

THE PARISH OF BERRICK SALOME

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th April 2008 at the Berrick Salome Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

1. Apologies for absence

Rob Marsh and Sue Cooper.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 1st May 2007 and the Extraordinary Parish Meeting held on 29th May 2007 were read by John Radice. Dennis Hall proposed approval, seconded by Brian Bull; and the minutes were signed by Derek Shaw.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Jean Gladstone raised the matter of sewage tankers using the Rokemarsh lane while the pumping station was out of action – up to 18 a day, causing damage to the lane. Derek Shaw said he would be reporting on his contacts with Thames Water, and asked others to keep him informed of their contacts with TW and any responses received.

4. The Annual Report of Parish Council

This was presented by the chairman, Derek Shaw:

This has been a fairly quiet year with no major activities. The Parish Council had 7 meetings in the Village Hall.

Planning Activities

As usual most of our activities centred around planning applications of which there were 9 this year, most of which non-controversial. Of these 6 were approved by SODC, 1 refused and 2 are ongoing.

Parish Notice Boards

We are getting close to replacing all 4 notice boards with new ones which we think will blend in with the village scene.

“Tom’s bench”

As agreed last year a bench to commemorate Tom Curran’s contribution to the village has been placed on “the triangle”

The Village Playground

The Parish Council continue to maintain the play ground and have incurred unexpectedly high costs this year, due to new health and safety legislation concerning topping-up the bark covering as required by ROSPR. We are applying to the Quarry Charity for help towards these costs.

The leakage of Sewage outside The Garden House

We have had extensive communications with Thames Water on this subject. The net result is that TW admits that “the cause of the flooding from the manholes in and around Roke has been an excessive amount of ground water infiltration into the public sewers which meant the pump station was unable to pump away the foul water quickly enough” but they are unable to indicate when the problem will be resolved. Now that TW has admitted there is a problem we plan to pursue the matter through the Environment Agency.

The Village Precept.

As you may, or may not, have noticed there has been no charge on the Council Tax for the Berrick Parish this year and your bills are about £24 less. This is due to a series of unfortunate occurrences. Firstly SODC did not receive our request for this years Precept. Then rather than stay with the status quo, SODC put in a zero for Berrick and finally, for the first time in 17 years, our SODC member could

not attend the council meeting at which the Council Tax was approved and hence did not notice the error. We believe that we have sufficient reserves to function this year as usual and plan to raise the Precept next year to top up our reserves.

The Village Web Site

Finally with the help of Kathy Maxwell (to whom we are very grateful for her time and expertise) we have set up a village web site. Kathy will present this later in the meeting. We plan to post all out notices, minutes etc on this site and hope it will raise the visibility of the Parish Council and also become a centre for village communications.

5. To receive the observations of the County Councillor and the District Councillors

None of the Councillors were able to attend.

6. Statement of the Parish Council's accounts for the year ending 31 March 2006 and observations

Ian Ross tabled the accounts as follows:

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31/03/2007

2006/2007 RECEIPTS	2006/2007
£3,000.00 Precept	£3,500.00
£13.27 Interest	£20.53
<u>£3,013.27</u> TOTAL Receipts	<u>£3,520.53</u>
PAYMENTS	
Items written off (Allotment a/c and £3.00 cash)	£100.30
Seat at Millenium Stone	£680.00
£108.75 General administration	£120.25
£554.46 Insurance	£567.79
£670.00 Clerks fees	
£122.79 OALC membership	
£890.00 Running costs - grass cutting etc.	£1,010.00
£70.50 Play ground	£1,598.01
£300.33 Dog bin installation & emptying	£175.22
£75.00 Rental of rooms for Parish meeting	
<u>£2,791.83</u> TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>£4,251.57</u>

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY

Balance brought forward 01/04/06	£3,895.51
Total receipts	£3,520.53
Total payments	-£4,251.57
	<u>£3,164.47</u>

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Community current account	£1,757.77
Business Premium account	£1,406.70
	<u>£3,164.47</u>

The precept remained at £3,500.

7. To receive the accounts and report of the Berrick Salome Quarry Charity

The last twelve months have been the quietest on record! The Charity has made no payments of any kind - primarily because we have had no requests for financial support from any quarter during the last period.

This should not be viewed as a "bad thing" in itself as it has allowed a modest fund to accumulate in the Charities reserves. We have of course continued to receive income from rent paid by Mr. Wilkinson & family for the Wood Yard site on the B4009 that is owned by the village (and is the Charity's only source of income).

Rent comes to us at the rate of £500.00 per quarter. This added to existing balances means that the Charity currently has funds of £6,191.60 which includes £130.90 of interest earned since the last accounts.

The Trustees of the Quarry Charity are presently: David Pelling, Tim Clayton, Marian Shaw, Neville Gill and Abby Clayton (who is the Treasurer) and the Chairman of the Parish Council all of whom have indicated their willingness to continue in office and therefore seek confirmation from parishioners to continue to manage the affairs of the Charity for a further year.

8. Election of Committee of Management of the Berrick Salome Quarry Charity

The current management committee comprising David Pelling, Tim Clayton, Marian Shaw and Neville Gill was re-elected en bloc.

9. The accounts and report of the Berrick Salome Relief in Need Charity

Chris Cussens reported to the Meeting:

The Charity was set up to provide grants of money, provision of items or provision of facilities for persons in need living in the Parish of Berrick Salome.

Income is received from rent from a parcel of agricultural land and a fixed interest investment plus interest on accumulated income. Nine grants to the total value of £1325.63 have been made over the past year.

The Trustees of the Charity are:

Rev I Cohen (ex-officio as The Vicar for the time being of St. Helen's Berrick Salome)

Nominative trustees appointed by the Parish Council of Berrick Salome:

Mrs J. Franklin (Chairman)

Mr C Cussens (Treasurer)

Co-optative trustees appointed by special resolution of the Trustees with special knowledge of the Parish

Mrs. S. Clayton

Mrs S. Pelling

Mr. C. Cussens (Mokes Corner, Berrick Salome Oxon OX10 6JR) acts as administrative officer.

Financial Statement for the year ended 31st August 2008

Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	y.e. 31.08.08	y.e. 31.08.07
Interest on 195 M&G Charibond shares	14.84	14.84
Rents from Chalgrove charity y.e. 31 December	309.01	309.01
Interest on COIF charities Deposit A/c	869.11	779.08
	<u>£1,192.96</u>	<u>£1,102.93</u>

Financial Statement for the year ended 31st August 2008 (cont)

Payments	y.e. 31.08.08	y.e. 31.08.07
Grant for educational expenses	£425.63	£140.59
Grants for special needs recreational & educ opportunities	£150.00	300.00
Grants towards flooding relief	£750	
Grant for disability equipment		£1,200.00
Grant towards heating installation		£500.00
	£1,325.63	£2,140.59
Excess of Receipts over Payments	£617.33	-£1,037.66
Provision for cheques not resented	£750.00	
Excess of Receipts over Payments	-£132.67	
Bank Current & Deposit Accounts at 31 Aug 2005	£15,035.79	£16,073.45
Bank Current & Deposit Accounts at 31 Aug 2006	£15,653.12	£15,035.79

10. Report of the Berrick and Roke Village Hall Management Committee

Denis Cooper reported to the Meeting:

Drainage work, including guttering and carpark repairs, was now to be done, at a cost of about £5,000.

The next projects planned were to renovate the kitchen, upgrade the toilets and patio area.

Ray Perfect enquired about expanding the carpark, because there were often cars parked out on the road. DC replied that this would be expensive: grants were available but dependent on proven need within the community eg clubs.

RP also asked about better dustbins, eg a larger Grundon bin. DC said this was being looked at.

Ruth Coffey tabled the accounts as follows:

Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March 2008

Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	y.e. 31.03.08	y.e. 31.03.07
Hire of Village Hall	637.5	715.00
Quarry Charity donation		309.01
Bridge Club rents	6,900.00	6,525.00
	7,537.50	7,240.00
Payments	y.e. 31.03.08	y.e. 31.03.07
Cleaning	1,224.00	1,004.00
Maintenance	1,260.17	2,707.85
Oil / heating	73.50	554.50
Furniture / fittings		120.48
Insurance	607.46	579.36
Electric	800.44	333.72
	3,965.57	5,299.91

Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March 2008 (cont)

Excess of Receipts over Payments	3,571.93	1,940.09
Capital: Lloyds Bank	7,123.97	5,183.88
	10,695.90	£7,123.97

11. Appointments of Representatives to other organisations

Dot Cussens was re-elected as parish representative to the Millstream Day Centre, Benson.

12. Any Other Business

12.1 *Gravel extraction*

Answering David Pelling, Derek Shaw reported no developments. In the forthcoming new Regional Plan, the issue is likely to re-surface. Warborough Council were watching the situation closely.

12.2 *Traffic calming*

Answering Ray Perfect, Ian Glyn explained that bespoke signs were not permitted and so no further action was planned.

12.3 *Website*

Kathy Maxwell presented the website, found on www.berrickandroke.org.uk.

This was an 'open source' site so anyone can log in and add events. It reproduces material from the Millenium Book, and contains information on the Parish Council.

Derek Shaw said that Parish Council notifications and minutes will be put on. Hopefully it will grow as it is used.

12.4 *Link*

Chris Cussens put out a request for volunteers to join the Editorial Team.

There being no other business, the Meeting concluded at 9.25 pm.