

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 9TH MARCH, 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
Councillor Mrs. J. Swift

Clerk 11 Members of Public

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Steve Spencer

Introduced himself as Manager of Snitterfield Junior Football Club and spoke of the need to raise funds. He sought approval to hold a Car Boot Sale on the Large Playing Field at some future date for that purpose

The Chairman advised him to forward details to the Parish Council in due course for consideration

Mr. .Peter Turner

Referred to the Planning Application submitted by Mr. Freeman to remove a section of hedgerow. He said that he understood that it was the intention of the applicant to commence sheep farming on the land. It would be necessary to remove a large section of hedgerow to facilitate the access for a sheep transporter

The Chairman said that this matter would be considered later in the Agenda

Mr. Alan Morris

Spoke of Blossom Cottage, The Green, which had been empty since 2005. Planning Permission had been granted to demolish and rebuild the house, but ownership had changed several times at auction. The house had been left to rack and ruin, it was now an eyesore and was infested with rats

The Chairman said that the advice of Councillor Hobbs would be sought

1. APOLOGIES

County and District Councillor R.G. Hobbs - Fire Conference, Bristol

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th February, 2009, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Flood Relief Scheme – The Green

The Clerk reported that he had been advised by Mr. Liam Nevin, District Council Monitoring Officer that the grant of £3,200 did not fall within the limits of spending under Section 137, Local Government Act, 1972. It would, therefore, be possible to use the total amount of the grant for the purpose of the Flood Relief Scheme He then submitted invoices for approval

(a) Clayax Yorkstone Ltd.	£1,938-00 + VAT
(b) E.H. Smith	£919-71 + VAT
(c) Sedgemoor Stone Ltd.	£280-00 + VAT
(d) Jonathan Best	£850-00

Councillor Fitchford proposed, Councillor Miss Kimberley seconded
‘That the grant under Section 137 be increased by £300 and that payment of the invoices be authorised’

So resolved, nem con

(b) Affordable Housing Development

The Chairman reported that an informal meeting had been arranged to take place at the Village Hall on Thursday 12th March. Residents had been individually notified by leaflet delivery

(c) Renewable Energy and Conservation Issues

The Clerk read a letter from John Maples M.P. setting out his views on the various Issues

(d) Village Hall Annual Fire Risk Assessment

Councillor Jones said that the matter was in hand and he would report further at the next Meeting

(e) Motor Vehicles Parked on Footpaths

The Clerk reported that he had taken up the matter with Dean Canning, Community Support Officer, Wellesbourne. He had visited the area on several occasions, but had not witnessed any significant infringements

He would continue to monitor the situation and would issue warning leaflets where appropriate. He had undertaken to act on any specific information received

He confirmed the view that parking on the footpath in Pigeon Green was necessary so as not to hinder the passage of large vehicles

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

In the absence of Councillor Hobbs, the Clerk read a written report

- (a) He had declined a request from Planning Officers to authorize the closure of the 'Green Gates' enforcement file. Consequently, if the outside storage is not removed, the item will go to the Planning and Regulation Committee for decision by elected members. Representations can be made to that Committee
- (b) A notice has been served on the owner of the Fox Hunter Public House to screen and reduce the height of the building. To date, no response has been received
- (c) There is a major problem with regard to surface water in Ingon Lane, which may require a road closure to resolve
- (d) The reason for the temporary closure of Wolverton Road is to reconstruct the base of the road which was disturbed in carrying out repairs to a blocked pipe
- (e) He had attended a meeting with Pat Reid, Head of Planning, in company with Councillor Mrs. Rendell. He had asked for a written action plan on the matters discussed.

Councillor Mrs. Rendell said that there had been a good discussion on various enforcement issues and she looked forward to a positive result

6. FINANCE

Receipts

(a) M & G Investments	Charifund Investment Dividend	£66-47
(b) Geo. Clifford & Sons	Cemetery Fee (Chamberlain)	£20-00

Payments to be authorized

(a) I. Wilkins	Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£1034-52
(b) HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE on Clerk's Salary	£219-60
(c) Severn Trent Water	Water Supply to Atteys Field	£35-41
(d) Good Energy	Electricity supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£54-00
(e) British Gas	Gas supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£95-00
(f) Nildram	Supply Broadband (Direct Debit)	£19-56

Proposed Councillor Mrs. Morlidge, Seconded Councillor Miss Kimberley
'That the listed items be authorized for payment'

So resolved, nem con

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

- (a) Mrs. Lorriane Kelleher 10 – 15 fruit trees – fell
Poachers Cottage 09/00239/TREE
The Green
Submission Support – it will be a visual improvement of the area
- (b) Mr. Christopher Baker To replace the existing flashing joining the
Ardenvohr existing lean to canopy to the listed building
The Green 09/00162/LBC
Submission Support – the lead flashing will be more visually pleasing
- (c) Mr. S. Freeman Removal of 1 no. stretch of hedgerow H1
Snitterfield Fruit Farm approximately 6 – 7 m. in length, situated
Kings Lane adjacent to Kings Lane 09/00268/HRN
Submission Pending collation of further information

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Warwickshire County Council

- (a) Warwickshire Minerals Core Strategy : Revised Spacial Options Consultation
For consideration of a response
- (b) The ‘Right to Roam’ in Warwickshire
Poster displayed on Notice Board
- (c) Invitation to ‘At Home’ Drinks Reception
No Member to attend. Clerk to respond
- (d) Temporary Closure of C40 Wolverton Road
Notice displayed on Notice Board

Stratford on Avon District Council

- (a) Code of Conduct Presentation - 19 March
No Member to attend
- (b) The Fouling of Land by Dogs Order, 2009
Noted
- (c) The Parish Biodiversity Action Network - 20 April
No Member to attend

Council for Voluntary Service

- (a) Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting - 8 April
No Member to attend

9. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall on Monday 27th April

The agenda to be of the usual format, to include reports from Village Organizations and Societies

It was further agreed not to invite a guest speaker

It was also agreed to postpone the April Council Meeting from 13th, being Easter Monday, to 20th of that month

10. BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Clerk submitted correspondence from Warwickshire Rural Community Council inviting entries to the Best Village Competition. He pointed to the six various categories, including a Best Kept Village in the Environment Category. The closing date for entries is 31st May

After discussion, it was agreed to place the item on the agenda of the April Meeting for further consideration

11. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Mrs. Rendell

Referred to the situation of the Fox Hunter Public House and said that the petition, asking for action to restore the building, had now attracted 500 signatures

Councillor Miss Kimberley

Spoke of the Allotment Tenancies and queried whether all plots were being worked
She also spoke of a scheme of 'Land Sharing' where persons would cultivate land not used by the owners

Councillor Mrs. Morlidge

Reported that she had arranged to see Thomas Rossler of Thomgarden on site to discuss action to trim excess length off bolts on the recently erected fence posts
She said that Mr. Rossler had indicated that he was unable to gain access through the gate of the Large Playing Field because he did not know the code number to the lock

Councillor Jones

Reported a pot hole in the road surface of Pigeon Green towards Severn Trent Premises

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Ken Chatland

Referred to the Planning Application to remove a section of hedgerow at Snitterfield Fruit Farm and said that it was important to take into consideration the age of the hedgerow

Spoke of the 'Green Gates' planning issue and said that there appeared to be an item of fairground equipment on the turning circle of the premises. This was entirely contrary to the Conditions of the Planning Permission

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9-00 p.m.