

**Notes of the Berwick St James Parish Meeting held at 6.30 p.m.  
on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011      No. 37**

- Apologies                      Olivia Marchant, Mary Gatling, Sarah Humphreys, Jean Hibberd, Jackie Webb & Ken Woodford  
26 People attended the meeting with Chairman Richard Brasher & Treasurer Tina Woodford taking the minutes
- Wiltshire Council Update    Unfortunately Councillor Ian West has been taken to hospital today and is unable to attend the meeting.
- Minutes of last meeting & matters arising    Nicky Street requested that it be recorded that Chris Lange had asked the previous meeting if they were happy with the way that the village fund was being managed and nobody objected.  
Ian Fisher requested that we add (in the Village Fund section) "After discussion it was decided to delay any decision about payments to the church **and the Reading Room** until the January village meeting.  
Chris Lange mentioned that first aid classes on how to use the defibrillator run by St John's Ambulance will cost £25.00 p.p. with a minimum of 6 attending. This will be discussed at next meeting.  
Tina Woodford apologised that the amount in the accounts is a mistake and is actually £585.87.
- Accounts and Precept 2012/13                      The parish meeting has £750.00 per annum for its precept which used to be paid in April and September but has now been changed and is paid in one lump sum in April so there is no September payment which is where the error arose. The precept requirement for 2012/13 has to be made before 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and will be discussed at the January meeting. At present a Band H tax for the precept is £19.00 per annum.
- Village Fund                      Chris Lange is in charge of the village fund which stands as stated in the last meeting at £2787.30. It was set up in 2007 separately from the parish meeting funds to be used for community projects other than the church and reading room. The enthusiasm this engendered with those fundraisers was considerable. The monies came from the two fun runs £1,132.30, the duck races, marquee hire £350.00, the Royal Wedding and advertising on the village website. The only expenditure so far has been the Memorial Plaque £300.00. The fund is not audited and the marquee does not have public liability insurance. It is suggested that the village fund be absorbed into the parish meeting account and that the marquee should be covered by the village insurance.  
Diana Gifford Meade suggested that fundraising should be for our two public buildings the church and reading room only.  
Chris Lange asked that no vote be taken (and that any expenditure over £500.00 should be approved by the Parish Meeting) until the fundraisers have been given fair notice of the proposed change.  
Henry Colthurst suggested that the village fund be transferred to the parish meeting account but be kept as a separate amount and that we take a vote on the change at the next meeting having given the fundraisers time to respond. It was decided to take a vote at the next meeting.  
Neil MacDougall volunteered to put a notice of the meeting through all letterboxes before the next meeting in early January.
- Community Plan                      The community plan committee includes Chris Lange, Tim Marchant, Nicky Street, Neil MacDougall and Stephen Bush. The questionnaire is being designed and is the most important task. Michael Mertens asked the purpose of the community plan questionnaire and Chris replied that it helps to know the views of those villagers who, for various reasons, don't attend meetings as it helps the meeting to reach a more informed decision on village matters.

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**Planning Application for  
Stonehenge Campsite**

William Grant attended the meeting to explain the planning application he has made for two static log pods for tourist accommodation and a fire pit. He is buying one mobile log pod (an alternative to putting up a tent) and does not need planning permission for that.

The two log pods are family size pods 4.8m x 2.8m x 2.5m which will be craned in to sit on concrete pads and be plugged into the electricity supply. He wishes to put beds inside but not a water supply. He also mentioned that he accommodated 4 men who worked 4 days a week.

He was asked if there was a danger of squatters.

Mark Hopkins stated that the site license does not allow for workers and must be used for recreation only.

William Grant was also asked where he would store the mobile pod when not in use because he cannot move anything from the camp site to the Wisma site therefore the barns cannot be used.

Neil MacDougall asked for an update for the demolition of the chicken sheds.

WG replied that the sheds house the straw and hay for the horses plus their furniture. He has permission now to build a house and as soon as they can move in the bungalow will be demolished and in due course the sheds.

His idea for the site is that it will be a high class site as ecologically friendly and unobtrusive as possible and he has chosen log pods as they reflect this. He would like to put solar panels on their roofs and, when Stephen Bush pointed out that this would reflect an awful lot of sunlight, said that they would be placed not to be noticed but that was not part of the application under discussion.

When asked how dense the population on site could be WG said the density is 30 plots per acre and he is utilising half of that; i.e. 15 plots and each plot must be 6 metres apart.

Nicky Street asked if the log pods were to replace caravans or were to be additional to them and WG said instead of.

Stephen Bush asked when the fencing would be taken down and WG stated that the wording of the site inspector was unclear and indicated that both internal and external fencing be taken down so he has submitted a new fencing application to clarify this.

As we have to submit our views to the council by 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011 two proposals for the meeting's opinion were submitted.

The application is for "Two log pods for tourist accommodation on two approved caravan pitches and the creation of a firepit."

Stephen Bush: Object on the grounds that it changes the site from temporary and mobile to partially permanent.

The vote was 2 For, 10 Against and 10 Abstained.

Henry Colthurst: Support with the following conditions, no supply of water, no furnishings and a maximum period of occupation of 28 days.

The vote was 16 For, 2 Against and 2 Abstained. Two people left before the application was discussed and 2 left during the discussion.

The meeting decided to support the application with the conditions mentioned.

**Any Other Business**

The Council has proposed a speed limit of 50 mph between the A303 and the village and between the Guide House and Stapleford. Details are on the central notice board.