

Councillor Hobbs

- (a) Referred to recent Planning Applications. He said that he had submitted an Objection to the proposed extension at Poachers Cottage, The Green. He supported the proposed extension to the Dental Surgery, Church Road
- (b) Referred to the Minutes of the December Meeting, where Mrs. Ginny Crowe had spoken of various construction works in The Green. He said that he had visited The Green and he had taken certain photographs. However, he doubted that planning laws had been contravened
- (c) Reported that he would be attending a pre-arranged meeting with the Chief Executive of the District Council, in company with Councillor Mrs. Rendell, to discuss planning enforcement issues
- (d) Said that legal problems concerning the disposal of sewage at Pigeon Green had been resolved and the County Council would be taking responsibility for future action
- (e) Referred to previous complaints concerning alleged excessive increase in the County Police Precept. He spoke of recent successful murder operations which demonstrated police efficiency. He also spoke of the cost of policing the Bulldog Bash, which amounted to £1m. He suggested that the Parish Council might wish to express a view on this necessarily incurred expenditure
- (f) Reported that, at the Area Community Meeting held in December, it had been agreed to make a grant of £15,000 towards completion of the Flood Relief Scheme in The Green. The grant would be subject to satisfactory completion of works undertaken by the Environment Agency
- (g) The Chairman referred Councillor Hobbs to the Minutes of the December Meeting and the item concerning the driveway leading from Church Road to Lodge Farm. He asked advice on the possibility that it might be appropriate for adoption as a Public Footpath

Councillor Hobbs responded that he would make enquiries to ascertain the process for such a proposal. He added that it might be more appropriate to approach the landowner on the possibility of a Permissive Right of Way.

Councillor Hobbs then left the Meeting

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs. Swift Work commitment

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th December, 2008, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman

4. MATTERS ARISING

Environment Agency – outstanding items for action

The Chairman reported that the Environment Agency had carried out work, including dredging the brook from the bottom of Bell Lane almost as far as Smiths Pond, cleaning out the brook generally and cutting back overhanging branches

5. FINANCE

Receipts

(a) A.E. Bennett & Sons	Cemetery Fee (Henson)	£245-00
(b) Charifund	Investment Dividend	£194-01
(c) Charinco	Investment Dividend	£19-01
(d) Bank of Ireland	Interest on Deposit Account (October – December, 2008)	£92-86

Payments to be authorized

(a) Thomgarden	Grass cutting contract	£460-00
(b) E.on	Street Lighting Energy	£284-05
(c) E.on	Street Lighting Maintenance	£218-83
(d) Shaw & Sons Limited	Book 'Receipts for Interment Fees'	£16-34
(e) Good Energy	Electricity supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£54-00
(f) British Gas	Gas supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£95-00
(g) Nildram	Broadband supply (Direct Debit)	£19-99

Proposed Councillor Mrs. Morlidge, Seconded Councillor Fitchford
'that the listed payments be authorised'

So resolved, nem con

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

(a) Mr. R. Corbishley Ingon Grange Farm Ingon Lane	Proposed conversion of barn into four holiday cottages together with all ancillary works 08/02502/FUL
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Submission

My Council supports the application. It supports the development of Countryside Tourism and the proposal does not conflict with environmental policies
It is suggested that a Condition to the Permission be attached so that the cottages are retained for holiday use and not converted to use for domestic residence

(b) Warwickshire County Council
Oldhouse Farm
Heath End Lane

The installation of a single small scale 18m. High Wind Turbine. The land is currently used for agricultural purpose and this can continue following installation
08/03100/COUNTY

Submission

*My Council supports this application. It is in line with the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act, 2006 and will help to reduce the carbon footprint of the Parish
It will not have any significant impact on the Green Belt*

(c) Ms. L. Kelleher
Poachers Cottage
The Green

Proposed rear ground and first floor extension
08/02998/FUL

Submission

*Objection. The proposed development would seriously affect the light to Mariners Cottage as it does not comply with the 25/45 degree guideline
It is doubtful whether the extension complies with the 30% increase in area in Green Belt
The site is also likely to be over-developed*

(d) Mr. William Murphy
The Surgery
Church Road

Extension to existing dental surgery
08/03177/FUL

Submission pending

Decisions

(a) Mr. R. Corbishley
Ingon Grange Farm
Ingon Lane

Proposed conversion of barn into four holiday cottages together with all ancillary works
08/02502/FUL

Permission with Conditions

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Communities and Local Government

(a) Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity – a Consultation
For consideration of a response

Warwickshire County Council

(a) Temporary Road Closure – B4463 Watery Lane, Sherbourne
Noted. To be displayed on Notice Board

(b) Proposed Diversion Public Footpath SD149

No Objection, provided that the footpath width is maintained at 2m and the landowner agrees with the proposal

Stratford on Avon District Council

(a) Workshop on Emergency Plans

Chairman and Clerk to attend

Douglas Mein

(a) Provision of Grit Bin

It was agreed that, due to financial constraints, this request could not be a priority at this time
Councillor Jones undertook to inform the writer accordingly

8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Chairman reported that Members of the Council had met with Ms. Lesley Ford of Ford Associates at the suggested site off Bearley Road
It was provisionally agreed to proceed with the scheme subject to evidence of continued need for the number of houses proposed
Mr. Charles Barlow, Housing Enabler, had undertaken to write to the interested parties to confirm continued interest
Note was taken of the current use of the garages and possible future need if they were to be refurbished
Also, the possible provision of allotments on site

9. STRATFORD ON AVON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

The Clerk reported that he had obtained an extension of the deadline for the Consultation to the end of January
There followed a discussion on various matters to be included in the response to the Consultation
It was agreed to collate the items and confirm the response for submission prior to the closing date

10. PROPOSED POWERS TO CONTROL DOG FOULING

The Clerk introduced the subject and said that the District Council had determined to introduce powers contained in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act, 2005 for controlling dog fouling. A draft Order had been published and, when confirmed, it was intended to proceed with enforcement by Fixed Penalty Notices
After discussion, it was agreed to respond by supporting the proposed Order, but expressing doubts as to effective enforcement
It was further agreed that the Council would not take part in such enforcement

11. TO CONSIDER GRANTS/DONATIONS

Councillor Miss Kimberley declared a Personal Interest in relation to 'Snipe' Magazine

Councillor Jones declared a Personal Interest in relation to 'Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change'

After discussion, it was agreed to make the following grants/donations

Village Hall Management Committee	£1,500
'Link' Magazine	£400
'Snipe Magazine	£400
Council Website Management	£50

The following grants/donations were made under Section 137, Local Government Act, 1972

Parochial Church Council	£1,000
Sports Club	£1,000
Flood Relief Scheme – The Green	£500
Friends of School and Nursery	£400
Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change	£200
Methodist Church	£150
Dedicated Air Ambulance	£150
Citizens Advice Bureau	£50
Council for Voluntary Service	£26.50
C.P.R.E. Affiliation	£29

No donations were made to W.R.V.S., Samaritans and Mencap

12. CEMETERY FEES

It was agreed to increase fees payable from 1st April, as follows

PART 1

Interment in a grave where exclusive right of burial has been granted

(b) Body of a person whose age at death exceeds 12 years	£85
(c) Interment of cremated remains in a grave	£35

PART 2

Exclusive right of burial in earthen grave

Exclusive right of burial in grave 9ft x 4ft for 100 years	£100
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PART 3

Monuments where exclusive right of burial has been granted

(a) Headstone, not exceeding 3ft high (Edging stones not permitted)	£65
(b) Additional inscription to headstone	£25

13. ALLOTMENT RENTS

It was agreed to increase the Allotments Rents to £15-00 as from 1st April

14. BUDGET AND PRECEPT

The Clerk submitted for consideration details of the current bank balances and estimates of income and expenditure to the end of the current financial year
Also submitted were estimates of income and expenditure for the financial year 2009/2010

After a full discussion, Councillor Fitchford proposed, Councillor Jones seconded
'That the Parish Precept for the financial year 2009/2010 be set at £22,000-00
So resolved, nem con

15. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Mrs. Morlidge

Reported evidence of moles in the Small Playing Field and Cemetery
Said that the Inspection Report on the Play Areas had been received.
She asked that consideration be given to the recommendations at the February Meeting

Councillor Jones

Reported that John Prescott, Tree Warden, had obtained 10 trees from the District Council to replace those which had failed to survive in the Large Playing Field. Of the three trees remaining, one would be planted to replace the Womens Institute tree in Atteys Field, two to be planted adjacent to the Cemetery
The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow any further public participation

Mr. Ken Chatland

Said that he had received an E-mail from the District Council concerning a proposal to organize volunteer play ground inspections courses for parishes. There was a Need for a play area, adjacent classroom with toilets and tea making facilities
He suggested that Snitterfield had the ideal facility to offer for this project
He undertook to forward details to the Clerk

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