

A meeting of the Marton cum Grafton Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 1 December 2009 at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Prof A Long as Chair (AL), Mr T Joynson (TJ), Mr J Crawford (JC) and Miss L Bullus as Clerk.

Apologies: Mr N Wilson, Mr R Naish, County Councillor J Watson and District Councillor A Alton

Members of the public present: 0

The minutes of the November meeting were signed and dated as a true and accurate record by AL.

Matters Arising

1. Church Clock: TJ and JC will check the clock gears and report back to the PC.

2. Playing Fields:

A further quotation for £1,250 to replace 80m of post and rail fencing has been received. Queries were raised as to the need for fencing if the land may be planted as woodland, what the management costs are likely to be and whether a path could be linked to the school. These issues were deferred until the next meeting.

Ouseburn Cricket Club are to provide three quotations for a container on the field. Further discussion on this and any action to be taken following the playground inspection was held over until the next meeting.

3. Village Shop/Village Hall:

The PC approved a letter dated 20 November 2009 to Mr Lee Stott confirming the basis on which the lease for the shop would continue. This has been formally signed on behalf of the PC and the Clerk will obtain Mr Stott's signature, agreeing to the terms. Repayment of the original £3,000 deposit has been effected by deducting this amount from the £3,500 rental payment due in November 2009. It was agreed the tenant could fit a lock to the paper store, and supply a key to the PC. TJ is to check what the Village Hall Committee plans to do about concerns regarding potential standing water outside the new extension.

4. Proposed Incinerator:

TJ has resigned from DISC as he will be working away for three months, but will retain email contact. The first formal reference to an incinerator has appeared in "Performance" magazine, which will be put on the website. The PC's thanks to TJ were recorded for all his work so far.

5. Conservation Area:

The PC has returned the Conservation document, annotated with its comments. There had been a local suggestion of a village meeting - the Clerk will respond that the PC does not plan to hold a public meeting, having given the village the opportunity to put its views at a PC meeting. If such a meeting were arranged, the

PC Chair would be happy to attend to put the PC's views.

Planning

- BT payphone in Grafton: removal of telephony/adoption of phone box by the PC
- the PC had no objection and wished to adopt the phone box.

Accounts

The quarterly VAT return has been submitted. Mazars are querying the Annual Return as the total income and expenditure in the Reconciliation Statement does not tally with the amounts shown (excluding the building costs) in the return. There was a technical issue that requires resolution by providing Mazars with appropriate receipts from the Village Hall/Shop project. The Clerk will progress this matter. The Clerk was also asked to check the audit experience of other local PCs.

Correspondence

Three items have been received from residents of Marton:

1. Could white lines be painted on Braimber Lane, particularly on the bends where cars drive in the middle of the road. Clerk to write to Highways.
2. Could name signs be placed at the entrances to the village and, what can the PC do about the parking problem at the school? After discussion, it was considered impractical to erect name signs: there are too many entry points to the village, and there are two separate villages, which could lead to an unreasonable proliferation of signs. The parking issue has been referred to Highways.
3. The Chair has responded to an email agreeing that copies of agendas will be made available at PC meetings, that minutes will be posted on the website as soon as possible after each PC meeting and that any responses will be passed back to the public on issues raised.
4. HBC have sent an up-date on the Commuted Sums position. The Clerk was asked to suggest transferring a sum from the Village Hall to the Allotments section and to clarify how sums were allocated to different headings in the first place.

Any Other Business

- The Clerk was asked to request a footpath sign for the reopened path at Stonelea.
- JC agreed to attend the Police Liaison meeting
- The Clerk will suggest a PC "drop off" box be established in the shop.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 13 January 2010.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.