

Snitterfield Parish Council Meeting Report 14th February 2011

Councillors present

Mrs M Rendell (Acting Chair)
Miss C Kimberley
Dr R.J.Fitchford
Mr G Norris
Mr G.J.Stammers (acting clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Ken Chatland

The cross-roads at Blackhill/Mercedes garage parking on the roadside and causing an obstruction, also the planting in the front of the garage needs to be cut back to improve visibility on the A439.

Telephone Box.	What is the current status of this, have we purchased it?
Pot holes,	Kings Lane and A46 junction by The Grove, what is happening?
Gullies & Grips	When and who should clean and maintain these?
Pigeon Green	The Sewage situation is still not resolved. What is the next step and who is going to try to get it sorted?

Mr James Wigginton

Stratford Armouries are wishing to set up a caravan site for touring caravans with 30/40 pitches and also 20 log cabins for holiday rental. Separate entrance for these two applications which will require all normal services and an amenities block.

PC suggested that the current applications and enforcement notices on the site should be addressed before any new applications were submitted.

1 Apologies for absence

Mrs Sylvia Morlidge	Holiday
Mr R Hobbs WCC	Late due to WCC commitments

2 Declaration of interest

None

3 Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 10th Jan 2011 were circulated and agreed as a true record of the meeting, duly signed and dated

4 Matters Arising

- a) Flood defences.
A report was read out by the acting chairman concerning the latest meeting between the flood task force. The cost of balancing ponds is subject to a proper quotation. The sources of run-off water were described and work performed downstream was discussed because neighbouring Parishes were concerned about increased risk of flooding from the Bellbrook
Concerns about the ownership of the reservoir were raised because of possible alterations to the outlet of the culvert from the Gospel Oak/The Green junction.
- b) The condition of the wall in School Road has been repaired and only a buttress needs to be built to retain the two existing Walla belonging to Ashford (Mr C Thorndale)

5 Comments & Observations by the County Councillor

Councillor Hobbs apologised for being late. WCC are currently reviewing it's budget and the main cuts will occur in board/back room staff

WCC property is also being considered and could be sold-off

Reorganisation of the emergency services will take place bringing them together in a single building. Libraries are also under review, but no closures announced.

6 Comments & Observations by the District Councillor

Planning applications for Stratford Gliding Club and Blackhill gypsy site

The meeting was given the current status and a rough indication of the dates for them to go to the West Area Planning committee.

Affordable Housing project.

The funding may be a problem because for Central Government policy.

It is suggested the PC contact the portfolio holder Councillor Mrs Val Hobbs to ensure funding for the 10 dwellings is available

Foxhunter.

Party wall Agreement has been signed and demolition is promised for the end of February

Accident Report.

A road traffic accident occurred near The Grove in Kings Lane on Thursday, 10th February involving an un-marked police car and another vehicle during a police chase; both vehicles were written-off.

Parish Plan Up-date.

Questions were asked as to when this would be ready. Because of the Government Localism Bill and the new Local District Framework work will not start before the autumn and may be ready by April 2012.

Trees in Ingon Lane will be requiring attention to reduce their height, no date agreed.

7 Finance

The receipts and payments due were read out and payment agreed.

Proposed by Councillor Dr J.Fitchford and seconded by Councillor Mr G.J.Stammers

8 Planning Matters

The applications and decisions were read out and Councillors took time to discuss the new design of the holiday cottage scheme at Ingon Grange Farm. The design and extension was supported and it was agreed to send a letter to SDC planning dept ensuring that no further extension be permitted to the barns as part of the condition if the officer is to recommend, grant.

9 Correspondence

All the correspondence was read out and it was agreed to circulate one of the items relating to the Poppy Party Weekend

10 Consider matters in relation to Attey's field

- a) Installation of a gate. This is no longer the PC's responsibility because of the findings in b)
- b) The spinney adjacent to Attey's Field and Ingon/Kings Lane is owned by the Highways Agency from the time of the construction of the Stratford Northern By-pass.

11 Date and Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting has been set for Monday 11th April 2011 and will start at 7.30 pm

It has been suggested we invite our MP Nadhim Zaharwi to be our guest speaker. The PC will contact Simon McIntyre to find out if his is possible.

Before the AGM there will be the normal monthly Parish Council Meeting which will take place on 4th April 2011 in the back room of the village hall at 7.30pm

12 Comments and Observations from Councillors

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| Councillor Kimberley | Allotment agreement, this has been circulated and it was agreed to send this to all the allotment holders |
| Councillor Rendell | Joiners Cottage, demolition of part of the planning conditions for the extension. It was agreed to send a letter to Mr & Mrs Parker asking for them to confirm their intentions in respect of this condition.
Stones at the Stocks Tree Green. These should be removed because the may be a Health & Safety Risk and responsibility for this green needs to be established. |
| Councillor Stammers | Gully cleaning and maintenance. The WCC Councillor Hobbs was asked about the cleaning programme and if the gullies in flood risk areas could be cleaned.
Also what do the Yellow Tags placed on some gullies indicate? |

There being no further business the acting Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.27pm

There were no further comments or questions from the open session.

NB. These minutes were prepared from notes made during the meeting by Councillor G.J.Stammers who was acting as a clerk during the absence of Mr Ian Wilkins due to illness. Any errors of misinterpretation of the dialogue during the meeting are unintentional.

G.J.Stammers