

## MONKTON COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual meeting held in the Village Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7pm.

Present: Kevin Murphy (Chairman)  
Councillors: Lyn Alvis, Simon Ling, Ray Franks and Alison Bossom  
Clerk: Rachel Willcox  
Visitors: 11 visitors attended

Minutes: Minutes of the Annual meeting of the previous year held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007 were approved and signed.

Kevin Murphy was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the year.

### 1. Chairman's Welcome

THE CHAIRMAN all the visitors to the meeting, including our new councillors Lyn Alvis.

The Chairman also thanked:

- The councillors for all their hard work,
- The Clerk for her work of the previous year.

Gavin Douglas the previous Chairman had left a statement of the event of the past year. This was read out by Kevin.

### 2. Financial Statement

The financial statement for the year was discussed and agreed to be an accurate account

### 3. Matters Arising from Last Annual Meeting

#### **Planning Matters**

- *Monkton Combe School:* Liaison has been continued with PC. . Good working relationship now developed with PC.
- *Hedge Cutting:* savage hedge cutting and barbed wire fencing area not within Conservation area so no protection afforded.
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**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 publicise and re-educate parishioners. SL trying to contact Sarah Alder at BANES regarding provision of 'shed' for rubbish bags to be stored in and bottom of Perry Hill as it's becoming a Health and Safety issue. LA to meet with parishioners concerned. More bins can be installed for £350 and BANES will empty.

Recycling lorry's load gets caught on hedges in Tucking Mill Lane on it's rounds. Has been reported and crew will try and avoid travelling the lane when very full. Rubbish has also been dumped by Viaduct Hotel over the end of the patio area onto the Clank

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Chairman

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and is now falling onto the school's land. Reported by parishioner to planning but now passed onto enforcement and nothing happened since. KLM to follow up.

**Dog Waste:** council no longer responsible for installing new bins, as it has been declassified to non-hazardous waste and can be put into general rubbish.

**Flytipping:** has improved due to road closure. If it is not collected promptly, more accumulates. Village awareness to be raised by article in parish magazine (AB) – create culture in village of picking up rubbish when it is seen.

**Furniture Mill** – paintings and furniture to be removed – AB to email Nick Jeanes.

**Grit Bins:** still in progress. Fence now obstructing Summer Lane grit bin.

**Roads:** Top of Shaft Road – request from parishioner for pavement to be reinstated. LA encourages Rugby club to trim hedges to keep way clear. LA thinks it unlikely it will be reinstated, but may try contacting BANES Cabinet Officer responsible for highways.

**Drungs:** issues with the surfaces – grass growing – however if this is removed concrete will come away too. Church Drung and Innox Drung on council list for works to improve surface. Walls on Church drung also need repair. GD to contact landowner.

**Drainage** seems to be an ongoing issue in village. There is now 3 holes in the wall for drainage for the water that collects by the end of the hockey pitches. PC to follow up other drainage issues.

**Speeding:** Police are coming to the village to identify a site where we can use Community Speed watch equipment. Volunteers will be needed to train if this goes ahead. Several suggestions of traffic calming and pedestrian crossing within the village. The temporary chicanes due to A36 road works seem to be working well. Parish Council to investigate options.

**Mill Leat:** BANES are now only taking a supervisory role. We are awaiting results of water testing by Wessex Water. If it becomes a health and safety issue media coverage may be possibility.

**Playground:** Railings for the bank are now installed to prevent falls. Request to gate off to prevent children escaping and dogs from entering. KLM contacting parks department. School children still using it. AB to mention to school.

#### 4. Any other Business:

- Limpley Stoke – works going on with access to field. Currently an eyesore. PC has been added to statutory Consultees list for all planning applications for the parish.
- Fencing around Frayling Land – where is access? PC to be in touch with landowner LYN?
- Bus stop sign – has disappeared. RF to investigate.
- Signage on Brassknocker hill going uphill towards junction. Request for it to be improved. Also why is it not 30mph the whole length of the Hill? LA to contact Nick Jeanes.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming. The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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