

# MONKTON COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual meeting held in the Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007 at 7pm.

Present: Gavin Douglas (Chairman)  
Councillors: Kevin Murphy, Simon Ling, Ray Franks and Alison Bossom  
Clerk: Rachel Willcox  
Visitors: 4 visitors attended including the new District councillor Neil Butters

Minutes: Minutes of the Annual meeting of the previous year held on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2006 were approved and signed.

Gavin Douglas was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the year.

## 1. Chairman's Welcome

THE CHAIRMAN welcomed Neil Butters our new District Councillor as well as all the other visitors to the meeting, including our two new councillors Ray Franks and Simon Ling.

The Chairman also thanked:

- The Clerk for her work of the previous year,
- Gitte for all her hard work over the past years and all her support in the parish
- Lyn Alvis, who has stepped down from the Parish Council after 23 years of service
- David Fallon, who has stepped down after 9 years of service

## 2. Financial Statement

The financial statement for the year was discussed and agreed to be an accurate account. The difference in money given to the PC by BANES for Village Cleaning and the amount the PC pays for this service was noted – due to increase in minimum wage.

## 3. Matters Arising from Last Annual Meeting

### Planning Matters

- *Monkton Combe School*: Liaison has been continued with PC. Redevelopment of Science block is underway in a seemingly efficient manner by contractors. Good working relationship now developed with PC.
- *Summer Lane*: Barn has been built by Farmer, despite objections due to location and materials by PC
- *Hedge Cutting*: savage hedge cutting and barbed wire fencing. PC will follow this up, as there have been many comments from parishioners.
- *Rugby Club*: Temporary consent has become permanent consent for hours of use.

**Village Cleaning:** Litter is a continuing problem in the village – kerbside collection of black bin sacks is causing parishioners to put rubbish out the night before collection is due. Need to

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publicise and re-educate parishioners. Fly tipping is also increasing. Parish Council to discuss strategy over the year for dealing with this issue.

**Grit Bins:** We have been promised two replacement lids on the bins in Summer Lane and Shaft Road/Mount Pleasant. These should happen before the winter 07/08. Another broken bin has been noted: At the bottom of Church Drung/Perry Hill – the grit bin has a broken bottom and is a potential hazard as it could tip over at any time. Clerk to report to George Bottin Grit bin officer, copying in NB.

**Roads and Footpaths:** Generally very poor road surface in the village. However, BANES are good at responding to emergency repairs, but these do not last long. All of Brassknocker has been resurfaced, and all the edges on Summer Lane done too.

**Speeding:** The parish council feels they need police backing on this issue. AB following up 20m signs painted on the road rather than signs on poles. NB to find out progress in Hinton Charterhouse, also equipment to measure speed volume and traffic in Southstoke. This is an ongoing issue in the parish.

**Mill Leat:** Still a problem Alan Bratt (BANES) is handling it; there should be some news soon. Robert Hellard of Mendip Fireplaces has a key for the sluice gates and when there are heavy rains he opens them to prevent flooding. There is no money to rebuild the weir from BANES however Bath and Avon Tributary Fisherman are interested in replacing the weir. GD to speak to Robert Hellard. Perhaps money could be raised within the village to help fund it.

**Playground:** Refurbishment done. Thanks to BANES for their contribution. Railings for the bank are going in soon.

**Emergency Plan and Welcome Letter:** Completed.

**4. Any other Business:**

**Bat Works:** Ventilation and access points for bags dispossessed from Stone Mines. More works due.

**Names of Footpaths/Drungs:** Suggestion that these historic pathways could have nameplates? PC to follow up with BANES

**Police:** New Beat officer: Matt Bendor

**Village Hall Car Park:** White lines need repainting to ensure efficient use of space. 10 spaces and 2 in the corner. PC to follow this up with Ian Croker.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming. The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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