



The Parish of Arborfield & Newland

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Held on Monday 28th March 2011

7.30pm at Arborfield Village Hall

Minutes compiled by the Parish Clerk

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Representatives from Arborfield & Newland Parish Council: Cllrs Kaiser, Murphy, Wright, Dugdale, Weir, Heard, Salter, Butterfield, Hotchkiss, the Parish Clerk

Also Present: D Dunn, J Dunn, M Picken, S Bacon, D Thorne, F Rawlings, R Peat, L Birt, D Tipton, J Heard, L Fothergill, M Edwards, K Cowan, T Harden, G Cowan, A Worley, K Ridgway, S Ridgway, P Tyers, PCSO S Carr, PCSO V Irven, M Taranczewska, M Rutter

A copy of the Parish Annual Report was available for all at the beginning of the meeting together with Draft minutes from the 2010 APM and an update on matters raised.

- 1. Welcome, Apologies and introduction of Parish Councillors** – Cllr John Kaiser.
Cllr Kaiser welcomed everyone to the meeting, ran through the housekeeping rules of the Village Hall. The Parish Council Committee Chairmen were introduced.
- 2. To agree the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 25th May 2010** – the minutes of the APM held on Tuesday 25th May were proposed as a true record by B Salter, seconded by M Heard.
- 3. Parish Council Reports** – Cllr John Kaiser and Committee Chairmen
Cllr Murphy, Chairman of F&GP, Cllr Wright, Chairman of Planning and Cllr Butterfield, Chairman of Parks all read through their reports, which are included in the Annual Report.
- 4. Peter Baveystock** – Waste & Recycling Manager, WBC –
Changes to the household collection service will come into force in 2012. The amount of rubbish sent to landfill must reduce as per the EU Landfill Directive. The current cost is £64 per tonne of rubbish taken to landfill. This will increase to £150 per tonne in 2012. Last year WBC sent 30,000 tonnes to landfill.
The green waste initiative will expand to cover the whole of the Borough.
Each household will be provided with 80 sacks per year and only rubbish in these sacks will be collected. It works out at 3 bags per fortnight.
Currently 11kg of rubbish per household is collected. There are 62,000 properties in the borough. This is to be reduced to 8.8kg so will be an overall reduction of approx. 11%.
Recycling will be weekly.
Green waste will be chargeable after 1st April so home composting is being promoted and encouraged. New green waste bags will be available to purchase or for £60 per year a brown bin can be used. This can be shared with a neighbour if required. Bags will hopefully be sold from the Parish Office.
Residents will be encouraged to put the new blue bags for landfill rubbish into dustbins for collection.
- 5. PCSO Suzie Carr** – Rural Specialist Officer, TV Police

PCSO Suzie Carr explained about the new Rural Safety packs which have been distributed to farms and equestrian establishments. Over 170 properties have so far been visited. The Rural Crimes Committee was initiated by farmers in the Swallowfield area who were experiencing problems. The Committee is currently promoting a tracker system which costs £75 per vehicle. This is not a high price for vehicles such as tractors which can be worth over £100,000 each.

Suzie explained that she has been in contact with Jimmy Lee who owns much of the Highfield site and Walkers Yard and had had a very productive meeting with him and the Parish Clerk on site. It was good that communications have been opened up between the local traveller community, the Police and Parish Council. There is a caretaker on site, most of the Polish have gone and as a result of this crime related incidents have been significantly reduced.

The first Rural Matters Conference was held in December last year and was a huge success. As a result a conference will be held again this year on 2nd November.

6. **Open Forum** – questions from the floor

A number of questions were raised regarding the household waste collections and were answered by Peter Baveystock.

P Tyers

Question: Since Jan 2009 recycling in the black boxes has not been split up but householders are still required to separate rubbish.

Answer: There is no need to split up the black box rubbish as it is separated at the waste sites.

L Fothergill

Question: What happens to the green waste?

Answer: Some is used by Planners Farm in Wargrave to make PAS100 compost. The Borough has bagged some to sell in the past but is not as cheap as in garden centres.

When the green bags are replaced with the new paper bags the green ones are excellent for growing potatoes in or can still be used in the garden.

D Thorne

Question: Black boxes have cracked, can they be replaced?

Answer: Call 0118 974 6000 and ask for new ones, the old ones will be taken away

J Heard

Question: Orange bags – these have not been left for ages.

Answer: They should be being left at rural properties. If they aren't please leave a note out with your rubbish.

T Harden

Question: What about shredded paper?

Answer: Put in an envelope or cardboard box such as a cereal box or put in composters.

Gary Cowan

It was noted that Smallmead have an arrangement with Sue Ryder to take away any recyclable goods. £1,800 has been raised so far from this initiative. Bracknell tip will start the same agreement soon. This is fantastic.

A discussion was held regarding the Garrison development.

It was reported that the Garrison development is part of the 5 year land supply and must be an all or nothing development. There would appear to be a disagreement between the consortium of land owners. It may be possibly that they are waiting for a planning application to be submitted by the MOD.

The documents such as the infrastructure must be robust and ensure that the money is spent in the right places. There must be enough frontend S106 money to provide the necessary infrastructure.

It would be preferable for the land to be sold to just one developer rather than broken up in to different sections.

It was raised that a bond must be in place.

It was noted that at the AG-RAG meeting held the previous week WBC mentioned bonds but the developer, GVA Grimley, reported that they didn't know anything about it. It was raised that a bond is documented in the SDL.

PSCO Vicky Irven introduced herself and explained that she is standing in for PCSO Antonia Quinton who is pregnant.

J Heard

The proposed Rushy Mead wind turbine application is still open for comments to be submitted until 7th April. Many letters of support have been received by WBC but they are not from local residents.

T Harden

Formal thanks were given to the Parish Council for their work sorting out the insurance etc for the Old Churchyard so the History Society volunteers could carry out maintenance on the site.

S Bacon

Thanks to WBC and Parish Council for shoring up Mole Brook in Cole Lane following the banks being washed away. An excellent job has been carried out and it is now well protected.

A Worley

There appears to be a wasp's nest near the aerial runway in the park in Swallowfield Road.

The Parish Clerk will deal with this.

Cllr Kaiser thanked everyone for coming and invited all to participate in refreshments.

7. **Refreshments** – courtesy of the Parish Council