

UNADOPTED

MONYASH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6 July 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;

41	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr R Woolley; Dist. Cllr A McCloy
42	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None declared
43	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1 June 2009 were approved as a correct record.
44	MATTERS ARISING;
44.1	<i>Signs for village lanes:</i> It was agreed that the wood used for the first sign was not suitable so Cllr Scoggins agreed to source a more robust type.
44.2	<i>New posts at War Memorial:</i> The Clerk reported that Mr Wake and Mr Gee would be commencing work later this week.
44.3	<i>Overhanging trees:</i> A tree near Twitter Bern has been cut down but it is not clear who has done this or whether they had the permission of the PDNPA Tree Officer. Cllr Scoggins is pursuing the matter.
44.4	<i>Voluntary Parking Donations:</i> Cllr Leach reported that he is awaiting a response from the supplier.
44.5	<i>Erection of 'No Parking' sign at small green:</i> Cllr Macdonald reported that he had not yet managed to contact the owner of Shepley House to obtain his permission to put a sign on his wall. A proposal was made that Mr Scoggins be asked to mow the area. Cllr Mrs Scoggins declared an interest and left the room. It was agreed that Mr Scoggins be asked to mow the area to keep it tidy.
44.6	<i>Safety at Crossroads/Removal of large bushes in school front garden:</i> The Clerk reported that she had written to the Chairman of the Governors asking for their agreement. The Chairman agreed to consult the Headteacher.
44.7	<i>Derelict Caravan on National Trust Land:</i> The Clerk reported that she had sent a reminder to the Trust. It was reported that the farm tenant had said the caravan is to be removed this week.
44.8	<i>Request to DCC for Extra Street Lighting:</i> The Clerk reported that the DCC are unable to fund this at the present time.
44.9	<i>Overgrown Sycamore Tree on Church Street:</i> Cllr Scoggins agreed to deal with this matter.
45	PLANNING MATTERS:
45.1	<i>Applications for consideration:</i>
45.1.1	Terragarra, Bay Horse Drive: Extension to dwelling: The Council unanimously recommends approval of this proposal, which seems to be a suitable solution to the family's needs.
45.1.2	2 Rose Cottages, Church Street: Erection of conservatory: The Council unanimously approves this proposal.
45.2	<i>PDNPA Decision to be noted:</i>
	Hawthorn Farm: Erection of dwelling: Application refused
45.3	<i>Rowson House Barn:</i> The Clerk reported a response from the PDNPA Officer, Ms Needham, which stated that the decision had not yet been made and that the applicants carry on working at their own risk. She stated that the roof height increase had been included in the application. Following consultation on this point with the Chairman, the Clerk again wrote to Ms Needham asking whereabouts in the application this occurs and what are the specified roofing materials. A reply is awaited. It was noted that the property has now been renamed to 'Swallow Barn'.
46	FINANCE:
46.1	<i>Internal Audit:</i> The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit has been completed and that she has forwarded the relevant documentation to the External Auditor.
46.2	<i>Payment Approvals:</i> Mrs J Jackson for Internal Audit £40 Mrs M Gee £135 Clerk's remuneration for June 2009
46.3	<i>Receipts Noted:</i> DCC Footpath Maintenance Grant £100 VAT refund £55.66
46.4	<i>Purchase of Filing Cabinet:</i> Cllr Macdonald reported that he had been offered a cabinet for £25 and that a second may also be available. It was agreed that he be authorised to act on the Council's behalf to negotiate a price for the 2 cabinets at less than £50.
47	FOOTPATHS MAINTENANCE: It was proposed that work is needed to Naylor Lane and also to the footpath leading from the Hoppins into Bagshaw Dale. Cllr Scoggins declared an interest and left the room. It was agreed that Mr Scoggins be asked to carry out the work on Naylor Lane including attending to the overgrowing saplings as he deemed suitable. It was also agreed that he be asked to mow the first part of the Bagshaw Dale footpath which has become overgrown and difficult for walkers to follow. Cllr Leach asked

	whether anything could be done to improve the path through Bagshaw Dale which is very muddy. Cllr Macdonald stated that some major improvement had been done by PDNPA a few years ago including laying tons of chatter to provide a good surface. Unfortunately the geographical nature of the dale meant that there would inevitably be water draining through and the grazing animals would always trample the ground. He agreed to consult the local PDNPA Ranger to see whether anything more could be done.
48	RETIREMENT OF PARISH CLERK AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECRUITMENT OF REPLACEMENT: The Chairman reported that the Clerk had submitted her resignation as she wished to retire. She had agreed to continue until the September meeting and to carry out any duties arising from that meeting. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work over her period in office and Members praised her for the excellent way she had carried out her duties. The Clerk advised on the assistance that is available from DALC about recruitment procedures and the Chairman stated her intention to pursue this.
49	COMMON LAND REGISTRATION: Cllr Leach reported that the matter is proving difficult to determine without historical documentation. It was agreed to ask older local residents whether they have any memories of the land usage in the past. He had obtained from PDNPA a copy of the village Schedule of Listed Buildings and Schedule of Ancient Monuments.
50	MAY DAY MARKET AND WELLS DRESSING:
50.1	<i>Funds raised:</i> The Clerk reported that she had received a note from Mrs Driscoll to say that the barbeque organised by the younger members of the community had realised £777.50 in aid of the Air Ambulance. The Chairman reported that Mrs Renfree had advised that the Wells Dressing had raised £666. The Members instructed the Clerk to write to Mrs Driscoll and Mrs Renfree asking them to pass on to all involved the Council's heartiest congratulations and thanks for such a great effort. The Clerk reported that she had written to Mrs Edwards asking for details of other fundraisers so that the Council can send their congratulations. A reply is awaited.
50.2	<i>Market Day Insurance:</i> The Clerk reported a concern about insurance for the Market Day. The Council is insured to allow the event but if anyone sustains an injury from stallholders' equipment, it would not be the Council's liability but the liability of the individual stallholder. The Clerk had in the past written to the Market Secretary explaining this and asked her to inform stallholders. However she had been advised that this will not suffice and that the Secretary should obtain a written statement from stallholders confirming their awareness of this and to send these confirmations to the Council in advance of the event.
51	REVIEW OF COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT WITH VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS: The Clerk reported that she had discovered that local charities are required to submit copies of their annual accounts to the Council. It was agreed to make a list of these organisations to enable this to be arranged.
52	RENOVATION OF SCHOOL FIELD: Cllr Macdonald reported that grants have been applied for and the working group is awaiting decisions.
53	SHERWOOD FORESTERS WESTERN FRONT MEMORIAL: The unveiling is to take place in October and an invitation to attend has been issued by the organisers, to travel at the individual's own expense. It is hoped that a representative from the Council will be able to attend.
54	PDNPA Parishes Day 19 September: Cllr Macdonald will try to attend.
55	DDDC Annual Sports Award: The Chairman agreed to look for a suitable nominee.
56	WEEDKILLER DAMAGE TO VEGETATION AND TREES ON RAKES ROAD: Cllr Scoggins reported considerable damage to the area of about 400 metres of verge, bushes and trees on Tagg Lane going uphill from the recycling area. No one present had any knowledge about who might have sprayed the area so the Clerk was instructed to speak to DDDC and DCC Highways to see whether any of their contractors could be responsible.
	The meeting closed at 9.30pm.