

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 13th DECEMBER, 2010, 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

County Councillor R.G. Hobbs
District Councillor Mrs. H. Hayter

Clerk 6 Members of Public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. David Martinson

Raised the matter of the Planning Enforcement issue with regard to his property at 4, Park House. This concerned the provision of a fenced area to contain recycling bins without Planning Permission
The matter was to be considered at a Meeting of the Audit and Regulatory Committee on 15th December
He said that he had decided to remove the fencing and recycling bins and would implement the original Planning Permission
He had requested an extension of time to enable him to acquire a supply of sandstone
He thanked Councillor Mrs. Hayter for her assistance in resolving the issue

Mr. Martin Gower

Spoke in support of a proposal to provide a grit/salt bin to facilitate the movement of motor vehicles in Hurdlers Lane
He said that it had not been possible to negotiate the steep hill during the recent severe weather conditions
He added that he had carried out a consultation on the issue. Results indicated that the residents of Hurdlers Lane were positive, whereas Woodward Court residents were negative
He suggested that a bin could be sited opposite the entrance to the garages in Hurdlers Lane

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th November, 2010, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Article 4 Direction – Conservation Area

It was noted that a meeting with Tony Perks had not yet been arranged, but Councillor Mrs. Hayter undertook to pursue the matter in the New Year

(b) Village Hall Registration

Councillor Mrs. Rendell reported that registration had been accepted by the Land Registry and Title Absolute had been issued

She pointed to the importance of notifying any change of Trustee

The Clerk undertook to lodge the document in the Safe Custody facility at Lloyds TSB

The Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs. Rendell for her hard work in resolving the issue

(c) Safety of Pedestrians using Footpath – Church Road

The Clerk referred to correspondence from Mr. David Stephens concerning the condition of the wall at the front of his property at Winterfold, Church Road

Mr. Gerald Brooks, Environment and Economy Department, Warwickshire County Council had notified Mr. Stephens that the County Council does not accept responsibility for the repair works to the wall. In addition, he had passed the matter to Stratford on Avon District Council Building Control Department

Subsequently, Mr. Iain Wyatt, Building Control had visited the site. He had now issued a request to Mr. Stephens to commission a structural engineer to inspect the wall and report on what action/remedial works are necessary to ensure that the stability of the wall is maintained

(d) Condition of Wall – School Road

Councillor Hobbs reported that he had arranged for an inspection of the wall to be carried out and he had since been notified that an order had been issued for remedial works

(e) S.A.C.C. Award

Various options were considered for siting the plaque to commemorate the West Midland Low Carbon Community Award

The Clerk was asked to obtain further details of the dimensions of the proposed plaque

5. COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- (a) Councillor Hobbs referred to the problem of sewage leakage in Pigeon Green and said that legal responsibility had still to be resolved
He said that the issue had been kept on a low profile, but he had prepared a letter to all affected residents asking if they wished the matter to go public in an effort to bring pressure to resolve the situation
- (b) Said that the Government Settlement to the County Council had been announced that day, but he had not yet studied the detail
- (c) Gave details of the Warwickshire Police finances, with a requirement to save £13.4 million by 2013/14
He said that the network of Safer Neighbourhood Teams would be retained. More Police Officers would be moved to dedicated patrol and investigation teams operating force wide rather than limited to individual districts
There would be a reduction in the Force Directorate from 4 to 2 and in Senior Leaders from 9 to 7
The Force would co-operate with adjacent Forces and would liaise on issues such as procurement of supplies

6. COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- (a) Councillor Mrs. Hayter reported that the owner of the Fox Hunter Public House had assured her that demolition work would commence as soon as the electricity supply had been disconnected. He intended to review the position of site use in due course
Councillor Mrs. Hayter said that the District Council would continue to inspect the site for any possible rodent infestation
She suggested that the Parish Council might wish to consider the type of development which would be appropriate for the site
- (b) Said that it was not anticipated that the Planning Applications for neither the Gliding Club, nor the Black Hill gypsy site would come before the Planning Committee before February, 2011

7. FINANCE

Receipts

(a) A.E. Bennett & Sons Cemetery Fee (SMART) £185-00

Payments to be authorized

(a) I. Wilkins Clerk's Salary and Expenses £972-45
(b) HM Revenue & Customs PAYE on Clerk's Salary £204-90
(c) Society of Local Council Clerks Annual Subscription £95-00
(d) Margaret Tweed Maintenance of Flower Tubs £49-36
(e) British Legion Purchase of Remembrance Day Wreath £16-00
(f) British Gas Gas supply to Village Hall £178-00
(Direct Debit)

(g) Good Energy	Electricity supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£25-00
(h) Opal Connect Ltd.	Broadband supply (Direct Debit)	£19-99
(i) Lloyds TSB	Safe Custody Fee (Standing Order)	£7-50

Proposed Councillor Mrs. Morlidge, Seconded Councillor Fitchford
'That the listed items be authorized for payment'
So resolved, nem con

8. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

(a) Mr. Edward Brain
Land at Ingon Lane
Replacement of tin sheds with new storage
for machinery
10/02371/AGNOT

Submission

No representation

(b) Mr. and Mrs. White
Laburnam Cottage
13, The Green

Proposed single storey extension to existing
garage to form ancillary accommodation for
disabled relative
10/02411/FUL

Submission

Objection.
The size of the extension exceeds the 30%
rule and it is an inappropriate development
within the Green Belt. It conflicts with the
character of the Conservation Area. It is a
large footprint which would be impair the view
from the road. It is not felt that the special
circumstances are justified.
This is a second dwelling on the site and
Government policy does not permit 'windfall
sites' in gardens

(c) Ms. J. Jones
Alveston Cottage
Hurdlers Lane

Proposed single storey side extension
10/02419/FUL

Submission

Support – minor internal changes and
improved material specification

(d) Warwickshire County Council
1 and 2, Heath End
Heath End
Demolition of outbuilding
10/02355/LBC

Submission No representation

(e) Mr. W. Murphy
The Surgery
Church Road
Extension and alteration to form disabled
W.C. (To existing dental surgery)
10/02495/FUL

Submission No representation

Decisions

(a) Mrs. Donna Conns
Old Coach House
Church Road
Proposed single storey rear extension
10/02079/LDP

Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development

(b) Mr. Edward Brain
Land at Ingon Lane
Replacement of tin sheds with new storage
for machinery
10/02371/AGNOT

No Objection

(c) Mr. and Mrs. R. Clarke
Corner Park House
Church Road
2no. yew : reduce crowns by 25%
1no. beech : reduce suppressed beech to
2,50m
10/02276/TREE

Consent with Conditions

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Environment Agency
Improved Flood Warning System
Noted.
Details to be placed on website

Warwickshire County Council

(a) Henley & Studley Community Forum
(b) Snow Warden Scheme
Noted. No Member to attend
Noted. No further action

Stratford on Avon District Council

New Corporate Strategy
Response to be formulated

Warwickshire County Council

Clustering of Local Councils
Response to be formulated

10. TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF GRIT/SALT BIN

Members took note of the submission on the issue by Mr. Martin Gower during the period of public participation

They also considered correspondence from Mr. Michael Smith, a resident of Woodward Court. He stated that the residents of Woodward Court did not need the provision of a grit/salt bin as the road did not present a difficulty even in severe conditions. He opposed siting the bin in Woodward Court at the junction of Hurdlers Lane and went on to express his opinion that it would be a 'white elephant'

After discussion, Councillor Mrs. Rendell proposed, Councillor Mrs. Morlidge seconded

'That a grit/salt bin be purchased up to the value of £100, to be sited in Hurdlers Lane opposite the entrance to the garages'

So resolved

11. MAINTENANCE OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT CHURCH GROUNDS

Councillor Fitchford declared a Prejudicial Interest

The Clerk submitted a letter from the Parochial Church Council setting out a resolution requesting the Parish Council to take over the maintenance of the churchyard in light of the Burial Final Order in Council received from the Privy Council

The Clerk pointed out that, should the Council not wish to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the grounds, then notice may be given to the District Council and Parochial Church Council accordingly
The District Council shall then assume responsibility after the expiry of three months

Proposed Councillor Stammers, Seconded Councillor Mrs. Morlidge

'That notice be given to the District Council and Parochial Church Council that the Parish Council does not wish to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of the church grounds'

So resolved, nem con

12. PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES – LARGE PLAYING FIELD

The Chairman submitted a letter from Mr. Richard Yendall, Chairman of Snitterfield Sports Club, setting out a proposal for an extension to the existing parking area adjacent to the Large Playing Field. He asked if the Parish Council had any objection to the proposal

It was agreed that there was no objection to the proposal in principle.

However, it was further agreed that the Council would need to be satisfied with the specification provided in the appropriate Planning Application

13.COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Fitchford

Referred to the property at Woodcote, Bearley Road and the planting of a laurel hedge. He said that it would have better to have a mixed countryside hedge

Councillor Stammers

Raised the issue of rubbish dumped in the entrance to Atteys Field. He urged that a gate be installed across the road entrance in an effort to resolve this problem

The Clerk said that this problem had been considered previously, but it had been decided that a gate would not be a practicable solution

It was agreed to consider the matter further at the January Meeting

Raised the matter of the ownership of the spinney adjacent to Atteys Field

The Clerk said that enquiries had failed to establish ownership

It was agreed to also consider this matter further at the January Meeting

Councillor Miss Kimberley

Reported that work was proceeding on the refurbishment of the Allotments Spoke of the entrance to the reservoir off the A46 and said that it appeared to have been widened

She submitted relevant papers for the attention of Councillor Mrs. Hayter

Councillor Mrs. Morlidge

Submitted a letter from Mr. Richard Yendall, Chairman of Snitterfield Sports Club. The writer stated that the Club would be hosting a 'Star Party' on 7th January in conjunction with a B.B.C. initiative. The event would involve setting up several telescopes to view various celestial phenomena

Permission was requested to use the Large Playing Field for the event or for overflow car parking

It was agreed that there was no objection and the Clerk was asked to notify the writer accordingly

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9-45 pm

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I hereby give notice that a Meeting of Snitterfield Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 10th January 2011, commencing at 7-30 p.m.
All Members are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business at the Meeting, as set out hereunder

Ian A. Wilkins
Clerk of the Council

There will be a fifteen-minute period set aside prior to the formal agenda and again, at the end of the Meeting, for the purpose of public participation.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of Meeting held on 13th December, 2010
4. Matters Arising
 - (a) Provision of Salt/Grit Bin – Hurdlers Lane

- (b) Condition of wall – School Road
- (c) S.A.C.C Award

5. To receive comments/observations by County Councillor
6. To receive comments/observations by District Councillor
7. Finance - Receipts and Payments
8. Planning Matters – Applications and Decisions
9. Correspondence
10. To consider Grants/Donations to Various Organisations
11. To set Cemetery Fees for the year commencing 1st April
12. To set Allotment Rents for the year commencing 1st April
13. To set the Parish Precept for the Financial Year 2011/2012
14. To consider correspondence from E.ON concerning Street Light, Bell Lane
15. To consider matters in relation to Atteys Field
 - (a) The installation of a gate to prevent the deposit of rubbish
 - (b) The ownership of the adjacent spinney
13. To receive comments/observations from Councillors