

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 14TH JULY, 2008,
COMMENCING AT 7-30 P.M.**

PRESENT Councillor R.J. Fitchford (Chairman)
Councillor J. Jacobs
Councillor A.G.M. Jones
Councillor Miss C. Kimberley
Councillor Mrs. S. Morlidge
Councillor Mrs. M. Rendell

County and District Councillor R.G. Hobbs

Clerk 10 Members of Public

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and there followed a fifteen-minute period of public participation

Mr. Michael Fairbrother

Complained about the activities of the contractor employed by the Parish Council to carry out hedge cutting on the Large Playing Field. He said that he had cut down a hedge on his property, thus depriving him of screening

The Chairman noted the complaint and said that he would investigate

Mr. Ken Chatland

Said that the same contractor was taking hedge cuttings and other green waste to the Large Playing Field to be later burned. Certain parishioners had been taking their green waste to the same site

Mr. Ken Chatland

Referred to the recent visit by Members of the Council for a demonstration of the web site facility

He said that he wished to include details of Councillors on the web site and he urged them to provide a pen picture as soon as possible

Councillor Hobbs

Announced that he wished to donate a marquee to the Sports Club for use at village functions

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th June, 2008, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed after the following amendment had been made

'PRESENT Councillor R.J. Fitchford (Chairman)

4. MATTERS ARISING

Proposed Gypsy Encampment – Old Kings Lane

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to enable public participation

The Chairman reported that a Meeting of the Advisory Committee had been held and had been attended by the Planning Consultant, Richard Dunnett

The Clerk read a draft letter prepared by Mr. Dunnett for submission to the Planning Officer. Mr. Dunnett had also submitted a list of bullet points to assist concerned parishioners in writing letters of objection to the Planning Application

Mr. Peter Turner said that he had approached C.P.R.E. and he submitted a letter of objection prepared by Mr. N. Butler, Planning Representative
This was read by the Clerk

Mr. Turner also submitted a copy of a letter for distribution to parishioners inviting them to object to the proposal

Councillor Hobbs reported that there was no evidence of preparation by the applicants to occupy the site and, until such evidence was available, no application for an injunction could be made

He added that, as Kings Lane was an unclassified road, the County Council would not submit an objection on grounds of access

Certain points were raised in the discussion, which were noted for possible future use in objecting to the proposal

Councillor Hobbs referred to two caravans standing in the field adjacent to the reservoir. Enforcement Officers had spoken to the owner and advised that he should either vacate the site or submit a Planning Application

Enforcement Officers were also dealing with the caravan at Monarchs Way

It was agreed to continue to encourage concerned Parishioners to write letters of objection to the Planning Officer.

It was further agreed to convene a second Meeting of the Advisory Committee to confirm the draft letter of objection

(b) Flood Prevention Measures

The Clerk submitted the Grant Application for Flood Prevention Work, which had been prepared by Mr. Graham Barker

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Barker explained the proposals for the Grant. The main purpose was to provide a trash screen with access from a safety platform to enable inspection and removal of debris, particularly at times of very heavy and sustained rainfall

The scheme had been approved by the Environment Agency and quotations for the work had been obtained

After discussion, Proposed Councillor Fitchford, Seconded Councillor Mrs. Morlidge 'That the grant Application be submitted to Stratford on Avon District Council for consideration'

So resolved, nem con

It was further agreed to send a letter to the Environment Agency requesting details of any remedial measures which they intended to carry out

(c) Affordable Housing

The Chairman reported that Council Members had given consideration to the three options outlined by Mr. Charles Barlow at the June Meeting and a site meeting had been held

The preferred option was to develop the garage site with a possible second access to the west of the telephone exchange.

Mr. Barlow had been informed accordingly

5. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- (1) Referred to concerns of local residents about the proposed development of the Sports Club. He said that he had arranged a meeting of the parties concerned. Various issues had been discussed and it had been a productive meeting
- (2) Referred to the suggestion at the June Meeting to locate a mirror at the bottom of Bell Lane to assist visibility. He said that the County Council would not sanction such a provision

- (3) Said that he had received a number of approaches about the future of the Fox Hunter Public House, in particular a letter from a neighbour, Mrs. Herbert, to John Maples, M.P. He said that Environmental Officers had visited the site in respect of hygiene matters, but significant had been found. An 'Unsanitary Building' Order had been issued requesting the owner to take action. He suggested that a letter from the Parish Council might assist.
- (4) Referred to the revised Waste Collection Service due to commence in August and said that the opening of the Recycling Plant would be delayed. This would have consequences for the operation of the Service.
- (5) Councillor Miss Kimberley raised a Planning issue in relation to applications for 'Change of Use'. She quoted a recent example of a Change of Use to B1 for office accommodation, but pointed out that the classification B1 included 'other uses'. She said that it would be helpful in considering Planning Applications if the full description of the classification could be given.

Councillor Hobbs advised a letter to the Planning Officer.

- (6) Councillor Miss Kimberley raised the issue of a number of bins on the site at the corner of Ingon Lane.

Councillor Hobbs said that he would bear this in mind.

6. FINANCE

Receipts

(a) Bank of Ireland	Deposit Account Interest (April – June, 2008)	£166-93
(b) Black Rock	Charinco – Investment Dividend	£19-01

Payments to be authorized

(a) ABB Ltd.	Supply and install street light The Green/Bearley Road	£470-00
(b) E.ON	Transfer of Services – Street Light The Green/The Knob	£418-30
(c) ABB Ltd.	Street Lighting – quarterly maintenance	£223-59
(d) E.ON	Street Lighting – quarterly supply	£284-05
(e) Thomgarden	Grass cutting contract	£460-00

(f) Harry Terry	Mole control – War Memorial	£50-00
(g) Margaret Tweed	Maintenance of Flower Tubs	£50-10
(h) Warwickshire Assoc. Local Councils	‘Governance and Accountability for Local Councils’	£10-50
(i) Nildram	Supply Broadband (Direct Debit)	£19-99
(j) British Gas	Gas supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£95-00

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

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

- (a) Mrs. Agnes Penrice
6, The Terrace
The Green
- Proposed two storey rear extension after
demolition of conservatory
08/01235/FUL and 08/01236/DEM

Submission Support – the proposed extension will not intrude upon
neighbouring property

- (b) Carolyn Anne Morris
Land adj. Ingon Lake
Ingon Lane
- Erection of a single storey log cabin to
provide shelter and kitchen/toilet facilities
for fishermen Amendment
08/00341/FUL

Submission Confirm Objection to the application, as previously stated

- (c) Mr. O. Schmidt-Hansen
1, The Gables
Smiths Lane
- T1 silver birch – fell
08/01464/TREE

Submission Support – for the reason given by the applicant

- (d) Mr. Edward Stobart Change of use of first floor accommodation
Stratford Commercial from storage to B1 together with
Vehicles modifications to ground floor lobby
Bearley 08/01064/FUL

Submission Support in principle. However, the classification B1 includes
'(c) for any industrial process, being a use which can be carried out in any
residential area.....' Request a Condition that B1 is restricted to 'Office Use
Only'

- (e) Mr. L. and C. Foster Proposed change of use of land to provide a gypsy
Land to the Northern and caravan site to accommodate 9 residential pitches
Southern side of A46 and creation of hardstandings, erection of boundary
with the junction of treatment together with associated landscaping and
Kings Lane highway works including alterations to access of
Kings Lane 08/01438/FUL

Submission deferred pending further discussions with Consultant

- (f) Ms. J. Jones Single storey rear extension
Alveston Cottage 08/01491/FUL
Hurdlers Lane

Submission deferred

- (g) Mr. and Mrs. M. Browne Front porch to replace existing porch canopy, side
Applewood extension to garage and conservatory to rear
White Horse Hill

Submission deferred

- (h) Asthan Babe-Ke Trust Use of land for religious festival. Erection of four
Babe Ke Farm marquees, toilets, temporary office tent and
Warwick Road caravans in August each year 08/01069/FUL

Submission deferred

Decisions

- (a) Mr. John Betteridge Replacement detached dwelling. Replacement
Timber Bungalow detached garage
Park Lane 08/01162/FUL

Permission with Conditions

(b) Mrs. E. Vale-Humphries To erect a conservatory to the rear of the property
4, Shelby Lane 08/00454/FUL

Permission with Conditions

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Consumer Council for Water

Notice of Meeting 22nd July No Member to attend

Highways Agency

A46 Stratford Northern Bypass Noted
Earthworks Stabilisation

Warwickshire County Council

Parish Communications Grants Scheme Agreed to submit application for Grant for
printing costs of 'Snipe'

Councillor Miss Kimberley declared a
Personal Interest

Councillor Jacobs

Letter of Resignation from Council Clerk to post notice on Council Notice
Board and notify Returning Officer

9. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2007/2008

The Clerk submitted the Statement of Account and Balance Sheet for the period

There were no questions and the accounts were approved. The Chairman was
authorized to sign the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement
of the Audit Commission Report

10. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Mrs. Morlidge

Reported evidence of moles in the Small Playing Field

Said that she had reported to the County Council a defective speed restriction sign at
White Horse Hill

Councillor Jacobs

Raised the matter of the dilapidated condition of the Fox Hunter public house and said that there was much concern amongst Parishioners.

It was agreed that an appropriate letter should be sent to Mr. Pat Reid, Head of Planning

Pointed out that, as a consequence of his resignation from the Council, it would be necessary to appoint a new representative to the Village Hall Management Committee

Public Participation

Mr. Alistair Jones

Gave a short report on the Carbon Reduction Project

The participation at the Village Fete went well

A grant had been obtained to investigate whether the Parish is able to reduce the carbon output

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9-55 p.m.