

Owslebury Parish Council

Chairman: Councillor Mr J Chapman

4th August 2014

To Parish Councillors John Chapman, Mark Egerton, Will Martin, Roger Page, Paul Phillips, Sally Tattersall and Gerry Tull

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held on Monday 11th August 2014 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room at the Parish Hall, Owslebury. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

Michael Cleary - Clerk to the Council

AGENDA
Owslebury Parish Council Meeting 11th August 2014
7.30pm Committee Room, Owslebury Parish Hall

- 1) Apologies for absence.
- 2) To receive Disclosure of interests on Agenda Items.
- 3) To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2014 (enclosed).
- 4) Police Report.
- 5) To Hear Public Questions and Comments:-
 - a) Planning Applications – Statement of Intent from Owner or Agent and Public Comments
 - b) Other Agenda Items – Public Comments. .
- 6) County and District Councillors Report.
- 7) Planning.
 - a) To consider Planning Applications (Attachment A).
 - b) To consider Planning Decisions. (Attachment B).
 - c) To consider any new enforcement matters. (Clerk).
- 8) Highways.
 - a) To consider outcome of discussions between County & District Councillor Humby and Andy Smith and to determine next steps.
 - b) To determine whether the introduction of Speed Watch is an option for OPC (Attachment C).
 - c) To consider further actions to be taken to reduce speed in the Parish.
 - d) To consider whether to submit comments to Government Inquiry into Litter and Fly-tipping (Attachment D).
 - e) To consider any issues arising from BoomTown Festival traffic routes.
 - f) To consider any specific work for the next Lengthsman's visit (11th September).
- 9) Rights of Way.
 - a) To consider condition of ROW.
 - b) To consider any general matters.
- 10) Open spaces, Recreation and Play Grounds.
 - a) To note damage to gate at Red Lane and to approve related expenditure.
 - b) To consider additional gate to secure area around Greenhill House/Roughay Farm.
 - c) To confirm request for use of Glebe field for 2015 Horticultural Show.
 - d) To consider any general matters.
- 11) Commemoration Advisory Committee.
 - a) To receive an update from the Commemoration Advisory Committee.
 - b) To confirm order for a Remembrance Stone and related cost.
- 12) Southern Parishes.
 - a) To receive a report on a recent meeting of the Southern Parishes.
- 13) Community Services.
 - a) To consider the purchase of a defibrillator for the community (Attachment E).
- 14) Finance, administration and statutory matters (Clerk).
 - a) To note payments made since last meeting, receipts and to approve proposed payments (Attachment F).
 - b) To consider designation of Parish Hall Notice Board as the 'Statutory Notice Board'
 - c) To consider any general matters.
- 20) To consider Clerk's Report (Attachment G).
- 21) To consider matters previously discussed and deferred to future meetings (Attachment H).
- 22) Information exchange and Agenda items for next meeting.
- 23) Date of next meeting (8th September at 7.30pm).

Michael Cleary
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.
4th August 2014.

ATTACHMENT A: PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

SDNP 14/03582/FUL	Whaddon Farm, Whaddon Lane, Owslebury
Proposal:	Change of use of agricultural buildings to B1 light industrial unit (resubmission)
Closing date (OPC):	14/08/14

WCC 14/01624/FUL	Humbee Nurseries, Thompsons Lane, Owslebury
Proposal:	Removal of some existing polytunnels and erection of a steel frames storage warehouse with parking spaces.
Closing date (OPC):	14/08/14

Note: Any additional Planning Applications received between the issue of the Agenda and Wednesday 6th August will be advised to Councillors under separate cover and placed on the main notice board, so giving the statutory 3 clear days' notice.

Whilst the Council must always consider each Planning Application on its own merits, the following extracts from the Parish Plan may be useful to Council in its deliberations:

..the overarching strategic approach of the Parish Council is to maintain the present countryside and agricultural nature of the Parish and to improve the quality of life for Parishioners.

.....to strongly oppose planning applications (including retrospective applications and applications for change of use) which, if approved, would lead to significant additional noise levels or traffic and which would be contrary to the Overarching Strategic Objective.

.....vigorously oppose planning applications which involve change of use from agricultural to industrial use.

ATTACHMENT B: PLANNING DECISIONS

SDNP 14/02567/FUL	Long Ash, Pitcot Lane, Owslebury
Proposal:	Demolition of bungalow and replacement 3 storey dwelling
Outcome	Refused

ATTACHMENT C: SPEED WATCH

Objective: Council to determine if it wishes to establish whether it would be feasible to introduce SpeedWatch as part of a programme of traffic calming measures.

Background: SpeedWatch has been introduced in neighbouring villages with good effect. The Police and Crime Commissioner is encouraging the introduction of SpeedWatch and the Police are likely to take more notice of concerns where evidence is available from SpeedWatch groups. The Owslebury Parish Plan includes the following “....*introduction of Speed Watch to help the Police to enforce speed limits. Speed Watch will require an investment by the community in money and volunteers. In reality this will only be effective when the actions noted above (mainly reduction in speed limits) are implemented as SpeedWatch can only be used to monitor traffic where the speed limits are under 40mph*”

Basic condition for introduction of SpeedWatch: 6 volunteers plus equipment.

The equipment costs about £2400 and the Police and Crime Commissioner has indicated he will contribute £1000 to offset the cost. For the reasons noted below, it would be difficult to justify even this reduced level of cost. However it *may* be possible to agree terms with Twyford and Colden Common Parish Councils for the loan of their equipment, pending agreement to reduced speed limits elsewhere in the Parish - so allowing SpeedWatch to be used more widely in the Parish. It follows the basic issues to address are (a) will Twyford and Colden Common Parish Councils lend OPC their SpeedWatch equipment for a trial period on acceptable terms?, and (b) can OPC recruit 6 suitable volunteers?. If the answer to either of these questions is 'no', SpeedWatch would not be a practical option for the Council to pursue at this stage.

Main reason not to introduce SpeedWatch: SpeedWatch can only be used in areas where the speed limit is 40mph or under. This means it is limited at this time to a section of Whaddon Lane, a section of Main Road (albeit a very important section) and a section of the Morestead Road.

Whaddon Lane may not be suitable (yet to be confirmed) as SpeedWatch requires both a straight section of road and a safe place for volunteers to use the equipment

It is arguable whether speed is an issue in Main Road. In particular the equipment could only be sited in the entrance to the Glebe Field. However, on that particular stretch, excessive speed does not appear to be a problem.

As regards the Morestead Road, the somewhat ironic position is that the Police advise the road is too dangerous (mainly because of speeding traffic!) for volunteers to operate SpeedWatch. However, this initial advice could be challenged. If it were to be used the most appropriate (safe) position would be near to the Notice Board (close to the junction with Hazeley Road).

Overall, the concern is that SpeedWatch would be too restrictive to be of any significant use in achieving the Council's desire to reduce speed in the Parish. Councillor Tattersall, who has been instrumental in reviewing the application of SpeedWatch believes it would be difficult to implement the system under the current speed limits. OPC first needs to secure the reduction in speed limits.

Main reason to introduce SpeedWatch: the commitment ('doing our bit') to SpeedWatch would demonstrate to the authorities (and the public) that the Council is serious in its desire to reduce excessive speeding in the Parish, and is doing what is in its power to do. The Police are far more likely to take an interest in the Parish (evidence from other parishes) and it may help in the Council's campaign (over many decades) for the authorities to introduce traffic calming measures in the main lanes. The Police and Crime Commissioner has made clear his belief that country parishes who consider speed to be an issue should seriously consider SpeedWatch as part of their 'armoury'. As and when the Council is successful in reducing speed limits (and some parishes have been successful), SpeedWatch could possibly be extended.

As noted above, it is not even evident at this time whether the basic conditions for the introduction of SpeedWatch could be met.

The Council is asked to determine if it wishes to establish whether the introduction of SpeedWatch is an option for serious consideration (ie whether OPC can borrow the equipment from Twyford and Colden Common, and whether it can recruit 6 suitable volunteers), or whether the current circumstances make it too restrictive for further investigation to be worthwhile.

ATTACHMENT D: GOVERNMENT INQUIRY INTO LITTER AND FLY-TIPPING

Extract from Email previously sent to Councillors

Inquiry: Litter

Communities and Local Government Committee

Litter remains an issue of local public concern, with levels of littering and fly-tipping failing to reduce substantially, despite campaigns and publicity aimed at changing public behaviour, and despite a suite of powers and responsibilities for local councils and other bodies enshrined in legislation. The costs of managing litter and fly-tipping are significant – Keep Britain Tidy puts a £1 billion plus annual price tag on managing litter and its knock-on impacts nationally.

Terms of Reference

The Committee invites submissions on how significant a problem littering and fly-tipping is, and whether current government policies are adequate and give local authorities enough autonomy to tackle the problem in local communities.

Written submissions are invited from interested parties on:

- What problems do litter and fly-tipping create for local communities-is the situation improving or deteriorating?
- How effective are the actions of those responsible for managing waste in the local environment? What more should local councils, the Environment Agency, and Government funded bodies such as WRAP do?
- Does the current statute, regulation and guidance set an effective framework to minimise litter and fly-tipping. What, if any, further changes are required?
- What roles do and should the private citizen and campaign and action groups have in tackling litter?

The Committee particularly welcomes any evidence from local authority scrutiny committees.

Photographs

The Committee welcomes photographs illustrating problems with litter and fly-tipping and also before and after photographs where areas have been successfully cleaned up. Please tweet your photographs to @commonsclg, using the hashtag #litterpix

Deadline

The Committee asks for written submissions in accordance with the guidelines below by 2.00pm on Thursday, 16 October 2014. As a guideline submissions should be no longer than 3,000 words.

Submissions should be uploaded onto the website in word format no later than the deadline.

ATTACHMENT E: PROPOSED PURCHASE OF DEFRIBILLATOR

The British Heart Foundation (BHF) supports 2 Defibrillators (iPad and Zoll); the Ambulance Service prefers a third make (Physio).

	iPad SP1 Wel Medical	Zoll AED	Physio Control Lifepak CR Plus
	£	£	£
Cost (excluding VAT)	850	975	800
Maximum BHF grant	<u>-400</u>	<u>-400</u>	<u>0</u>
Net cost	450	575	800
Wall bracket (ex VAT)	79	0	35
Cabinet (ex VAT)	450	450	450
Training (ex VAT)	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Total cost	<u>1079</u>	<u>1125</u>	<u>1385</u>

Notes: (a) The BHF grant is not 'automatic' and may not be available to OPC. (b) the OPC power to purchase is set out in the Public Health Act 1936 S23

iPad SP1	Zoll AED
Pads can be used on children and adults	Same
Pads compatible with NHS pads	Not stated
Illustrations and voice prompts	Mainly illustration
5 year battery life/200 shocks	5 years
10 year warranty	7 year guarantee
CPR help –metronome+audio	Same

ATTACHMENT F: RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Voucher	Amount (£)	Payee	Purpose
PAYMENTS			
34	89.00	M Cleary	New Printer – net cost £74.17+VAT£14.83 (Minute 152/14(e)) – authorised expenditure £120; budget £80
35	71.86	M Cleary	Annual fee for new hosting website and WordPress – net cost £59.88+VAT£11.98 (Minute 148/14)
36	101.00	SLCC	Annual subscription (Budget £105)
37	36.00	CPRE	Annual subscription (Budget £32)
38	370.00	Hedge Sparrow	July grass cutting
39	32.50	TLC	Aug Webmaster fee
40	308.65	M Cleary	July net pay
41	205.60	Post Office Ltd	July PAYE
42	21.35	M Cleary	July exps (Travel £12.87. Postage £2, Stationery £6.48)
43	1,062.00	Johnsons Wellfield Quarries	50% deposit for Remembrance Stone (Net cost £885+VAT£177) Minute 81/14
44	35.31	M Cleary	Lock and keys for Red Lane Gate (net cost £29.43+VAT £5.88)
45	29.30	OPHMC	Hall hire
RECEIPTS			
	0.84	Lloyds Bank	Interest on Business Deposit account.

ATTACHMENT G: CLERK'S REPORT ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ELSEWHERE ON AGENDA.

Action: Environmental/Wildlife Protection	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To work with the PCC in incorporating countryside protection in the Welcome Pack for new residents; 		Clerk

Awaiting Welcome Pack from PCC

Action: Owslebury Sports Club	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To arrange a meeting between the Committee and the Council, such meeting to include consideration of lease of pavilion. 	May/June	Clerk

Invitation sent for September meeting.

Action: Bus Shelter	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To agree the detailed arrangements for the building of the bus shelter. 	April	Clerk/ME

Action: Protection of verges – Hurst Lane	By when:	By whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To obtain confirmation of acceptance of terms of grant to residents and completion of works. 		Clerk

No developments as yet – action required by householders

Action: Litter Pick	By when:	By whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman to discuss leadership of Litter Pick with a Parishioner. 		Clerk

Deferred to October due to unavailability of lead parishioner.

Action: Council's interest in land	By when:	By whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note with the owners of Lower Whiteflood Farm the Council's ownership of Common Land (CL231 and to enquire as to the state of the Pond. 		Clerk

Letter sent to Lower Whiteflood Farm – awaiting response.

Action: Barbed wire	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss with owners of Sladford House the removal of barbed wire on the stiles. 		JC

Contact yet to be established.

Action: BoomTown	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to advise local farmers of potential traffic issues. 	July	Clerk

Completed

Action: Accredited Community Safety Officer	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to make further enquiries re role and cost sharing with other councils. 	July/August	Clerk

Action: School bus	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to ascertain whether school bus is permitted to use Whaddon Lane.. 		Clerk

Action: Community Transport	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to investigate potential cost of mini bus facility and taxi-share arrangements Ellen Catterson to continue with review of options and report to Council. 	September September	Clerk Ellen Catterson

Action: Enforcement	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain updated information on Woodland View Stables and Hants Insulation. 	August	Clerk
Action: Rights of Way	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCC/SDNP should be urged to take urgent, immediate, action to improve the ROW in Pitcot Lane, the surface of which was now dangerous to the public; Landowners should be encouraged to keep ROW clear of excessive vegetation and where the ROW was well used by parishioners and could/would not be cleared by landowners, parishioners should inform the Council; The ground around Marwell needed attention and the Clerk should write to Kayti Harvey, British Horse Society, expressing the Council's support for the Society's endeavours, with the help of Marwell Wildlife and the Countryside Access Department, to improve the bridleways in that area. 	ASAP	Clerk
Action: Remembrance Stone	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To place the order and to confirm the delivery and fixing arrangements. 	ASAP	JC/PP/ME/P aul Bowes/ Clerk
Action: Parish Hall	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to investigate possibility and related obligations of the Council taking on Trusteeship of the Hall. 	August/September	Clerk
Action: Grant Applications	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to draft policy for Council approval 	September	Clerk

