

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2008,  
COMMENCING AT 7-30 P.M.**

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

Clerk  
11 Members of Public

There was a thirty-minute period of public participation prior to the formal agenda

*Mrs. Helen Hayter*

Referred to the pending planning application for a gypsy encampment at Old Kings Lane. She expressed concern at the number of caravans sited in the Parish and suggested that details be collated for action by the Enforcement Officer.

It was pointed out that it was permissible for the owner of a caravan to store it on his own land; enforcement action could only be taken where there was evidence of residence.

Note was also taken that the owner of the Fruit Farm had permission to house workers in caravans on a temporary basis.

The Chairman said that the concerns raised would be borne in mind

*Mr. Ken Chatland*

Referred to an internet service 'Google Earth', which provides a complete overview of the Parish for an annual subscription of £200

*Mr. David Robotham*

Referred to a letter which he had sent to Snitterfield Sports Club on behalf of residents of Brookside, with a copy to the Parish Council. He said that the intention to provide improved facilities at the Sports Club was appreciated, but they wished to register deep concerns at the scale of the proposed developments and the forms of potential nuisance.

The Chairman said that the Parish Council supported the proposed improvements in principle, but would scrutinize the detail when it was published

*Mr. David Robotham*

Drew attention to the condition of the yew tree adjacent to Sycamore House in White Horse Hill. He said that it appeared to be dying, following development work

Mr. Chatland said that he shared these concerns, but said that it was not in a Conservation Area, nor was it apparently the subject of a Preservation Order. He had been advised that, if left, regrowth may occur in two to three years time  
Mr. Chatland also expressed concern about a hedgerow, which had been taken out at the rear of the property  
The Chairman agreed that these matters should be followed up and arrangements would be made for a site visit

*Mr. Ken Chatland*

Spoke of the 'Connecting Communities' project under the Awards for All grant. He said that the web site had been set up, but more information was required about the Parish Council  
He suggested that Councillors attend the Sports Club for a demonstration of the facility  
The Chairman accepted the invitation and Members agreed to attend on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, at 10-00 a.m.

*Mr. Gerry Stammers*

Submitted correspondence received by him from the Environment Agency on the subject of flood prevention measures

*Mr. Gerry Stammers*

Referred to the pending planning application for the gypsy encampment and suggested that the consultancy services of Richard Dunnett should be employed by the Parish Council  
Mr. Peter Turner of Kings Lane Residents Association said that Mr. Dunnett was currently employed by the Association. However, he said that he would be content to step aside. He added that the Residents Association would be prepared to pay for the services provided thus far

*Mr. Graham Barker*

Gave an update on the flood prevention measures and said that he had a number of quotations for work to be carried out. He had been in discussion with the Environment Agency; they had no funds available, but would assist with the design of the proposed trash screen  
It was intended to carry out a survey of the culvert in The Green, also to remove certain dead trees in conjunction with Central Networks

*Mr. (surname not known)*

Queried the invalid planning application, which had been submitted in relation to the gypsy encampment. He said that he was unable to understand the motivation, except that it was meant to confuse.  
The Chairman said that when the valid planning application was submitted, the Parish Council would make every effort to notify parishioners in order that they would be able to respond to the Planning Officer

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor J. Jacobs – absent on business in Scotland  
County and District Councillor R.G. Hobbs

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Fitchford

Item 13 Application for closure of St  
James the Great Churchyard

Prejudicial Interest

**3 CO-OPTION OF MEMBER**

The Clerk reported that he had received notification from the Returning Officer that no request had been made for an election to take place to replace Councillor Stammers. It would, therefore, be necessary to co-opt a Member to the Council

**Proposed Councillor Fitchford, Seconded Councillor Mrs. Morlidge  
'That Marie Rendell be co-opted as a Member of the Council'  
So resolved, nem con**

Councillor Mrs. Rendell completed the Declaration of Office and took her seat on the Council

**4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Mr. Charles Barlow, Rural Housing Enabler, gave an update on the situation with regard to the provision of Affordable Housing in the Parish, in particular the garage site off Bearley Road. He was accompanied by Zoe Siani of Heart of England Housing Association and a representative of White Rock Homes

Mr. Barlow regretted that little progress had been made due to the issue of access; the existing approach road is of insufficient width and British Telecom is not willing to assist

He outlined three options to progress the scheme

(a) to go around the top end of the Telephone Exchange (expensive)

(b) to utilize a site further along Bearley Road

(c) to utilize a site adjacent to Hurdlers Close

He added that the owner was willing to sell the land at options (b) and (c)

The Chairman thanked Mr. Barlow for his contribution and said that Members of the Council would consider the options, including a site visit

**5 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2008, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman

## 6 MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Proposed Gypsy Encampment – Old Kings Lane  
Note was taken of the issues raised during the period of public participation  
It was agreed to set up an Advisory Committee to prepare for the consultation on Planning Application. To comprise of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Morlidge, the Clerk and Mr. Gerry Stammers  
It was further agreed to continue to liaise with the Kings Lane Residents Association and to engage the services of the consultant, Mr. Richard Dunnett
- (b) Flood Prevention Measures  
Note was taken of the update given by Mr. Graham Barker and the Clerk undertook to continue to liaise with him  
The Clerk read the correspondence submitted by Mr. Gerry Stammers, giving an update on the measures to be taken by the Environment Agency

## 7 FINANCE

### *Receipts*

(a)	Charifund	Investment Dividend	£106-03
(b)	A.E. Bennett & Sons	Cemetery Fee (Watkins)	£160-00
(c)	Ian & Barbara McKinlay	Cemetery Fee purchased plot	£85-00
(d)	Geo. Clifford & Sons	Cemetery Fee (Coombs)	£60-00

### *Payments to be authorised*

(a)	Thomgarden	Small Playing Field – Repair chain link fencing, cut back hedges and prune tree	£1,503-00
(b)	Travis Perkins	Supply materials to repair fencing as at (a)	£293-75
(c)	Jewson	As at (b)	£455-43
(d)	Crowthorne	As at (b)	£157-45
(e)	Thomgarden	Additional work as above	£300-00
(f)	Stratford on Avon District Council	Awards for All – Technical support etc.	£1,098-92
(g)	Reg Johnson Computer	Awards for All – Set up wireless access point and configure laptops	£205-63
(h)	Ken Chatland	Awards for All – Reimbursement of payments installing laptops and security	£325-40

(i)	Nildram	Broadband (Direct Debit)	£19-99
(j)	British Gas	Gas supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£95-00
(k)	Lloyds TSB	Safe Custody Fee (Standing Order)	£7-50
(l)	Thomgarden	Grass Cutting contract	£460-00
(m)	I. Wilkins	Clerk's Salary	£1,120-00
(n)	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE on Clerk's Salary	£280-00
(o)	I. Wilkins	Clerk's Expenses	£132-52

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

## **8 PLANNING MATTERS**

### Applications

(a)	John Betteridge Timber Bungalow Park Lane	Replacement detached dwelling. Replacement detached garage	08/01162/FUL
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### *Submission*

*Comment – an improvement on the previous application, but concerns raised that the building is very high and the portico porch is inappropriate*

### Decisions

(a)	Mrs. F. McConville Appleton House Church Road	Creation of new vehicular access to dwelling to form an 'in' and 'out' drive	APP/J3720/A/ 08/2066033/WF
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### *Appeal Dismissed*

(b)	Mr. B. Andrews Land by Northern Bypass Ingon Lane	Retrospective change of use of building from B8 storage to B2 general industrial	07/02057/FUL
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### *Permission with Conditions*

(c)	Stratford Armouries Ltd Hawkwood Farm Gospel Oak Lane Pathlow	Change of use of agricultural land to children's play area and erection of associated play equipment	07/03315/FUL
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### *Refusal*

## 9 CORRESPONDENCE

*Warwickshire Association of Local Councils*

- (a) Parish and Town Councils and County Council Focus Group 18<sup>th</sup> June No member to attend

*Morrison/Hyder*

- (a) West Midlands Junction Improvement – M40 Jct.15 (Longbridge) Site Liaison Meetings Councillor Fitchford and Councillor Miss Kimberley appointed representatives

*David Robotham*

- (a) Snitterfield Sports Club (copy) Noted.  
Sports Club Secretary will send a copy of their response to the writer in due course

## 10 CARBON REDUCTION PROJECT

Councillor Jones reported that planning for the Village Fete was proceeding well.

There would be a further opportunity for parishioners to learn of the advantages of Green Energy Tariffs

He reported that several of the trees recently planted had apparently died. He undertook to follow up replacements at the appropriate time of the year

## 11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS

Consideration was given to the National Association of Local Councils circular on the subject and it was agreed to comply with the recommendations forthwith

## 12 STRATFORD DISTRICT PUBLIC REALM GRANT SCHEME

It was agreed to make application for a grant under the Scheme to refurbish the bus shelter, to include provision of seating

Councillor Mrs. Rendell raised the matter of poor visibility for motorists at the bottom of Bell Lane and suggested the provision of a mirror

The Chairman said that this matter had been raised previously without success. It was agreed to raise the issue with Councillor Hobbs

## 13 APPLICATION FOR CLOSURE OF ST JAMES THE GREAT CHURCHYARD

The Chairman, having declared a prejudicial interest, left the room during discussion on this item

The Clerk submitted correspondence from the Ministry of Justice stating that an application had been received from Snitterfield Parochial Church Council for closure of the churchyard on the grounds that there is no proper room for new burials

After discussion, it was agreed that the grounds for the application were valid and there was no objection to the proposed closure

#### **14 TO RECEIVE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

*Councillor Mrs. Morlidge*

Reported that there was evidence of moles in the Small Playing Field

Referred to the revised refuse collection service and the problems of access to properties in The Green. She said that the matter had been raised with the appropriate department, but there appeared to be some confusion in the response

It was agreed that the matter should be raised with the District Council representatives at the Village Fete

Said that she had been approached by Lisa Lamb, a resident of Hales Close, who complained that her garden had been flooded in recent heavy rainfall. She had said that this was due to water running off the Large Playing Field

It was agreed to seek advice on any method to alleviate the problem

*Councillor Miss Kimberley*

Asked about the current position with regard to the maintenance of Public Footpaths

Councillor Jones said that, in relation to SD146 Monarchs Way, the County Council had agreed to install a new, wider span, bridge in due course

Discussions were ongoing in relation to Public Footpath SD141c

Consideration was then given to the allocation of Public Footpaths to nominated Members in order to complete the Survey in compliance with the P3 Agreement

Period of Public Participation

*Mr. Ken Chatland*

Asked about the coppicing work which had been carried out behind the Small Playing Field – had any growth started?

Councillor Mrs. Morlidge said that there had been some regrowth. She undertook to re-examine the position and to report back

#### **15 MOTION**

**Proposed Councillor Fitchford, Seconded Councillor Mrs. Morlidge  
'That the following matter be considered in closed session by reason  
of the confidential nature of the business'**

**So resolved, nem con**

**16 MOLE CONTROL CONTRACT**

The Clerk submitted a quotation by Mr. Harry Terry for an annual contract to control moles in the Cemetery, the Small Playing Field and the War Memorial. A quotation by Jukes Pest Services had been submitted at a previous Meeting

After discussion, it was agreed to award the contract to Mr. Terry

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9-25 p.m.

**SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk – Ian Wilkins**

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I hereby give notice that a Meeting of Snitterfield Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2008, 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 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2008
4. Matters Arising
  - (a) Proposed Gypsy Encampment – Old Kings Lane
  - (b) Flood Prevention Measures
  - (c) Affordable Housing
5. To receive comments/observations by County and District Councillor
6. Finance – Receipts and Payments
7. Planning Matters – Applications and Decisions
8. Correspondence
9. Report on Carbon Reduction Project
10. To approve Parish Council Accounts 2007/2008
11. To receive Comments/Observations by Councillors





