

OVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs G.M. Harper
Clerk

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 May 2010 at 7.15 p.m. in the Reading Room
Present Councillors M Turnbull (Chair), D Jordon, P Holden, P Macdonald, J Jackson, and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies were received from Councillors Mennear and Morton
2. Declarations of interest - None
3. The Minutes of the last meeting, were taken as read approved and signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

Tenancy Agreements

These have now all been signed and will be signed annually in future. Both holders of the gardens had pointed out they were not prepared to pay for heavy pruning and cutting back of the trees. Councillor Jordon will make an inspection of the trees and see what needs to be undertaken in the future. Although it was pointed out that the rent was minimal it was also pointed out how well these gardens looked and it would be a pity if excessive costs caused the tenants to discontinue

Council Tax

The clerk had written to Revenues Unit NCC and the Valuation Rating Office Agency no replies had been received.

Bridge Noise and Speeding

The clerk had written to the police requesting a study of speeding. A meeting had been held and some repair had taken place but following further investigations it was found that the decking is in a bad condition and the bolts needed serious repair. A risk assessment is to be made.

Playbuilder

Councillor Holden reported that the new lease had now been finalized for 27 years and that the quotations had not yet been received. Of the three firms tendering one had decided that they were no longer interested. Councillor Holden will look for another firm but time is short. The national body organizing the grants want the work to be completed by March 31st 2011. Councillor Jordon asked if there would be room for 5-a-side football.

Councillor Holden had hoped to have an open day but this may have to be postponed until the quotations have been received.

5. Accounts to Pay/.Paid

Approval was given for the following accounts to be paid

NALC Membership ?177.59

David Dixon Mower Repairs ?480.02

P Holden Small supplies for the pavilion ?14.99

P Holdern 3 cans diesel ?20.09

NCC Planning for Recreation Ground ?100

Hexham Courant ?46.18

6. The Audit 2009/2010

All audit documents, together with final summary of income and expenditure figures were presented to the Council. Section 2 was confirmed by the Council and signed by the Chairman. The Internal Auditor had found no errors and had completed Section 4. It was proposed by Councillor Macdonald and seconded by Councillor Jackson that all income and expenditure presented was correct and all

documentation was signed as a true record.

7. Flooding.

A letter had been received from Bob Eldridge requesting that rubble etc be removed from under and around the bridges of The Burn. It was agreed that the clerk contact Mel Richardson requesting an on site meeting with one of the Councillors and, if possible, Mrs Hepple. The middle culvert needs clearing and the rubble taken out of the burn. Councillor Jordon asked if it would be possible to use this rubble for the banking and pathway by the Burn. Mr Richardson would be asked if he could contact the Environmental Agency and arrange for them to be present.

8.. New Dog Regulations

These had been received and were circulated in Distribution

9. New Council Charter

The new charter has been received Councillor Macdonald agreed to complete and return the requested survey which accompanied it.

10. Litter Pick

A letter had been received from Mrs Bernice Archer requesting that some trees be cleared from Bewick Lane. The clerk will write to Home Housing requesting this be carried out.

11 .Planning Applications

18 Dene Close – construct porch – granted permission

2 North Meadow – single storey extension – granted permission

35 Castle View – construct single ssotrey rear extension – no objections

8 The Terrace – Replacement sun room – no objections.

The clerk was not happy with the present method of scrutinizing planning applications and it was agreed that in future any application which could not be studied at a Council Meeting would be given to Councillor Turnbull who would liaise with Councillor Jordon.

12. Insurance

The new insurance documents had been received to commence 1st June 2010. These now contained a increased Fidelity Guarantee to ?40,000. The acceptance of these documents was proposed by Councillor Macdonald and seconded by Councillor Holden.

Councillor Jackson reported that she had changed the insurance for the cemetery board and suggested that the clerk look for a new company for next year. She will pass the details to the clerk and this will be investigated in January

13. Correspondence

A letter had been received from Mr and Mrs Swinburn which expressed concern at the problems with parking at the rear of the Church. They was concerned that any emergency transport would not be able to get through the road because of the car parking. He also said the refuse collectors could not maneuver round to pick up bins. The Council endorsed his remarks and thought much of the problem lay with selfish parking. The clerk will write to Mel Richardson asking if the highways could give their opinion. The clerk was asked to write to the Reading Room Committee requesting they approach all their user groups to ask that they take care with parking.

14. Committee Reports

Councillor Holden had attended a meeting at Newton concerning Youth Services across the County. The presentation was very good but because there was very little money available cuts were having to be made. A caravan would tour round but Councillor Holden pointed out that Ovingham has a pavilion anyway.

Councillor Holden reported that the planning was in hand with NCC for the playbuilder and the ?100 agreed had been paid and should be dealt with within 4 weeks.

15. Election of Officers

Chairman: Councillor Margaret Turnbull

Proposed by Councillor P Macdonald

Seconded by Councillor P Holden

Carried Unanimously

Lay Chairman Councillor Doreen Jordon

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Seconded by Councillor P Holden

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Committee Representatives:

Reading Room – Councillor Jordon

Burial Committee Councillors Mennear and Macdonald

Prudhoe High School Governor Councillor Holden

A representative for the East Tynedale Forum will need to be elected

15 Any Other Business

The grass is not being cut at the top of Horsley Road

A fence has been taken down between the bungalow. Red Pond is registered as a village green and, therefore, the responsibility of the Highways. Mel Richardson will be informed.

Councillor Jordon asked the clerk to write to Milecastle Housing to find out whether they would be in agreement to allowing the land at the rear of Irving Place to be used for allotments. There is a real need for more allotments. The clerk to write to the Association asking them to make sure their members do not pester Angus Armstrong to give up his land.

The clerk to write to the White Swan requesting they use weed killer on the car park

Councillor Holden pointed out the road sweeper has been out but has not cleared the guttering on the main road

Grass cutting was not being done on the left hand side of Horsley Road

Councillor Macdonald reported that Colin Charlton has resigned as Area Manager of Northumberland County Council. His dedication and good work for the Council is appreciated and minuted as such.

The next meeting will be held in the Reading Room at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday 24 June 2010.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45

MONTHLY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

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1st – 31st MAY 2010

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	?
NCC – Planning Playmaster	100.00
P Holden – 3 Cans Diesel	20.09
P Holden – Brooms and Weedkiller	14.99
David Dixon – Mower Repairs	480.02
NALC – Membership	177.59
Hexham ourant – Advertisement Annual Meeting	46.18
P Holden – Diesel	<u>13.72</u>
	852.59
<u>INCOME</u>	
NCC – Donation to Playbuilder	13,500.00
Rent for garden – A Ingham	10.00
Milecastle Housing – Donation to Environmental Project	500.00
VAT Refund	<u>410.14</u>
	14,420.14
Opening Balance	27,628.72
Expenditure	852.59
Income	14,420.14
Closing Balance	41,196.27
Deposit Account	<u>14,956.29</u>
Closing Balance	<u>256,152.56</u>
VAT to be refunded	?85.44