

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM,
THE BURY, ODIHAM ON MONDAY 08 SEPTEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Mr Quarrell (Chairman), Mr Thorne, Mr Jones, Mr Cabbage, Mr Fountain, Mrs Ball, Mr Clarke, Mrs Hyatt (Clerk) and Mrs Taylor (Assistant Clerk)

Apologies: Mr Kearns (Vice-Chair), Mrs Fleming and Mrs Smith

Also present: Chris Gregory - Basingstoke Gazette

PUBLIC SESSION

None

91/08 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST 2008

Full Council Nos. 88/08 – 90/08

Councillor Jones proposed that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record. This was seconded by Councillor Cabbage and all who attended were in favour.

Planning & Development Committee Nos. 61/08 – 64/08

Councillor Cabbage proposed that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record. This was seconded by Councillor Quarrell and all who attended the full meeting were in favour.

92/08 TO CONSIDER S137 GRANT APPLICATION FROM FWAG

The Clerk reported that grants had been awarded in 2007 and 2005 but she was not aware if any farmers had taken the offer. Councillor Quarrell asked if FWAG had completed the new S137 form as had been agreed would be completed by all S137 applicants.

Councillor Clarke agreed that they should complete the form and confirm if they had used the money in the past. Councillor Fountain stated he was in favour in principle of awarding a grant and all were in favour. It was agreed a resolution would be put forward at a later meeting after receipt of the completed form.

**93/08 TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE HDC PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE
BASINGSTOKE CANAL FUNDING**

Councillor Quarrell referred to the report he had circulated which outlined the key points discussed at the meeting with BCA. The BCA had research showing the canal has a positive impact on residents living within 5 miles of it and had produced a plan based on this research. HCC and Surrey CC own the canal and are responsible for the capital investment funding. Hart DC currently contributes towards the maintenance but is proposing to pass this cost onto the parishes who border the canal.

Councillor Quarrell circulated a further report from an informal meeting he and the Clerk had attended with Dogmersfield PC. A concern raised was that this was being used as a pilot principle in delegating funding to parishes. At this meeting it was agreed to suggest that HDC should take a similar view to the BCA. Some parishes had already been approached and expressed a willingness to follow this principle.

Councillor Quarrell circulated a report from Crookham Village Parish who had agreed a resolution in principle to funding of the canal based on proviso of a population formula and the funding be made direct to BCA. Also parish councils who participate should have representation towards future management and how the funds are spent.

Councillor Jones commented that instead of pushing down to the parish, HDC should be putting pressure on HCC as the canal is an county-wide amenity. He stated he would be interested in the cost difference per capita, between the Arboretum which is heavily funded by HCC and the Canal.

Councillor Cabbage stated that the benefit of the canal was to more parishes than those adjacent to the canal and those other parishes could share the burden.

Councillor Quarrell stated that HDC had to make a decision on the canal funding in the Cabinet meeting at the beginning of November so the PC would have to make its decision in one of its next 2 meetings.

7.40 District Councillor Crookes entered the meeting.

94/08 RESOLUTION TO SIGN UP TO THE HDC COMMON PURPOSE APPROACH TO DEVELOP A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ODIHAM COMMON

Councillor Quarrell introduced the item. He stated that HDC had agreed to funding for the management plan.

Councillor Cabbage asked in what form the support from OPC was to be. Councillor Quarrell confirmed that the support was in the form of participation and communication of residents views and there would be no financial contribution.

Councillor Quarrell proposed a resolution to sign up and support the HDC common purpose approach to develop a management plan for Odiham Common. Councillor Fountain seconded and all were in favour.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.47 pm

Signed

S.J. Quarrell

Date

22 September 2008

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EVENTS & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM, THE BURY, ODIHAM ON MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 7.47PM

Present: Mrs Ball (Chair), Mr Quarrell, Mr Jones, Mr Clarke, Mr Fountain, Mr Thorne, Mrs Hyatt (Clerk) and Mrs Taylor (Assistant Clerk)

Apologies: Mr Kearns, Mrs Smith and Mrs Fleming

Also present: District Councillor Crookes, Mr Cabbage and Chris Gregory Basingstoke Gazette

10/08 TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE AUTUMN GIFT FAIR

Councillor Clarke gave a report on the autumn gift fair. Additional Car parking had been identified and maps would be issued to those attending the private viewing. Guidance had been received from Councillor Fountain regarding the signs and these would be used in the hope to alleviate the congestion in the High Street.

An investigation had taken place for risks associated with the marquees and it had been identified that the marquee planned for the front of the showroom was a fire risk and had been moved to the side. Councillor Clarke was awaiting a report for the retail stands as although the catalogue had been issued, bookings were still being taken.

Councillor Clarke added that 4 tickets had been offered to the Parish Council for their use and he suggested that one be offered to Councillor Smith and the other 3 decided by ballot if there was a lot of interest. It was agreed this was a fair way to allocate the tickets. Councillors and Clerks would contact Councillor Clarke if they wished to attend and he would allocate the tickets as agreed.

Councillor Quarrell commented that in the leaflet for the event Odiham Parish Council was not mentioned as a sponsor. Councillor Clarke stated some of the leaflets had been printed before the PC had agreed to the contribution.

11/08 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE USAGE OF THE COUNCIL WEBSITE AND ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

The Clerk gave a report on the usage of the site based on figures received from Bob Jury. She reported that it appeared that only one third of the visitors to the site were actual people. A high percentage appeared to be spam. The highest users were the councillors and clerks.

The Clerk reported that a review meeting with Bob Jury was being set up early October with the Clerks. Councillor Smith would be invited to attend.

Councillor Quarrell stated he wanted to make use of the forum in a more proactive manner to include consultations on a variety of subjects. He wanted to pilot this for the consultation on Odiham common and asked the Assistant Clerk to formulate a model on how best to do this.

12/08 TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE EVENTS INITIATIVE AND ACTIONS TAKEN

Councillor Quarrell reported that to date the Extravaganza and the Heroes Parade had been successfully managed. As budget was in place and councillors were invited to think about other initiatives and come up with a plan.

13/08 RESOLUTION TO ISSUE TO NEXT NEWSLETTER IN OCTOBER

Councillor Quarrell proposed a newsletter be issued in October, Councillor Jones seconded and all were in favour. It was agreed that it would contain upcoming issues such as Odiham Common consultation and a report on the feedback from the Highways consultation.

