider advice on flu preparations
Advice and links to helpful websites would be put on the website. SM would prepare information and advice to be put in the September Newsletter. **SM**
- 52. Any Other Business**
- A letter of thanks would be sent to Kay Garton for her work on the Newsletter and also to Anne Mannix for stepping into the breach. **CC**
- A letter would be sent to the landowner regarding ragwort in the field behind Little Garden Wood. The 30mph signs on Akeman Street needed moving to beyond Akeman Rise – OH would be contacted. **Clerk**
- The meeting closed at 10.25pm.
- Dates of Next Meetings:**
Wednesday 16th September, 21st October, 18th November in Ramsden Memorial Hall **All**