

Hawkesbury Parish Council



**Minutes of Hawkesbury Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 17th October 2011 at 7.30pm
In the upstairs meeting room at Hawkesbury Parish Hall**

Present:

H Bleaken (Chair), A Musty, B Robinson, M Frankcom, M Cox and H Jones (Parish Clerk)

Apologies

P Barnett, H Heeley, S Hope and P Isaac

Public Participation

None

Action

Accept apologies for Absence

Cllr Barnett, Cllr Heeley, Cllr Hope and Cllr Isaac

1 To record declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

None

2 To adjourn to allow public participation.

None

3 Councillors items

3.1 Cllr Musty The Recycling area

Cllr Musty mentioned the corrugated sheets have now been resolved and put away safe. Cllr Musty spoke to the gentleman working there and they were happy, although they did mention that they would like the recycling area concreted to make it easier for their digger to scope up the debris-Parish Council to give it some thought.

3.2 Cllr Musty Fly Posting

A4 signs have been posted on many telegraph poles within the village advertising Yoga, Farm shop etc, item agenda for next month.

3.3 Cllr Robinson-Hall Insurance

Cllr Robinson would like the Parish Council to read the Insurance and get back to him, his concerns being the Hall itself is covered however, anything in the field in not.

3.4 Cllr Bleaken-speedwatch

An email has been received by Cllr Bleaken from Mr Otley following the recent speedwatch on France Lane. He wanted to bring to the Parish Council his concerns re wing mirrors encroaching on the Pavements.

3.5 The Hedge Paddock House

The hedge is over the wall line.

3.6 Village Shop

The pavement outside the village shop is always wet therefore retaining moisture-need to contact Highways to see why this is happening before the temperatures drop to freezing

3.7 White Van by the Cemetery

Mr Tizzard contacted Cllr Bleaken regarding an abandoned white van by St Mary's Church. Following investigation, the van had a puncture and had not been abandoned.

This was noted

3.8 Electrical Box

Email received from Mrs Rowlands regarding the rubble left behind the excavations of the verge following the new transformer being put in place. Also this is a conservation area and the breezeblocks are out of character. Western Power Distribution-advise them it is a conservation area.

3.9 Smell over the hottest weekend of the year

Email from Mrs Rowlands human excrement on the fields on the A46 can we do anything to prevent it happening again. Cllr Bleaken advised that there was nothing the Parish Council can do; it was unseasonably warm when this was delivered. Ask Cllr Isaac at the next meeting.

3.10 Invoice for Annual maintenance of the Village Website

This was received by the Clerk from Mr Sauro, the Parish Council discussed this item in full, confirming that this invoice had not been paid by the Parish Council previously. Cllr Robinson to speak to Mr Sauro.

4 4.1 Planning

Planning applications received

PK11/0070/CLE	Flexor Farm Hawkesbury Hill Hawkesbury Badminton South Glos	Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use as dwelling house and for the continued use of land (outlined in red on drawing no 2220/01) for residential purposes.
<p>Parish Councils Comments Hawkesbury Parish Council objects to the granting of a Certificate of Lawfulness.</p> <p>The applicant bought the property in 1986 with an agricultural tie on it. The applicant could not have afforded to buy the property without this tie and knew of the criteria needed to qualify to buy the property. Having bought the property and lived in it for over 25 years he accepted that the property had an agricultural tie.</p>		

The area outlined in red which are now being asked to accept the Certificate of Lawfulness on, does include some animal housing. The Parish Council **objects** to the extent of the area in red as too large and the animal housing at the far end of the house and garage should be excluded from the application.

It is a big shame that we are being asked to remove an agricultural tie on a property in our Parish as the price for buying housing stock is very high. Once a plot is lost that is affordable for our local agricultural workers then we will have less workers around to keep our farms in operation.

Were the original agricultural tie restrictions upon purchasing the property adhered to? Did the tie involve only operating a business from the property or is the property a side line for being in agriculture elsewhere? This small area of land would be hard to run a very profitable business, but not impossible. Just because someone has not succeeded and kept the property for hobby purposes and residential surely does not mean that the tie should be lost for future generations of farm workers to be able to utilise. Retired people who live in agricultural tied properties do not have to have the tie lifted because they have retired from business. When they no longer want to stay in their property they sell it on with an agricultural tie for the next generation to acquire.

PK11/2945/F	Inglestone Farm Chase Lane Inglestone Common Badminton	Change of use of the main barn to mixed agricultural/equestrian use and retention of three caravans for seasonal occupancy by 5 agricultural workers (retrospective)
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Parish Councils Comments

The Parish Council have **no objections to the above planning application for change of use of the main barn to mixed agricultural use and retention of three caravans for seasonal occupancy by 5 agricultural workers (retrospective), however, we believe the workers are equestrian not agricultural workers.**

The Parish Council is worried however by the statement that it is unknown as to how the foul sewage is to be disposed of. Surely the agent has asked the relevant questions from the owner about this problem. The extra, though seasonal, use by 5 extra bodies plus their partners and maybe other family members would produce a lot of sewage to be treated. Also these workers must produce other waste, and there is no indication that there will be an area dedicated to the collection and recycling of waste.

Is there an area for collection and subsequent disposal of horse waste? No area has been indicated for this on the plan.

It has been noted that there has been major alterations to the elevations on the south side which is visible from the road. There have been major doorway alterations in the last 8 years. But in general the new vegetative landscaping which has been carried out has improved the visual aspect of the barns.

4.2 Planning Decisions

PK11/1832/F	Oxleaze Farm Oxleaze Farm	PERMIT subject to
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	Road Inglestone Common	conditions
PK11/1988/F	Willow Cottage The Barton Hawkesbury Upton	PERMIT subject to conditions

5 White Beam Tree-The Plain

The Clerk explained to the Parish Council the background relating to the planting of a new tree on the Plain. The Clerk will need to email Alistair Rankin when the Parish Council will be replacing the tree and the name of the tree for their records as per the minutes in October 2010 on Page 38, 6.1 The Pound-Dead Cherry tree and Sycamore Tree

18/04/11 The Plain – Replacement Tree Cllr Hope

Richard Wilson a Tree Expert advised that if the original Cherry Tree had been diseased then he would suggest not replacing it with a similar tree, because of cross infection. He suggested a White Beam it has a nice flower and costs in the region of £26.00.

It was agreed by the Parish Council to purchase the 8ft tree and request free deliver.

To be actioned

Parish Clerk to contact Landcare.

**Parish
Clerk**

6 Date of the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 7th November 2011 in the upstairs meeting room at Hawkesbury Parish Hall at 7.30pm.