

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER, 2008,
COMMENCING AT 7-30 P.M.**

PRESENT Councillor A.G.M. Jones (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Miss C. Kimberley
Councillor Mrs. M. Rendell
Councillor Mrs. J. Swift
Clerk 8 Members of Public

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Charles Barlow, Rural Housing Enabler

Introduced Ms. Lesley Ford of Ford Associates. He gave an update on the provision of Affordable Housing in Snitterfield

He said that discussions had been held with all stakeholders including Planning Office, Highways Department, Severn Trent, British Telecom and Orbit Housing Association He referred to a possible development on the garage site in Bearley Road. He said that Highways Department would support only 4 houses on this site, using the existing access. Planning Office would also support in principle

British Telecom deemed provision of a new access inappropriate; it would also prove to be very expensive

The options to proceed with the development were:

- (1) 4 houses on the garage site, plus 10 further along Bearley Road
- (2) 14 houses on the site further along Bearley Road

Other points raised included the cost of demolition of the garages and decontamination of the area

The ground further along Bearley Road had a steep slope. The Planning Office had impressed that the lineage should keep to that of British Telecom

Mr. Barlow suggested that option (1) might be more appropriate, but said that this would be the decision of the Parish Council. He asked for this decision as soon as possible so that the process could be continued

In answer to a question, Mr. Barlow said that Severn Trent had stated that the existing sewerage system would be adequate for this development

The Chairman thanked Mr. Barlow for his presentation. It was agreed to place the matter on the Agenda of the December Meeting for further consideration

Mr. Michael Fairbrother

Commented on the position of residents of Bearley Road who currently used the garage site to park their cars

He also referred to access, which had been a problem in a previous planning application

Mr. Barlow said that these matters would have to be taken into consideration

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor R.J. Fitchford	domestic commitment
Councillor Mrs. S. Morlidge	sickness
County and District Councillor R.G. Hobbs	County Fire & Rescue Authority commitment

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jones	Sewage problem – Pigeon Green
Personal Interest	Agenda item 5

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th October, 2008, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman

4. MATTERS ARISING

Atteys Field

Councillor Miss Kimberley referred to an item she had raised at the September Meeting regarding the future use of Atteys Field.

It was agreed to consider the matter further at the December Meeting

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

In the absence of Councillor Hobbs, his written report was read by the Clerk

(1) Bidding process will take place for improvement to parking facilities in Hales Close in January for work to be carried out next year

(2) Negotiations still ongoing with owners of Foxhunter Public House

(3) The application has been submitted for the flood relief grant. This will be decided at the Area Community Meeting on 11th December. It would be helpful to have a representative from Snitterfield at this Meeting

It was agreed that Mr. Graham Barker should attend together with a nominated Parish Councillor. The Clerk to liaise when details of Meeting become available

(4) The trees in The Park have now been inspected by an independent consultant and the report will be available later in the week

- (5) Councillor Hobbs was still awaiting the list of defective road signs from Councillor Jones
Councillor Jones confirmed that details had now been supplied
- (6) Pigeon Green Sewerage – It has been established that 16 properties are now discharging sewerage into the county road drainage system, which drains into the brook. This has been happening for 10-20 years, possibly longer, and, although Severn Trent was aware of the problem 3 years ago, they did nothing. The residents have been paying sewerage charges for over 10 years and Severn Trent state that they are only liable to refund the last 4 years overpayment. They will not acknowledge any responsibility to rectify the situation.
He believed that Severn Trent does have a responsibility and he had asked the lawyers at Warwickshire County Council to do some research before he responds to Severn Trent. He had decided not to involve the press at this stage until the legal position was clear.
- (7) Kings Lane Appeal – He thanked residents who had sent a submission to the Inspector giving further reasons why the appeal should be dismissed
He had sent his submission to the Inspector which gave further evidence from Highways why the appeal should be dismissed. He said that the District Council's submission was very comprehensive
After some research on various web sites, he had discovered that Mr. Foster does have planning permission for 10 caravans on a site in Buckinghamshire. With 5 minutes to spare, he had made a second submission to the Inspector to prove that fact. He commented that receipt of the submission had not been acknowledged, but this may be due to late submission

6. FINANCE

Receipts

(a) Stratford on Avon District Council	Flood Relief Grant	£3,200-00
(b) A.E. Bennett & Sons	Cemetery Fee (Mayo)	£160-00
(c) Geo. Clifford & Sons	Cemetery Fee (Smith)	£60-00
(d) Geo. Clifford & Sons	Cemetery Fee (Podwika)	£60-00
(e) Geo. Clifford & Sons	Cemetery Fee (Randle)	£60-00

Payments to be authorized

(a) Clement Keys	Annual Return External Audit Fee	£334-88
(b) Mr. R. Foster	Annual Internal Audit Fee	£65-00
(c) Good Energy	Electricity supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£141-94
(d) British Gas	Gas supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£95-00
(e) Nildram	Supply Broadband (Direct Debit)	£19-99

Proposed Councillor Miss Kimberley, Seconded Councillor Mrs. Rendell
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Correspondence

(a) Awards for All	Closure of Grant File	Noted. No further action
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7. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

(a) Mrs. C. Pearson Cosycot The Green	Installation of opening and non-obscure glazed window to north east elevation at ground floor level 08/02535/FUL
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Submission - No Representations

Decisions

(a) Mrs. Lorraine Kelleher Jasmine Cottage The Green	T1 maple : 20% crown reduction T3 conifer : fell T4 yew : fell T5 – T9 conifer : fell	08/02257/TREE
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Consent with Conditions

(b) Mr. M. Greenwood Elmdon House Church Road	Proposed single storey extension to provide additional ancillary accommodation to existing detached house 08/02081/FUL
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Permission with Conditions

(c) Mr. Mark Andrews Land adj. Reservoir Kings Lane	Change of use of land from agricultural to storage of one caravan 08/02238/FUL
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Refusal

(d) Mr. Roy Taylor Land adj. Reservoir Kings Lane	Change of use from agricultural to stationing of a caravan for use as a restroom in association with adjoining stables 08/02231/FUL
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Refusal

Correspondence

(a) Councillor Miss Kimberley	Planning Application Aspi Specialist Cars	07/03253/FUL
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Expressed her opinion that the submission of the Parish Council to the consultation was factually incorrect. After outlining the details of the case, she asked that consideration be given to amending the submission

Councillor Miss Kimberley then left the Meeting, having declared a Prejudicial Interest

The Clerk confirmed that the Planning Application was still pending a decision

After discussion, it was agreed to arrange a site visit before coming to a decision

Councillor Miss Kimberley then re-joined the Meeting

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Warwickshire County Council

(a) Stratford on Avon Area Community Forums – Notes of Forum held 10 September

Action - Noted. No further action

Environment Agency

(a) Environmental Permit – Large Playing Field

Action - Noted – to be kept on file

Communities and Local Government

(a) Communities in Control – Codes of Conduct for Local Authority Members and Employees

Action - For consideration of response

Warwickshire Association of Local Councils

(a) Annual General Meeting – 28 October

Action - Attended by Councillor Jones and the Clerk. Report received on proceedings

Andrew Long

(a) Crossing of A46 on footpath near Snitterfield – copy of letter to County Council

Action - Contents noted. Concern expressed about speed of vehicles along A46. Clerk to approach Councillor Hobbs regarding the possibility of stationing a mobile speed camera on that stretch of road

9 TO RECEIVE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Mrs. Rendell

Referred to the condition of the grass verge by the brook in Bell Lane which was in need of attention

Councillor Miss Kimberley

Raised the matter of the green gates at the premises in Ingon Lane

It was noted that Councillor Hobbs had undertaken to look into this matter

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Ken Chatland

Commented on a report in the local press of correspondence from C.P.R.E. on the state of the Planning Enforcement team which had some 460 cases outstanding

Mr. Graham Barker

Said that several items for action by the Environment Agency remained outstanding. He said that it was essential to press for these matters to be resolved and suggested a meeting in the village of a representative of the Agency and interested parties

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9-45 pm.