

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 8th JUNE, 2009, 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
Councillor Mrs. M. Rendell

County and District Councillor R.G. Hobbs

Clerk 10 Members of Public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman opened the proceedings by congratulating Councillor Hobbs on his re-election as County Councillor

Mr. Duncan Parker

Spoke to promote a film 'The Age of Stupid' depicting the effects of climate change. He said that the film was both amusing and thought provoking and was to be shown at the Sports Club on 3rd July
He urged the Parish Council to support the event

Ms. Linda Mazey

Raised the issue of the Affordable Housing project and said that she had written letters to each Parish Councillor with copies to Councillor Hobbs and John Maples, M.P.
She expressed her concern at the lack of progress in resolving the matter. She said that the need for such housing had been well established and the proposed site in Bearley Road was ideal for the purpose

The Chairman said that he appreciated the concerns expressed. He said that representatives of the Parish Council had recently met with the Rural Housing Enabler, Mr. Phil Ward and Ms. Lesley Ford of the Housing Association. He said that there had been a full exchange of views, mainly concerning the number of dwellings to be built on the proposed site. He added that, dependent on the result of enquiries about access to the site, a decision would be taken on whether the Council would support the scheme as proposed

Councillor Hobbs commented that, whilst canvassing at the recently held County Council Election, he did not experience outright opposition to the proposed scheme. However, some concerns were expressed by those living in close proximity to the proposed site. He went on to express the view that he favoured full implementation of the needs survey. He understood the concerns of the Parish Council, but he was opposed to the idea of phasing the scheme

Mr. Peter Turner

Raised the matter of the Planning Application for proposed hard standing off Kings Lane and said that there were no special circumstances to justify the intrusion into the Green Belt

It was said that Gary Moss, Planning Officer, will urge the applicant to reduce the size of the hard standing; in the event of no co-operation, he would refuse the application

Councillor Hobbs

Reported that the draft Core Strategy now identifies proposed sites for gypsies

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs. J. Swift - Work commitment

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

03. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th May 2009, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman

04. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Village Hall Annual Fire Risk Assessment

Councillor Jones reported that he had met with the Village Hall Management Committee.

Certain items were outstanding from the Risk Assessment, but these were now in hand

(b) Speed Limit Extensions in Village

Councillor Hobbs said that the issue had been referred to him following the Annual Parish Meeting

He said that an assessment of The Green had been made by County Council Officers. They had concluded that there was no justification to extend the speed limit

Similarly, there were no plans to extend the speed limit in Wolverton Road.

However, he undertook to pursue action to make vehicle drivers more aware of the existing speed limit

(c) Issue of Planning Enforcement – Land by Northern By-Pass/Ingon Lane

Councillor Miss Kimberley reported that she had attended the Meeting of the Planning and Regulation Committee held on 19th May

She had urged the Committee to take enforcement action in respect of the three green storage containers

However, the Committee had accepted the recommendation of the Case Officer to take no further action

Nevertheless, the Committee also resolved that further alleged breaches of Condition 2 of the Planning Permission relating to open storage should be investigated

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

- (1) Addressed the concerns of the Parish Council relating to the Planning Application for developments to Poachers Cottage, The Green

He said that there had been an increase in the elements of Permitted Development. Therefore, the Parish Council submission did not contain valid planning grounds for refusal. As a consequence, the Planning Officer granted permission under delegated powers

Councillor Miss Kimberley expressed her concern that the effect of the development on the street scene had not been taken into consideration. She added that it was incorrect to state that the Parish Council had withdrawn their objection to the proposal

Concerns were also expressed that the decision was contrary to the concept of the Conservation Area

- (2) Said that, in company with Councillor Mrs. Rendell, he had attended a further meeting with Planning Officers to discuss enforcement issues
It had been recommended that a Parish Councillor be appointed to liaise with the Planning Department on such issues
- (3) Commented on the results of the County Council Elections, which resulted in the Conservatives gaining overall control. He added that appointments to the Cabinet had not yet been confirmed
- (4) Referred to the Fox Hunter Public House and said that a Section 76 Notice had been served on the owner either to (a) demolish the building, or (b) remove the first floor, or (c) make safe and vandal proof
- (5) Councillor Miss Kimberley spoke of water running off a field onto Gospel Oak Lane at the junction of The Green. She submitted photographs showing the standing water

Councillor Hobbs said that there were limited powers to take action against the landowner. He noted the concern, but pointed to a number of locations where road flooding was a more significant problem

06. FINANCE

Receipts

(a) M & G Investments	Investment Dividend – Charifund	£106-03
(b) Geo. Clifford & Sons	Cemetery Fee (Henson)	£65-00
(c) Judith Walker	Allotment Rent	£30-00

Payments to be authorized

(a) Thomgarden	Grass Cutting contract (April)	£460-00
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(b) Thomgarden	Grass Cutting contract (May)	£660-00
(c) Thomgarden	Repair to see-saw – Large Playing Field	£90-00
(d) Thomgarden	Pruning Trees – War Memorial	£100-00
(e) Warwickshire Association of Local Councils	Annual Subscription	£363-00
(f) I. Wilkins	Clerk’s Salary and Expenses	£956-36
(g) HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE on Clerk’s Salary	£204-90
(h) Margaret Tweed	Maintenance of Flower Tubs	£53-99
(i) British Gas	Gas supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£131-00
(j) Good Energy	Electricity supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£54-00
(k) Nildram	Broadband supply (Direct Debit)	£19-56
(l) Lloyds TSB	Safe Custody Fees (Standing Order)	£7-50

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

07. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

- (a) Mr. A. Gerrish
Tudor House
Church Road
- Proposed single storey extension to rear
09/00709/LBC

Submission

Support – the proposed development will improve the building.
Neighbours will not be affected

- (b) Mr. and Mrs. D. Gidney
9, The Hill
Kings Lane
- Proposed detached garage, conservatory and two storey rear extension
09/00814/LDP

Not for consultation

- (c) Mr. R. Foster
Land off Kings Lane
- Hardstanding
09/00895/FUL

Submission deferred

Decisions

- (a) Snitterfield Sports Club
Wolverton Road Erection of a summer house adjacent to tennis courts 09/00491/FUL

Permission with Conditions

- (b) Ms. L. Kelleher
Poachers Cottage
The Green New pitched roof to existing extension and rendering
09/00447/FUL

Permission with Conditions

- (c) Mrs. Agnes Penrice
Plum Tree Cottage
6, The Terrace Two storey rear extension after demolition of conservatory
APP/13720/A/09/2097136

Appeal Dismissed

(It was noted that no notification had been received of the pending appeal)

- (d) Mr. and Mrs. Lee
Land adj. Warwick Road
Black Hill Change of Use of land for use as a gypsy site for one family to comprise of 4 pitches each with one mobile home, one touring caravan and one ancillary building, new access and associated development 08/02854/FUL

Withdrawn

08. CORRESPONDENCE

Warwickshire County Council
Henley & Studley Community Forum – Safer Neighbourhoods

Noted for action as required

National Association of Local Councils
Possible changes to the Administration of Concessionary Travel

For consideration of response

09. PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2008/2009

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 Jones

Submitted a report from the Snitterfield Nursery Committee, which had failed to reach the Annual Parish Meeting

Councillor Mrs. Rendell

Reported that certain repair works were needed to the Village Hall and the Management Committee were investigating the possibility of Grant Aid

Councillor Hobbs undertook to assist with information

Councillor Miss Kimberley

Confirmed that all allotments were occupied and being worked.
She spoke of the need to review the allotment agreement for possible revision

Councillor Mrs. Morlidge

Submitted her apology for the July Meeting as she would be on holiday

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9-12 p.m.