

**MINUTE OF
BRENT PELHAM & MEESDEN PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2010
VENUE: BRENT PELHAM VILLAGE HALL**

INCLUDED:

Mr W Dimsdale	Chairman
Major Barclay	Councillor (Vice Chair)
Mr Trevor Hughes	Councillor
Mrs Sarah Wootton-Ramsay	Councillor
Mrs Kate Hinch	Councillor
Mr Gordon Livings	Councillor
Mr C Hamilton	Clerk

District Councillor Cheswright was in attendance at the meeting

Minute

Action

10/038 Apologies for Absence

None

10/039 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meetings on 15-JUL-2010 and 15-AUG-2010 have previously been circulated for electronic review and approval by the councillors. No objections had been raised and the Chairman duly signed the paper version.

10/040 Matters Arising

Dealt within the agenda

10/041 Post of Chairman

The Chairman stated that, due to weight of other commitments, he was looking to stand down from the post of Chairman, but would be happy to continue in post as a councillor.

After discussion on successor, Major Barclay proposed that Mr Hughes be elected as Chairman. This proposal was seconded by Mrs Wootton-Ramsay and passed by unanimous vote.

Mr Hughes accepted the post of Chairman, and thanked Mr Dimsdale for his considerable efforts in the post over the years in which he held the role. This view was supported by all councillors.

10/042 1 Meesden Green

Mr Dimsdale has still to contact Thomas Day for a quotation for erecting posting along the boundary. Major Barclay offered oak posts that could be used to reduce costs. Once an agreed quotation was obtained, the Clerk

is to write to Mrs Parsons asking her to remove any items remaining on the green.

10/043 Ty Llawen

The Clerk reported on receipt of a correspondence from Land Registry containing the exchange of letters with Tilbrooks, the solicitors for the property owners. The diagrams that had been supplied to Tilbrooks, though hand drawn, clearly show the front part of the property's standing area and gates being on common land. This would presumably account for the cessation in letters from Tilbrooks contesting the boundary. After discussion, it was agreed that no further action would be taken in the short term and that the council would object at the time of any change of owner.

10/044 Annual Cut of Meesden Green

Mr Livings stated that he had contacted Steve Scott to ask him to perform the annual cut. This had resulted in Steve Scott indicating that he was raising his charges by £50, leading to a bill of £520. In discussion with Clerk and Chairman, it had been agreed to hire equipment and perform the cut by volunteers within the village. Mr Livings stated that Steve Murphy had identified suitable equipment at a charge of £70 for a weekend's hire. Mr Dimsdale offered to use his farm equipment to help clear the grass. The equipment had been reserved and it was intended to perform the cut on Saturday 9-OCT.

10/045 Planning (Applications)

The Old Vicarage, BP No objections raised
Garage replacement

10/046 Highways

The Clerk was asked to place an entry in the Newsletter reminding the local populace of the Highways Fault reporting webpages Clerk

10/047 Risk Assessment

The Clerk reported that he had failed to bring the risk assessment sheets to the meeting. No change had occurred in the state of risk. Clerk to circulate the current risk assessment sheets to the council members Clerk

10/048 Finance

Accounts – The Clerk presented the accounts to the council for the year to date. These showed a current account balance of £392.32 and a reserve account balance of £355.83.

External Audit – The Clerk reported that the external audit had been returned by the BDO LLP with no observations recorded.

Proposals for Payment – The Clerk presented the upcoming demands on the councils remaining funds. These include:

Cut of Meesden Green	£68 for hire of mower
External Audit	£58.75

Mr Hughes proposed that this amount be paid. This motion was seconded by Mrs Hinch and passed by unanimous vote

Clerk

Motion Passed

That payments be made

10/049 AOB

Core Strategy

Mrs Cheswright briefed the meeting on the Core Strategy consultation that is in progress. A flyer should have been, or would be, sent to all households giving brief details of the options and asking for people to provide feedback. Mrs Cheswright also indicated that Mike Carver could be asked to give a presentation to interested groups, or there may already be a session being locally held that councillors could attend. The Chairman to contact Mr Carver to ascertain which option could be used.

Chairman

The Clerk will provide the full core strategy document to the Chairman and send on any consultation correspondence to councillors

Clerk

10/050 Date of Next Meetings

The next Parish Council meetings are to be held on:

Thursday 13 Jan 2011 @ 19:30 in Meesden Parish Rooms

Thursday 14 Apr 2011 @ 19:30 in Brent Pelham Village Hall