

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 9th MAY, 2011, COMMENCING
AT 7-30 P.M.**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs. S. Morlidge (Chairman)
Councillor R.J. Fitchford
Councillor Miss C. Kimberley
Councillor G. Norris
Councillor Mrs. M. Rendell
Councillor G.J. Stammers

District Councillor Mrs. H. Hayter

Clerk 6 Members of Public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Rupert Thorne

Spoke of the Fox Hunter site and his comments on the proposals for development, which he had already submitted to the Parish Council. He went on to stress certain comments on the proposals, including the 'flying arch' and highway considerations

The Chairman assured Mr. Thorne that the Parish Council had taken note of his comments and would bear them in mind in future discussions

She expressed her disappointment that no progress could be made as the anticipated drawings had not been received

Mrs. Linda Mazey

Spoke of the Affordable Housing Scheme and asked about available funding
Councillor Mrs. Hayter said that the issue would be dealt with by the Housing Department. A system of priority would need to be determined

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed Councillor Mrs. Morlidge, Seconded Councillor Fitchford
'That Councillor Mrs. Rendell be elected Chairman'

So resolved, nem con

Councillor Fitchford thanked Councillor Mrs. Morlidge for her endeavours over the past year

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillor R.G. Hobbs

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Proposed Councillor Mrs. Morlidge, Seconded Councillor Norris
'That Councillor Fitchford be elected Vice Chairman'

So resolved, nem con

5. APPOINTMENT TO SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) Playing Fields and Grass Cutting	Councillor Fitchford
(b) Allotments	Councillor Miss Kimberley
(c) Cemetery	Councillor Mrs. Morlidge
(d) Representative to Village Hall Management Committee	Councillor Miss Kimberley
(e) Representative to Village Fete Committee	Councillor Mrs. Rendell
(f) Representative to Flood Alleviation Committee	Councillor Mrs. Morlidge
(g) Press Correspondent	Councillor Norris
(h) Public Footpaths	Councillor Mrs. Rendell

6. APPOINTMENT OF BANK SIGNATORIES

It was agreed to re-appoint the current signatories – Councillor Fitchford, Councillor, Mrs. Morlidge and Councillor Mrs. Rendell

7. DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS

It was agreed to continue to hold Meetings on the second Monday of each month, except August. Meetings to commence at 7-30 p.m.

8. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th April, 2011, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

(a) Repairs to Street Light – Bell Lane

The matters remained unresolved. Councillor Fitchford to follow up

(b) Enforcement Order – Hawkswood Farm

Nothing further to report. Chairman to follow up

(c) Public Footpaths Issues

The Clerk reported that he had received a response to his enquiry from Richard Barnard of the Rights of Way Department. He had stated that the damaged Kissing Gate is the responsibility of the land owner

The Clerk was asked to write to the landowner and ask him to arrange for the remedial work to be carried out

(d) Responsibility for St. James the Great Church grounds

The Clerk reported that he had received a communication from Helen Smith, Estates Surveyor, stating that the District Council would take over the maintenance of the burial ground on 4th May
Tim Berwick, Construction Manager, would be arranging an inspection to establish any work needed

(e) Small Playing Field Issues

A site visit was arranged to inspect the roundabout and damaged fencing in the Small Playing Field
The Clerk reported that an order had been placed with Wicksteed Leisure for the supply of four replacement swing seats
The Clerk further reported that he had checked the Electricity Sub Station adjacent to the Small Playing Field. He said that the equipment was protected by 6 foot high closed boarded fencing with signs highlighting the danger of entry at frequent intervals
It was agreed that no further action was necessary

10. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- (a) Councillor Mrs. Hayter congratulated the Womens Institute and the Village Hall Management Committee for organizing the 'Wedding Breakfast'. She said that 120 people attended and it was a great success
- (b) Reported that Geoff Turton had been appointed to succeed Dave Tiley as Flood Defence Officer. She had spoken to Mr. Turton and had been told that a consultant would be appointed to report on the requirements of the area. She had been assured that funds would be made available She had been advised that there was a need for a legal document to provide access to land. It was suggested that the Parish Council might contact the relevant landowners in this context
- (c) Referred to the Planning Application to vary the Conditions of the Gliding Club. She believed that the provisions of the Localism Bill would have an effect on the consideration of the Application
She said that she had arranged a meeting to be attended by Robert Weekes, Head of Planning, to discuss the pending legislation. She invited Council Members to attend on 19 May
Councillor Stammers said that the main line of objection to the Planning Application was the noise of the motorized gliders. More information had been gathered on this issue. He added that pressure must be applied to have a new Noise Analysis properly carried out by a qualified person and witnessed

He said that the Civil Aviation Authority at Birmingham had expressed concern about the Application in relation to the height of gliders' flight path

Copies of Navigation Maps would be obtained

He also pointed to the lack of a Risk Analysis on the matter of storage of fuel

He added that a letter had been sent in response to a request for information by the Planning Officer, Matthew Neal, in March. No further correspondence had been received

- (d) Said that there had recently been a number of thefts from garden sheds and outbuildings in the area. She emphasized the value of the 'Smart water' marking scheme

She went on to outline the newly devised policing system

- (e) Reported that she had advised Mr. Freeman at Freeman's Farm Shop to stop felling adjacent trees as there were likely to be bats and nesting birds in them

- (f) Referred to the need for costly repairs to the building occupied by the Nursery School. She outlined the problems and suggested that a possible solution might be realized by the Parish Council purchasing the land from the County Council

- (g) Said that she had been approached about the possibility of extending the speed limit in Wolverton Road

The Chairman said that this issue had already been raised, but had not found favour with the County Council

11. FINANCE

Receipts

(a) Stratford on Avon District Council	Precept (part payment)	£11,525 - 00
(b) Mrs. M. Rice	Allotment Rent	£15 - 00

Payments to be authorized

(a) Came & Company	Insurance Renewal - Parish Council	£1,521 - 52
(b) Allied Westminster	Insurance Renewal - Village Hall	£890 - 19
(c) E.ON	Street Lighting Supply	£284 - 05
(d) E.ON	Street Light Repair - Hurdlers Lane	£57 - 60
(e) H. Terry	Mole Control contract	£100 - 00
(f) British Gas	Gas supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	March £178 - 00 April £178 - 00
(g) Good Energy Ltd.	Electricity supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	March £25 - 00 April £25 - 00

(h) Talk Talk Business	Broadband supply	March	£20 - 41
	(Direct Debit)	April	£20 - 41

Proposed Councillor Stammers, Seconded Councillor Mrs. Morlidge
'That the listed items be authorized for payment'

So resolved, nem con

It was agreed to enter into a 3-year agreement with Allied Westminster for the insurance of the Village Hall

12. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

(a) Mr. D. Highlands
Bellbrook House
School Road

Proposed conversion of outbuildings to annexe games room and 3 car garage with a single storey extension with 4 rooflights to the rear
11/00321/FU

Submission

Objection on the grounds that the submitted plans appear to be inaccurate. In the area shown as Games Room/Gym, work has already commenced on construction of a swimming pool. It is also apparent that the answer to question 3 on the Application Form is incorrect. It is difficult to respond objectively when the plans do not correspond to the actual building work

(b) Stratford Armouries
Hawkswood Farm
Gospel Oak Lane
Pathlow

Covered way with first floor over, in lieu of porch approved as part of Application
07/03314/FUL
11/00416/FUL

Submission

No representation – no significant change from existing

(c) Mrs. A. Parnham
Land adjacent to
The Vicarage
Church Road

T1 – multi-stemmed sycamore: fell
T2 – twin-stemmed sycamore: fell
11/00757/TREE

Submission

Objection. These are two mature trees in a Conservation Area. It is considered that the problem of the single brick wall is due to old and inadequate foundations and not to the presence of the trees. There is, therefore, no good reason to fell the trees. It is suggested that Consent be given to pruning

(d) Mr. Mark Taylor
Round House Farm
Submission
Proposed erection of conservatory to rear
11/00747/FUL
*Objection. The proposed development
apparently exceeds the 30% guidelines for
extensions in the Green Belt. It is considered
to be an inappropriate development and
harmful to the Green Belt. The design is
inappropriate and does not harmonise with the
existing building. Contrary to Policy DEV 1*

(e) Mr. Greg Bull
1, The Manor House
Smiths Lane
Submission deferred
Demolish existing single storey rear extension
and replace with new single storey rear
extension
11/00793/FUL

Decisions

(a) Snitterfield County
Junior and Infant
School
School Road
Consent with Conditions
T1 pear: reduce crown by 50%
11/00404/TREE

(b) Mrs. Louie Lee
Land adj.
Warwick Road
Black Hill
Change of use of land for use as a gypsy site
for one family to comprise of 4 pitches each
with one mobile home, one touring caravan
and one ancillary building, new access and
associated development
09/02313/FUL

Refusal

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Warwickshire County Council
Bus Service changes

Noted

14. TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR 'SPEED AWARE' CAMPAIGN

The Clerk submitted correspondence from the Road Safety Unit,
Warwickshire County Council setting out options providing solutions to
address the problem of speeding traffic

Speed Aware package – chargeable

A 2-week campaign at multiple locations, including surveys and visits by
Speed Aware Officers and Smiley SID flashing signs

Community Speed Aware – free volunteer based scheme

A 2-week loan of Smiley SID flashing road sign aimed at groups of 2 or more. This enables direct community action

After discussion, it was resolved to take up the latter option and the Clerk was asked to contact the relevant officer to register interest

15. TO AGREE GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR 2011 SEASON

The Clerk submitted a quotation from Lee Hillier for grass cutting of the Large Playing Field for the sum of £900. This was an increase of £50 on the previous year to cover increase in costs
It was resolved to accept this quotation

Councillor Stammers expressed his concern that the cemetery and other areas were not being regularly cut

He said that he was in the process of preparing a Schedule for use by competing contractors. He undertook to submit the draft for approval by other Members

The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations, using the Schedule, as approved

At this point, County Councillor Hobbs arrived at the Meeting

16. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS BY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Stammers

(a) Raised the issue of instances of 'fly posting' around the village, which was not permissible

It was agreed to place a note in the 'LINK' magazine

(b) Spoke of the incidental expenses incurred in preparing submissions to two recent Planning Consultations

It was agreed that such expenses should be reimbursed

Councillor Miss Kimberley

(a) Raised the matter of the plot of land adjacent to Hales Close for possible use for allotments and asked if any progress had been made in establishing ownership

The Clerk said that he had negative result to his enquiries

It was agreed to make an enquiry with the Land Registry

(b) Said that she had been approached by an Allotment Holder about the possibility of sharing a plot.

It was agreed to check the feasibility of this proposal

Councillor Norris

Submitted his apology for absence from the June Meeting due to holiday commitment

Councillor Mrs. Rendell

(a) Referred to the recent spate of burglaries from outbuildings and emphasized the success of the 'Smartwater Scheme'. She urged that publicity be given to the Scheme.

She also stressed the importance of a vibrant Neighbourhood Watch

(b) Referred to the trees in the Park and said that one Chestnut tree had split asunder

17. DISPOSAL OF PARCELS OF DISTRICT COUNCIL LAND

The Clerk submitted a letter from Helen Smith, Estates Surveyor, District Council concerning a decision to dispose of a number of parcels on non-operational land owned by the District Council. It had been agreed that certain sites should be offered in the first instance to the relevant Parish Council

The particular parcel of land in question was a strip of land at the end of Duttons Close

After discussion, it was resolved that there would be no advantage in acquiring this parcel of land and to not take the matter further

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The need for bushes adjacent to the Mercedes Garage was again raised Councillor Hobbs said that he had reported the matter for attention, but he undertook to follow up

Mrs. Marilyn Rice

Expressed her appreciation of the efforts of Councillor Mrs. Hayter and Councillor Stammers in bringing the matter of the Planning Consultation concerning the proposed gypsy site to a successful conclusion

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 10-05 p.m.