

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 13th JULY, 2009, COMMENCING AT 7-30 P.M.

PRESENT

Councillor R.J. Fitchford (Chairman)
Councillor A.G.M. Jones
Councillor Miss C. Kimberley
Councillor Mrs. J. Swift

County and District Councillor R.G. Hobbs

Clerk 3 Members of Public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs. S. Morlidge	Holiday
Councillor Mrs. M. Rendell	Family Commitment

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th June 2009, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Village Hall Annual Fire Risk Assessment

Councillor Jones reported that only one final action remained outstanding, i.e. the smoke alarm

The Trustees would be required to sign the Assessment on completion

(b) Speed Limit – Wolverton Road

Councillor Hobbs reported that he had been in conversation with Highways Officers regarding possible measures to highlight the speed limit

He was awaiting a response

(c) Water running off field into Gospel Oak Lane

The Chairman reported that he had approached Mr. Harry Terry, the owner of the field in question

Mr. Terry was aware of the problem and he had undertaken to install new drains

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

- (1) Referred to the Consultation by Developers for the construction of three houses on the site of the Fox Hunter Public House
He had had an opportunity to examine the proposed development and he said that there appeared to be two issues
(a) the principle of 'Change of Use'
(b) the number of houses and the height in relation to adjacent properties
The Chairman said that the Consultation had been sent to adjacent householders, but not to the Parish Council
Councillor Hobbs urged the Parish Council to respond to the Consultation by submission of views to the Planning Department
It was agreed to circulate details of the Consultation to Councillors and to submit views to the Planning Department in due course
- (2) Said that he had received information that the Stratford Tour Bus Operator intended to re-route the buses via Gospel Oak Lane and the Armouries
He said that he had no official details, but the operator would need permission from the Traffic Commissioner in order to make such a change
He suggested that the Parish Council might wish to make a submission to the Traffic Commissioner in view of the highway considerations involved

6. FINANCE

Receipts

(a) Black Rock	Charinco Investment Fund Dividend	£19-01
(b) Bank of Ireland	Deposit Account Interest	£0-86

Payments to be authorized

(a) Broker Network Ltd	Parish Council Insurance	£1,571-84
(b) Thomgarden	Grass Cutting contract (June)	£460-00
(c) Stratford on Avon District Council	Annual Domain, Website hosting and Licence for CMS	£408-03
(d) E.on Energy Services	Street Lighting Maintenance	£226-60
(e) H. Terry	Mole Control contract	
(f) British Gas	Gas supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£131-00
(g) Good Energy Ltd.	Electricity supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£61-00
(h) Nildram	Broadband supply (Direct Debit)	£19-56

Proposed Councillor Fitchford, Seconded Councillor Jones

'That the listed items be authorized for payment'

So resolved, nem con

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Public Path Diversion Order for Footpath SD149 Snitterfield

Noted

9. TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME

The Chairman introduced the subject and said that, since the June Meeting, further discussions had taken place. He said that the Parish Council supported an Affordable Housing Scheme, but not one which contravened the Village Design Statement. Lesley Ford had confirmed that a smaller development was not an option. Other Housing Associations had been consulted with the same result.

Councillor Jones spoke of the Community Land Trust and gave details of the organization and its aims. He said that the Community would have a greater input, but the Council would have to manage any scheme in perpetuity.

A Limited Company would be set up as a Registered Charity with Trustees. The Trustees would acquire the land and would be in control through all development stages. It was agreed to circulate the information and to invite experts from the Trust to attend and advise.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and opened the Meeting for public participation.

Councillor Hobbs suggested an Open Meeting to enable Parishioners to express their views, particularly in respect of the apparent conflict between the Affordable Housing Scheme and the Village Design Statement.

It was agreed to approach the Rural Housing Enabler to arrange such an event.

10. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Jones

Referred to overgrown hedges bordering and obstructing footpaths in the village.

It was agreed to publicise the problem and request the co-operation of householders concerned.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9-04 p.m.