

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 14th MARCH, 2011, COMMENCING AT 7-30 P.M.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs. S. Morlidge (Chairman)
Councillor R.J. Fitchford
Councillor Miss C. Kimberley
Councillor G. Norris
Councillor Mrs. M. Rendell
Councillor G.J. Stammers

District Councillor Mrs. H. Hayter

Clerk 6 Members of Public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Ken Chatland

Referred to the items which he had raised at the February Meeting and asked what progress had been made

(a) Cross Roads at Black Hill/Mercedes Garage

Councillor Hobbs had requested that the vegetation be cut back where it was causing an obstruction. No information regarding the car parking problem

(b) Telephone Box

The Clerk said that the matter was ongoing

(c) Pot Holes

Councillor Hobbs had requested the Highways Agency to repair the pot holes at the junction of A46/Kings Lane

(d) Gullies and Grips

Councillor Hobbs has reported that these are the responsibility of the County Council. They are cleaned once a year normally and twice a year where there is a risk of flooding, e.g. those in The Green would be cleaned twice a year

(e) Sewage Problem – Pigeon Green

Councillor Mrs. Hayter said that a meeting to discuss the problem was to be held on 7th April between lawyers of the County Council and District Council
Councillor Hobbs reported that it is proving very difficult to get Severn Trent to do anything positive

Ms. Carol Evans

Raised the matter of Planning Application 10/02074/FUL, Hawkswood Farm and asked if anything was known of the progress

The Clerk reported that the Planning Officer, Carol Stephens, hoped to be in a position to submit the Application to the Planning Committee on 30th March

Ms. Evans said that an Enforcement Order for the removal of the containers on the premises had expired and no action had been taken

Councillor Mrs. Rendell undertook to take up the matter with Lech Kocon, Enforcement Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillor R.G. Hobbs

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th February, 2011, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Repairs to Street Light – Bell Lane

The Clerk reported that he had contacted E.ON to query the quotation, as requested at the January Meeting

The response was that their electrician had advised that the pole bracket was beyond repair and was in need of replacement

The matter was fully discussed and it was agreed to seek further advice from a local qualified electrician

5. COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

(a) Councillor Mrs. Hayter drew attention to the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge, the aim of which is to protect recreational sites. Any Council may participate and there will be substantial funding available

(b) Noted that work had commenced to demolish the premises of the Fox Hunter Public House

(c) Said that the Nursery School had adopted a long term plan for a replacement building on the existing site

(d) Expressed her concern at the condition of the section of Monarch Way which runs through the Fruit Farm. She said that the appearance was spoilt by substantial amounts of litter

The Clerk undertook to contact the appropriate County Council Department

6. FINANCE

Receipts

(a) Mr. K.J. Evetts	Grazing Rights – Atteys Field	£330-00
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(b) M & G Investments	Investment Dividend (Charifund)	£66-47
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Payments to be authorized

(a) I. Wilkins	Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£943-70
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(b) HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE on Clerk's Salary	£204-90
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(c) Thomgarden	Grass Cutting contract	£525-00
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(d) Councillor Stammers	Printing costs – Planning Consultation	£32-50
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(e) British Gas	Gas supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£178-00
(f) Good Energy	Electricity supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£25-00
(g) TalkTalk Business	Broadband supply (Direct Debit)	£20-41

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

7. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

(a) Warwickshire County Council 1, Heath End Cottages Heath End	The change of use of agricultural land to residential (revision of garden boundary) and the widening of an existing driveway SDC/11CC002
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Submission Application supported

(b) Warwickshire County Council Snitterfield County Junior & Infant School School Road	T1 Pear: reduce crown by 50% 10/00404/TREE
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Submission No representation

Decisions

(a) Mr. Richard Corbishley Ingon Grange Farm Ingon Lane	Proposed conversion of barns into four holiday cottages together with ancillary works. Revised from previous Approval 08/02502/FUL
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Permission with Conditions

(b) As at Application (a) above

Application Withdrawn

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Warwickshire County Council

(a) Invitation to 'At Home' Drinks Reception – 19th March – No Member to attend

(b) Speed Aware – Changes to the current scheme – Details to be circulated to Members for further Consideration

(c) Time to Care – Fostering in Warwickshire Questionnaire to be completed by Clerk

Stratford on Avon District Council

(a) Core Strategy Consultation Workshops Councillor Kimberley to attend 1st April

Warwickshire Association of Local Councils

(a) Consultations (1) Community Right to Challenge and (2) Community Right to Buy – Assets of Community Value

Details circulated to Members for further Consideration

9. TO REVIEW CURRENT PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

(a) 09/02313/FUL Land adjacent, Warwick Road, Black Hill

Councillor Stammers reported that the petition was going well and gaining numerous signatures. The aim was to collate the signatures and to present them at Elizabeth House with media attention

He appealed to parishioners for a good attendance at the Committee Hearing expected on 30th March

Councillor Stammers said that he was preparing a presentation to the Planning Committee on behalf of the Parish Council

Mr. Paul Joseph is to be briefed on behalf of the residents

He added that Road Safety was still a significant issue. Also, the Application did not meet a need and did not comply with the amended requirement for sustainable development

Councillor Mrs. Hayter expressed her concern about safety issues of the site and, in particular, the safety of pedestrians

There was also the problem of the adequate provision of local educational facilities

(b) 10/01059/VARY Stratford on Avon Gliding Club

Councillor Stammers reported that he was continuing to liaise with Bearley Parish Council

The significant issue was the matter of noise pollution, as the take-off and landing pattern was almost above Snitterfield Village

He said that the noise survey carried out by the District Council

Environmental Officer was flawed and it was essential that a second survey, with proper guidelines, be carried out

Technical advice had been sought on the training of glider pilots

Councillor Mrs. Hayter said that the Application would probably come to Planning Committee in April/May

She was concerned that the District Council had made a grant of £30,000 to oppose the Project HS2 on environmental grounds, whereas it appeared willing to approve this Planning Application

The Chairman thanked Councillor Stammers for his efforts in relation to both Planning Applications

10. COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Stammers

Said that a parishioner had complained to him about the siting of a new recycling bin on the school premises. It was at the narrowest part of School Road, adjacent to the bus stop and was a potential traffic hazard. The other issue was the colour, which was totally unacceptable in the centre of a rural village

The Chairman said that she was aware that a suggestion had been made to re-locate the bin on the car park of the Village Hall. However, certain Members of the Village Hall Management Committee would not be in favour of such a proposal

Councillor Fitchford

Referred to the Public Footpath at Bell Brook and said that the Kissing Gate to Smart's Field was in need of repair

The Clerk undertook to contact the appropriate Department of the County Council

Asked if the matter of transfer of responsibility for the grounds of St. James the Great Church had been resolved

The Clerk said that the issue was with the legal officers of the District Council
He undertook to follow up

Councillor Mrs. Rendell

Reported instances of crime in the village, including burglary from a garage and an arrest for drug offences

Councillor Miss Kimberley

Asked if the revised Allotment Tenancy Agreements had been sent to the tenants

The Clerk said that this would be put in hand

The Chairman said that she had been approached by a tenant, who asked for permission to reduce the height of the hedge on the plot

After discussion, it was agreed that the ownership of the hedge should first be established

The Chairman undertook to follow up

Councillor Norris

Reported an incident of fly tipping off Kings Lane. He had reported the matter to the District Council by completing a form online
The litter had since been cleared

Councillor Mrs. Morlidge

Said that there was a need to obtain quotations for the grass cutting contract
The Clerk undertook to follow up

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed
at 9-05 p.m.