

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 10th MAY, 2010, COMMENCING
AT 7-30 P.M.**

PRESENT

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

District Councillor Mrs. H. Hayter

Clerk

8 Members of Public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Carol Evans

Raised the issue of development at The Armouries, Gospel Oak Lane. She said that a large building was being erected in an adjoining field. There was also a number of shipping container units on the field, which was in the Green Belt. She added that there had been an extensive enlargement of the facility which, in recent weeks, had been used to host car boot sales and a concert. The latter entailed music late at night.

She said that Mr. Lech Kocon, Planning Enforcement Officer, had visited the site and had advised the owner to submit a Planning Application for the developments.

She also expressed concern about the frequency of the tour bus service and the danger it posed to other road users.

The Chairman responded that her concerns had been noted and would be taken into account when the Planning Application Consultation was received.

The Chairman added that the potential dangers of the route of the tour bus had been taken up with the appropriate authority by the Parish Council and Councillor Hobbs, but without success.

Mrs. Barker

Raised the issue of flood alleviation in The Green. She noted that the application for funding of the three balancing ponds had not been successful and suggested that it might be expedient to raise funding for one pool at a time.

Councillor Mrs. Morlidge said that she continued to liaise with the Environment Agency and other sources of funding were being explored. She urged that this process be allowed to continue before any further action was taken.

Mr. Ivor Thomas

Complained about the state of the pavement in White Horse Hill from the shop towards the War Memorial.

Said that 'brown signs' indicating 'Ingon Manor' had been sited on the A46 on the approaches to Kings Lane. He said that these signs directed traffic past houses in Kings Lane, whereas, if they had been sited at the next junction, this would not be the case

The Chairman said that attention would be given to both issues

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed Councillor Fitchford, Seconded Councillor Mrs. Rendell
'That Councillor Mrs. Morlidge be elected Chairman'
So resolved, nem con

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillor R.G. Hobbs

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Fitchford	Item 14 Planning Matters
Prejudicial Interest	Planning Application 10/00763/FUL

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Proposed Councillor Mrs. Morlidge, Seconded Councillor Fitchford
'That Councillor Mrs. Rendell be elected Vice Chairman'
So resolved, nem con

5. CO-OPTION OF MEMBER TO COUNCIL

This item was deferred until the June Meeting

6. APPOINTMENT TO SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Playing Fields and Grass Cutting	Councillor Fitchford
Allotments	Councillor Miss Kimberley
Cemetery	Councillor Mrs. Morlidge
Representative to Village Hall Management Committee	Appointment deferred until June Meeting
Representative to Village Fete Committee	Councillor Mrs. Rendell
Representative to Flood Alleviation Committee	Councillor Mrs. Morlidge
Press Correspondent	Councillor Norris
Public Footpaths	Councillor Mrs. Rendell

7. BANK SIGNATORIES

It was agreed to re-appoint Councillor Mrs. Morlidge and Councillor Fitchford as signatories
It was further agreed to appoint Councillor Mrs. Rendell as a signatory to replace former Councillor

8. DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS

It was agreed to continue to hold Meetings on the second Monday of each month, except August. Meetings to commence at 7-30 p.m.

9. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th April, 2010, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman, after the following amendment had been made

Page 5 CORRESPONDENCE – Stratford on Avon District Council
Delete ‘and District Council’

10. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Repair to Play Equipment

Councillor Fitchford reported that the Carousel had been inspected and confirmed that one seat was in need of replacement

Arrangements had been made to cut off the loose strap

It was agreed that Councillor Fitchford and the Clerk should carry out an inspection of all play equipment and report on the recommendations contained in the Annual Inspection Report

It was noted and approved that an instruction had been given to Thomgarden to carry out strengthening repairs to the wire fencing where it was sagging

(b) Entrance to Atteys Field

Councillor Fitchford reported that a visit had been made and it was recommended that no further action be taken with regard to the installation of a gate

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Mr. Prescott, Tree Warden and requested him to visit the site with a view to planting more trees

(c) District Council Draft Core Strategy

The response to the Consultation was noted and approved

(d) Replacement Bench – Opposite Shop

Councillor Mrs. Morlidge submitted details of products of Cotswold Teak, Blackwell.

Proposed Councillor Mrs. Morlidge, Seconded Councillor Fitchford

‘To purchase B150 Balmoral heavy duty bench

So resolved, nem con

The Clerk was asked to arrange purchase of bench with inscribed plaque.
Also arrangements for installation

11. MATTERS ARISING FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

(a) Speeding Vehicles – Wolverton Road

Note was taken of the suggestion by Councillor Hobbs that consideration might be given to the installation of a ‘flashing speed sign’ in Wolverton Road for a period of 6 to 8 weeks at a cost of £300

The suggested measure was agreed in principle and the Clerk was asked to obtain further details, including the cost of a permanent installation

(b) Action on Litter

Note was taken of the presentation by Myles Thornton of C.P.R.E. on the subject of litter

It was agreed that the 'Campaign Toolkit' specifically for Parish Councils should be circulated to Members for consideration of any further action

12 TO RECEIVE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor Mrs. Hayter thanked all who had given support in her election as District Councillor

She listed the various issues which had been raised during her election campaign

- (1) Developments at Stratford Armouries
- (2) Affordable Housing project
- (3) Discharge of sewage – Pigeon Green
- (4) Flood Defence
- (5) Fox Hunter Public House

With regard to the last item, she had requested a meeting with the Head of Planning to discuss the situation

She undertook to notify the Parish Council of the arrangements so that Councillors may also attend

13 FINANCE

Receipts

(a) Stratford on Avon District Council	Precept (part payment)	£11,250-00
(b) HM Revenue & Customs	VAT Repayment	£1,566-95
(c) Mr. K.J. Evetts	Atteys Field Grazing Rights	£330-00
(d) Mrs. Judith Walker	Allotment Rent	£15-00

Payments to be authorized

(a) Came & Company	Parish Council Insurance Policy Renewal	£1,621-35
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It was agreed to enter a 3-year binding agreement, until May 2013, thus reducing the premium by 5% to £1,540-28

(b) Allied Westminster	Village Hall Insurance Policy Renewal	£905-25
(c) Warwickshire Assoc. of Local Councils	Amendments to 'Governance & Accountability for Local Councils'	£10-50

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

So resolved, nem con

Warwickshire County Council
Community Development Fund

Noted

Warwickshire Training Partnership
Parish Council Induction Day 17th July

Agreed Councillor Norris
to attend if available

Mark Dean
Community First Responder – Appeal

Agreed to make further
enquiries

15 TO RECEIVE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Mrs. Rendell

Reported that she had walked the replanted hedgerow at the Fruit Farm with Nicholas Butler, C.P.R.E. She said that the growth was very meagre She also commented on the poor state of Monarch Way

Councillor Miss Kimberley

Referred to the Allotments and reported that Tanya Parr had notified her wish to terminate the tenancy of Allotment No.3

The tenancy would be offered to the first person on the waiting list

All other allotment tenancies were taken

The Clerk submitted a Model Allotment Tenancy for review

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9-15 p.m.