

**Newport Parish Council Facilities and Amenities Committee**

**Minutes of the Meeting held at 9.00 p.m. on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2009  
at Church House, Newport.**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Cllr A. Johnson	(AJ)	(Chairman)
	Cllr P. Arscott	(PA)	
	Cllr M. Bowker	(MB)	
	Cllr C. Gilbank	(CG)	
	Cllr J. Rose	(JR)	
	Cllr M. Sell	(MS)	
	Cllr J. Smith	(JS)	
	Cllr A. Yarwood	(AY)	(From F001 – F005)

**In attendance:**      C. Griffin                      Clerk

**F001 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr C. Mitchell and Dist. Cllr P. Wilcock

**F002 To receive any ‘personal’ or ‘personal and prejudicial’ interests relating to items on the Agenda**

The following interests were declared: MB in F006 and JS in F007.

**F003 Public participation session**

No members of the public present.

**F004 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2008**

Resolved that the Chairman should sign the Minutes as approved.

Proposed: AY

Seconded: MS

All agreed

**F005 Report on Village Care & Diana Sell Playground**

MS reported that:

- Tidying up work has been carried out.
- Verges are damaged in several areas.
- Broken glass has been reported in different areas parts of the village
- The CCTV equipment at the playground is working satisfactorily, although there was recently a problem retrieving images.

- Some of the playground equipment needs to be replaced and the surface underneath the aerial runway should be given priority, approximate cost of changing this would be £1,500. The wooden fencing will also need replacing at some stage. CG said it would be advantageous if the gates had a latch. A meeting will be arranged with the Playground Committee as soon as possible and it would be helpful if parents with young children could provide some input so that an action plan could be drawn up. AY suggested putting a package together and applying to the CIF for funding.

Clerk reported that:

- A meeting was held with Anne Hooper, ECC, following a complaint regarding the hedge/vegetation on the bank on the corner of Frambury Lane/Pond Cross Way. Clerk is awaiting a reply from Mouchel regarding ownership. Another complaint has been received regarding hedges growing over the pavement in the High Street. Clerk will take this up with the owners.
- Following a conversation with Beverly Davies, who deals with the CIF funding, she confirmed that £100,000 was available from the Highways Fund and ECC received applications for approximately this amount. Therefore, all applications have been successful and we should receive confirmation later this week

Following the recent bad weather, the Chairman suggested walking through the village to identify all the potholes and road surfaces requiring attention. List can then be sent to ECC.

Clerk will contact CM for an update on the dead tree in the grounds of the Coach & Horses public house.

#### **F006 Report on the Allotments**

MB reported that rent is still outstanding from one tenant. One plot is currently vacant but there are eight people on the waiting list. The shed on the allotments was damaged recently, although nothing was taken. This has been reported to the NhW coordinators. The Chairman urged residents to report any incidents of this nature to the Police.

MB, MS and Clerk will arrange for a letter to be sent to all tenants advising that rubbish will be collected from the Allotments if it is left on one particular plot.

#### **F007 To discuss 2009/10 grant application for Public Rights of Way**

ECC has advised that it is time to start putting together proposals for next year and submitting requests for grants for 2009/10.

JS reported that he has set up six walks that cover all the parish footpaths and will endeavour to walk these on a regular basis. There are several issues requiring attention, detailed in report dated 11<sup>th</sup> January, that will be circulated to all members. JS will provide an update at the next meeting.

Clerk has contacted the Public Rights of Way Officer again regarding the repairs/re-fixing of the bridges and has been told these will be carried out as soon as possible.

Clerk will chase NS Landscapes for their invoice for footpath clearance covering 2008/09 in order that the grant application can be submitted before the deadline.

**F008 To discuss any other Urgent Parish Matters**

**F008.1** Following a request from a resident in London Road, MS looked at the ditch on the southern side of the Common. The cost of digging this out would be in excess of £500 but this would not improve the drainage. It was agreed that there would be no tangible benefit in clearing it.

**C009 Items for next Agenda**

To receive a progress report on the 2009/10 grant application for Public Rights of Way.

To discuss organising a competition to build a village garden on the Common

**C010 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April at Church House.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm