

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER, 2008,
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

County and District Councillor R.G. Hobbs
Clerk 15 Members of Public

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Neil Brown

Gave a presentation on The George Povey Project for Autistic Children. He said that the proposal was to obtain, locally, a plot of land in order to develop a wild flower and vegetable garden to improve the life skills of autistic children. The land would be worked by the children, supervised by a competent Care Worker.

He said that the scheme would have considerable benefits for the autistic children and he requested the support and assistance of the Parish Council.

Several suggestions were made of appropriate land for use with the project

The Chairman said that the Parish Council would offer assistance where possible

Lisa Lamb

Spoke of flooding in gardens of houses in Hales Close.

She said that the problem appeared to be with the drainage system in the Large Playing Field

Councillor Hobbs said that such a system would have a limited life and it might now be defunct

It was agreed to explore possible action to resolve the problem

Brian Gutch

Said that he had an approved disabled parking space adjacent to his house at 29, Hales Close. However, he was experiencing difficulty in gaining access to the space due to the parking of other cars.

Councillor Hobbs said that he was aware of the problem. The long term issue was to resolve the general question of car parking in Hales Close. In the short term, it was necessary for the affected parties to come together and resolve this individual problem

Peter Turner

Referred to the Planning Appeal in respect of the application for the gypsy encampment. In particular, evidence was required of the use of the track for the past 20 years as a Permissive Route

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs. M. Rendell on holiday

2. CO-OPTION

Proposed Councillor Jones, Seconded Councillor Fitchford

‘that Mrs. Jennifer Swift be co-opted to the Council to replace former Councillor Jacobs’

So resolved, nem con

Councillor Mrs. Swift took her place on the Council

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th September, 2008, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman

5. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Fox Hunter Public House

Councillor Hobbs referred to the recent press publicity and he thanked those Parishioners who attended the photo call. He had spoken to the owner of the premises, who had told him that the insurance claim had not yet been settled

A site visit had been carried out by a Building Control Officer. Subsequently, a letter had been sent to the owner, but there had been no response

Further correspondence would be sent, setting a deadline for response, with a suggestion that the first storey be demolished

Councillor Hobbs cautioned that this would be a lengthy administrative process

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

(a) Councillor Hobbs referred to the current economic situation and said that neither Warwickshire County nor Stratford on Avon District Council nor the Police Authority had investments in any Icelandic Bank

He went on to explain that Local Authorities needed to act prudently and invest only in fully approved banks. Long term investments attracted a high rate of interest, but were less flexible. A safer option with lower rate of interest would now have to be accepted

(b) Reported that Stratford Armouries Ltd., Pathlow had made application for a New Premises Licence for the sale of alcohol and for entertainment

He added that the Parish Council was no longer a consultee, but the closing date for representations was 4th November

(c) Said that the flood relief grants had been evaluated; the sum awarded to Snitterfield was in the region of £3 – 4,000. He spoke of making an application for additional funding under the Community Grants Scheme

(d) Said that investigations were continuing into the problem of sewage being discharged into the brook at Pigeon Green. The problem appeared to be more extensive than at first realized

(e) Referred to the Trees in The Park and said that a site inspection would be made during the coming week

7. FINANCE

Receipts

(a) Stratford on Avon District Council	Precept (second payment)	£10,600-00
(b) Bank of Ireland	Interest on Deposit Account	£125-63
(c) Central Networks	Wayleaves	£44-52
(d) Black Rock	Charinco Fund Dividend	£19-01

Payments to be authorized

(a) Thomgarden	Grass Cutting contract	£460-00
(b) E.on	Street Lighting supply	£284-05
(c) E.on Energy Services	Street Lighting maintenance	£223-59
(d) Severn Trent Water	Water supply to Atteys Field (Direct Debit)	£119-69
(e) British Gas	Gas supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£95-00
(f) Nildram	Supply Broadband	£19-99

Proposed Councillor Mrs. Morlidge, Seconded Councillor Fitchford
'that payment of the listed items be authorised'

So resolved, nem con

Correspondence

- (a) Clement Keys It was noted that the audit of the Council's Accounts had been completed and the auditor's Certificate had been received. Copies to be displayed on Notice Board
- (b) Good Energy It was noted that a Direct Debit had been set up for payments in relation to supply of electricity to Village Hall

8. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

- (a) Mrs. J. Jones
Alveston Cottage
Hurdlers Close
- Single storey side extension
08/02159/FUL

Submission

Support – the extension in this revised application no longer contravenes the 30% increase in volume guidelines and is not in conflict with Policy P.R.2

- (b) Mrs. Lorraine Kelleher
Jasmine Cottage
The Green
- T1 maple : fell
T3 conifer : fell
T4 yew : fell
T5 – T9 conifer : fell
08/02257/TREE

Submission

Support – existing trees are overgrown
Comment – would urge applicant to consider some replanting

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

Submission

Objection – the site is within the Green Belt and Arden Special Landscape Area. The caravan will impact adversely on the quality and character of the area. No special need has been established and there is no evidence of very special circumstances to justify permitting inappropriate development within the Green Belt. As such, there is a clear conflict with Policies PR1, PR2, CTY1, CTY7 and PPG2
Access from the site to the A46, a trunk road carrying fast moving traffic, is a potential danger
Comment- two previous applications in this area have been refused, (1) gypsy encampment and (2) caravan adjacent to fishing lakes, Ingon Lane. Noted that considerable bunding has been sited at top of field; this obstructs view of countryside from Old Kings Lane – apparently no planning consent

(d) Mr. Mark Andrews
Land adj. Reservoir
Kings Lane
Submission

Change of use from agricultural to storage of one caravan
08/02238/FUL
Objection – as at (c) above

(e) Mr L. and C. Foster
Land to the Northern
and Southern side
of the A46 with the
junction of Kings Lane
Submission

Proposed change of use of land to provide a gypsy caravan site to accommodate 9 residential pitches and creation of hardstandings, erection of boundary treatment together with associated landscaping and highway works, including alterations to access of Kings Lane
APP/J3720/A/08/2085078/NWF
to be prepared

Decisions

(a) Niall Conway
Treework Ltd
Brookland
The Green
Consent with Conditions

T1 poplar : re-pollard
08/01923/TREE

(b) Mr. P. Cross
White Gables
1, Wolverton Road
Permission with Conditions

To remove existing LTO veranda and replace with a traditional glass and timber orangery
08/01939/FUL

(c) Mr. Graham Jervis
4, Frogmore Road
Permission with Conditions

Erection of garden shed to rear
08/01839/FUL

(d) J and M Jones
Park Farm
Withdrawn

Change of use from agricultural buildings to B and B2 uses
02/01717/FUL

(e) Mrs. J. Jones
Alveston Cottage
Hurdlers Lane
Permission with Conditions

Single storey side extension
08/02159/FUL

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Warwickshire County Council

- (a) Minerals Local Development Framework – Summary Statement and Request for Potential Strategic Sites
Action response stating that roads in the area are unsuitable to support any such development

Green Issues Communications

- (a) Middle Quinton Eco Town Parish Forum
Action response confirming that the Council does not wish to join the Forum

Stratford on Avon District Council

- (a) Car Parking Charges
Action response to be considered

National Association of Local Councils

- (a) Freedom of Information Act – New Model Publication Scheme
Action scheme to be formulated and adopted by 31st December

Warwickshire Training Partnership

- (a) Briefing Event for All Chairmen and Aspiring Chairmen – 15th November
- (b) Changes to Town and Country Planning System – 6th December
Action Noted. Councillor Fitchford and Councillor Jones expressed interest in attending (b) subject to availability of District Council Training Course

Communities and Local Government

- (a) The Making and Enforcement of Byelaws – A Consultation
Action response to be considered

10. FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and asked Mr. Graham Barker to report on the current situation

Mr. Barker expressed disappointment that the Flood Relief Grant through the District Council was less than anticipated. He pointed out that the lowest quotation for the proposed scheme was £24,000 plus VAT

He undertook to work with Councillor Hobbs and the Clerk to compile an application for funding under the Community Grants Scheme. He said that such an application would need the support of the Parish Council

After discussion, it was agreed to offer support in writing, including financial assistance to be confirmed in due course

It was noted that the gullies, reported at a previous Meeting, had been cleaned and were now in good order

11. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Mrs. Morlidge

Raised the matter of the refurbishment of the bus shelter

The Clerk stressed the need for a site visit in order to evaluate the necessary work

Councillor Jones

Submitted a list of road signs in need of maintenance

Councillor Hobbs undertook to deal

Councillor Hobbs

Referred to the possible housing development at Claverdon and said that it was still pure speculation

Councillor Fitchford

(1) Spoke of arrangements for the forthcoming War Memorial Service. A meeting would be set up with Mr. Mike Hayward, Scout Leader, to finalise details
Councillor Jones offered his assistance with the marshalling

(2) Spoke of a complaint received about the condition of the trees beyond the War Memorial which obstructed the view
It was agreed to write to the Highways Agency

(3) Said that he had been approached by Mr. Lee Hillier on the subject of Public Liability Insurance to cover such events as November Bonfire, Village Fete etc.
The cost to the Sports Club was very high and he suggested using the Parish Council insurance cover for such a purpose

The Clerk advised that to use the Parish Council insurance cover for such a purpose would necessitate Council Members being involved in the organization and administration of the events

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Ken Chatland

- (1) Asked about the current position on the replacement of hedgerows at the Fruit Farm
- (2) Asked about the enforcement action in respect of the static caravans owned by Mr. Steve Dawkes
Councillor Hobbs said that he had no further information on these two matters
- (3) Commented on the improved attendance at the recent Moving Pictures event

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