

Latton Parish Council Meeting

8th April 2013

7.30pm in the Village Hall

Minutes

1. Apologies: Councillors Peter Colmer, Jonathan Archer, Joanne Taper
Present: Councillors Graham Blunden (Chairperson), Becky Baker, Nick Kennington, David Newman & Bev Blunden (Clerk)
Several members of the public were also present.
2. Minutes from last Meeting: on 11.2.13 were agreed & signed by Chairperson
3. Declarations of interest: None
4. Accounts: summary from Jonathan was circulated previously by email. (See Appendix 1). Jonathan will get the accounts audited.
A more detailed summary will be available at next meeting.
Money from Jumble sale (approx £200) to be paid in as soon as possible.
5. Water Eaton - Signage update: David & Nick have been liaising with Wilts Council regarding the position of the signs, which are meant to be in place by end of April.
Traffic & damage along Water Eaton road (C114): Peter has contacted Wilts Council Highways Dept about this & their reply was the road was on the list for consideration. Some of the potholes have been repaired. ACTION: Residents to be asked to write to Highways Dept & Bev to write letter on behalf of Parish Council.
U-turn at A419 junction: Nick has spoken to a police inspector (Steve Cox) about the dangers & the inspector is making other police officers aware of the situation.
6. Community Speedwatch update: sessions continue to be held every 3 weeks – about 10% of drivers are caught speeding.
7. Latton Garden update: a planning meeting was held on 6 April & it was decided to hold a gardening session every Tues evening from 6.30pm onwards, starting on 16 April. Becky is going to apply for a grant from the Waterpark Trust to construct a gateway from the garden to the play area. ACTION: Bev to publicise Tues gardening session.
8. Parish Plan update: Ralph reported that the final stages of the plan had been reached. Parish Councillors have looked at issues & their ideas have been drawn into the Plan. The Parish Plan Survey has helped support a footpath bid (see ‘any other business’). The group is preparing to produce the final document, which will be ready within the next few months.
9. Village Hall lease update: all Councillors agreed to establish the Village Hall as a small charity. Volunteers are needed to act as trustees & form a Village Hall management committee. ACTION: Bev to publicise for volunteers from the community, who need to apply by next Parish Council meeting. Bev to reply to J Haddrell’s letter informing them of our action & send a copy to Sally Moody.

10. Weight restriction update: nothing new to report

11. A419 Action Group update: data from Parish Plan Survey has been used to support the campaign, but it will be a lengthy process before anything is done.

12. Play area update: swings have now been repaired & paid for. Funding for aeroplane is in hand & Becky has contacted builder who is due to start repair sometime in April. Becky asked if the Jumble Sale money could be used to plant a 'living willow dome'. Councillors thought this was a good idea. ACTION: Graham to look at safety report to see if any other safety repairs need to be done & to report back at next meeting.

13. Planning Applications: No concerns were raised for the following -
N/13/00815/FUL – 25 Latton for detached double garage
(observations by 22 April 2013)
N/13/00730/FUL – Churn River Barn for Garden Room
(observations by 2 May 2013)

14. Grass cutting of Playing Field & Churchyard update: ASW Gardening Company have been contracted to do this & Church have agreed to pay £300 towards cost of cutting Churchyard. The Parish Council would like this payment by 8 July. It was also noticed that Wilts council were still cutting playing field! ACTION: Bev to contact Church about payment & Wilts council about cutting playing field.

15. Summer event: a separate meeting was arranged to plan this on Mon 22 April, 7.30pm at Village Hall. This would be jointly organized by the Parish Council & Church to raise money towards the cost of cutting the Churchyard. ACTION: Bev to notify residents of this

16. Any Other Business:

* Councillor vacancies: Gordon King has resigned – Thanks for his contribution to the Parish Council. Becky & Jo have not returned their nomination forms for the election. Several vacancies will be advertised in the usual way after the election, & Becky & Jo can be co-opted after this.

*Down Ampney footpath – Down Ampney Parish are re-applying for a grant & will keep us informed.

*A resident from Evergreens asked if the Parish Council could contribute to the emptying of her septic tank because it is also used by Village Hall. Councillors replied they had no idea Village Hall shared the septic tank & can make a contribution since this is part of the cost of running the Village Hall. Resident was asked to formally write to Parish Council with this request & value of contribution will be decided at next meeting.

17. Date of next meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting - Mon 13 May, 7.30pm at Latton Village Hall. Normal Parish Council Meeting - Mon 8 July, 7.30pm at Latton Village Hall (the 2 month cycle of meetings has been changed so that the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2014 can be held before a normal Parish Council Meeting).