

UNADOPTED

MONYASH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 1 June 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Chairman Cllr Mrs J Frost; Cllrs: C Macdonald; Mrs J Scoggins; M Leach.

Parish Clerk Mrs M Gee;

28	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr R Woolley; Dist. Cllr A McCloy
29	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None declared
30	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7 May 2009 were approved as a correct record.
31	MATTERS ARISING;
31.1	<i>Signs for village lanes:</i> Cllr Macdonald reported that he is in the process of obtaining suitable wood for the posts. The sign will need to be set close to the wall which could prove awkward in the rocky ground.
31.2	<i>New posts at War Memorial:</i> Cllr Macdonald reported that Mr Wake has made the new posts. It was agreed to ask Mr Gee to assist Mr Wake in installing them.
31.3	<i>Overhanging trees:</i> This has been delayed due to contractor's health problems.
31.4	<i>Voluntary Parking Donations:</i> Cllr Leach reported that the PDNPA contractor is to inspect the site and will then be able to advise on a suitable box and location.
31.5	<i>Erection of 'No Parking' sign at small green:</i> Ongoing
31.6	<i>Fere Mere Weed Problem:</i> It was agreed to defer this to the September meeting.
31.7	<i>Safety at Crossroads:</i> Cllr Macdonald agreed to speak to Mr Harris about progress on removing the bushes.
31.8	<i>Derelict Caravan on National Trust Land:</i> Cllr Leach reported that the caravan has not been removed. Cllr Macdonald has taken photographs of it and the Clerk was instructed to send these with a reminder to the National Trust.
31.9	<i>Request to DCC for Extra Street Lighting:</i> The Clerk reported that the DCC designer had advised that lights cost about £1200 apart from the cost of trenches etc. He will forward the request to the relevant budget holder.
32	PLANNING MATTERS:
32.1	<i>Rowson House Barn:</i> The Clerk was instructed to write to PDNPA concerning the fact that work has recommenced and that the roof height has been raised but the Parish Council has not received any approval notification.
32.2	<i>Hawthorn Farm: Construction of dwelling:</i> The Council approved this application in principle to enable a young man who was born and bred and works in the village to remain in the village. The Council felt that the proposed dwelling should be tied to Hawthorn Farm as a permanent residence in perpetuity and should never be permitted to be used as holiday accommodation. The dwelling should be commensurate with the size and scale of the occupation of the existing building.
32.3	<i>Appeal against Planning Refusal at Toll Bar Cottage:</i> Appeal refused noted.
33	FINANCE:
33.1	<i>Payment Approvals:</i> Mr A Birch £168 for plaque support stand: Mrs M Gee £135 Clerk's remuneration
33.2	<i>Receipts;</i> £10 parking rent for Frost Mere Precept £3500 direct payment to Reserve Account
33.3	<i>Annual Audit:</i> Approval was given for the Clerk to ask Mrs J Jackson to carry out the Internal Audit.
33.4	<i>Purchase of Filing Cabinet:</i> Ongoing
34	COMMON LAND REGISTRATION: Cllr Leach reported that various documents have come to light but he is still pursuing more historical information. It was agreed that he contacts DALC to ask their advice. Cllr Mrs Scoggins reported that Bennett, Brooke Taylor and Wright were unable to assist.
35	MAY DAY MARKET AND WELLS DRESSING: It was noted that the recent May Day Market and Wells Dressing had been well attended and that the proceeds are to be shared between the Air Ambulance and The Chapel Restoration Fund. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the organising committees congratulating them on the event's success and asking for a breakdown of monies raised so that the Council can write individually to each participating group expressing the Council's thanks for their efforts. It was noted that the Ashbourne Band Concert had been very well received and that the band had played for much longer than expected. It was agreed to make a donation of £50 under Section 137.
36	REVIEW OF COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT WITH VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS: It was pointed out that the Council had in the past taken a more active role in village organisations and it was agreed that this involvement should be revived. The Council is in a position to offer assistance or to direct organisations to grant availability etc of which individual groups may be unaware. The Clerk was instructed to write offering assistance as required and asking for regular reports, or copies of Minutes if preferred, so that Members can be kept up to date with local activities and needs.
37	RENOVATION OF SCHOOL FIELD: Ongoing
38	PDNPA CORE STRATEGY: A copy of the Council's response, which Cllr Leach had been authorised to make, is attached.
39	DDDC Area Forums: The dates were noted.
40	OVERGROWN TREE ON CHURCH STREET: Cllr Macdonald reported an overgrown tree near to the vicarage garage obscuring the street light. Cllr Scoggins agreed to contact PDNPA Tree Officer to ascertain whether or not it could be pruned.