

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 12th OCTOBER, 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. Rendall  
Clerk                                7 Members of Public

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Mr. Gerry Stammers**

- (1) Reported that there was a large box containing beer cans in the hedgerow in Park Lane  
Councillor Mrs. Rendell undertook to notify the District Council to arrange removal
- (2) Spoke of the recent contamination of the brook resulting in the death of a number of fish  
Councillor Mrs. Morlidge said that the matter had been investigated by Severn Trent Water. It had been found that the sewage pipe between The Wolds and Sherbourne House was cracked  
Arrangements were in hand to effect necessary repairs

**Mr. Ken Chatland**

Expressed his utmost concern about the discharge of effluent into the brook at Pigeon Green

Councillor Jones gave an update of the problem and said that various agencies were involved.

A scheme to resolve the situation had been prepared, but lack of finance was an issue

**Mr. Paul Waldron**

Spoke of the AGNOT Application for the erection of a barn on land adjacent to the Reservoir. He went on to express his opposition to the Application

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Mrs. J. Swift	Work commitment
County and District Councillor R.G. Hobbs	Fire Service Consultation Event

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

None

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

Councillor Hobbs not in attendance and no written report submitted

## 6. FINANCE

### Receipts

(a) Stratford on Avon District Council	Precept (part payment)	£11,000-00
(b) Warwickshire County Council	Grant (Refurbishment of Bus Shelter)	£620-00
(c) A.E. Bennett & Sons	Cemetery Fee (Lambert)	£185-00
(d) E.on	Wayleaves	£45-48
(e) Black Rock	Investment Dividend (Charinco)	£19-01

### Payments to be authorized

(a) Snitterfield Cricket Club	Grass Cutting contract - Annual	£800-00
(b) Thomgarden	Grass Cutting contract – September	£460-00
(c) Clement Keys	Annual Audit Fee	£362-25
(d) Crow Associates	Affordable Housing Questionnaires Printing	£110-00
(e) E.on	Street Light Repair (Highfield Close – Duttons Close)	£46-58
(f) British Gas	Gas supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£131-00
(g) Good Energy Ltd.	Electricity supply to Village Hall (Direct Debit)	£61-00
(h) Nildram	Broadband supply (Direct Debit)	£19-56

Proposed Councillor Fitchford, Seconded Councillor Jones

‘That the listed items be authorized for payment’

So agreed, nem con

## 7. PLANNING MATTERS

### Applications

- (a) Warwickshire County Council  
Old House Farm  
Heath End Lane
- Submission*
- The construction of a new all-purpose Livestock Building, plus Silage Clamp and the demolition and relocation of a Dutch Barn together with hardstanding aprons to new buildings and provision of Collecting Yard
- Support the proposal with Conditions in line with the recommendations contained in the Ecology Report*
- (b) Mrs. Natasha Guest-Brown  
Blossom Cottage  
The Green
- Submission*
- Retrospective application for erection of dwelling (Amendments to house design granted under planning reference 07/00820/FUL on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 including additional chimney, changes to fenestration, addition of solar panels, dormer window 09/01309/FUL
- Support the amendments to the house design. However, concern is expressed that the comprehensive conditions about tree protection and*

*planting have not been carried out and this should be actioned without delay*

- (c) Mrs. M. Whittington  
Bellbrook House  
School Road  
Submission
- Converting outbuildings to annex, games room and 3 car garage with porch extension  
09/00942/FUL
- No representation*  
*Comment – no significant impact on external appearance*
- (d) Stratford Armouries  
Museum  
Hawkswood Farm  
Gospel Oak Lane  
Submission
- Proposed craft units building  
09/01630/FUL
- Pending the result of site meeting*
- (e) Mr. M. Andrews  
Land adj. Reservoir  
Kings Lane  
Submission
- Erection of steel framed barn  
09/01754/AGNOT
- Objection*  
*The pre-conditions for agricultural prior notification Class A Permitted Development have not been met, partly in demonstration of agricultural need*

#### Decisions

- (a) Mr. Gerald Stammers  
1, Bell Brook  
Consent with Conditions
- T1 Horse Chestnut : fell  
09/01550/TREE
- (b) Mrs. Agnes Penrice  
6, The Terrace  
The Green  
Refusal
- Proposed single storey rear extension after demolition of conservatory

#### 8. CORRESPONDENCE

##### Warwickshire County Council

- (a) Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Authority Improvement Plan Consultation  
For consideration of response

##### Warwickshire Training Partnership

- (a) Seminar 'The Next Step' 21<sup>st</sup> November  
(b) Seminar 'Visionary Leadership and Community Engagement' 12<sup>th</sup> December  
No Member to attend

##### Warwickshire Rural Community Council

- (a) Notice of Annual General Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> October  
No Member to attend

Peter & Yvonne Spilman

(a) Fox Hunter site

Noted

9. TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME

The Chairman reported that 90 persons had attended the Consultation Event held on 10th October and there had been an interesting exchange of views

Phil Ward, Rural Housing Enabler, would now collate the results of the questionnaires and would submit his report to the Parish Council

10. ARTICLE 4(2) DIRECTIONS WITH REGARD TO CONSERVATION AREA

Councillor Miss Kimberley introduced the subject and outlined the provisions of the Regulation

She said that, under the Town and Country (General Permitted Development) Order, 1995 (as amended), householders are allowed to make modest changes to their property without first having to apply for Planning Permission. Such Permitted Development would include replacement windows, doors, roof coverings, small extensions etc.

Local Planning Authorities have powers to remove certain Permitted Development rights by making Article 4(2) Directions. Once a Direction is served, planning permission is required for the classes of development listed

Councillor Miss Kimberley pointed to certain recent development in the Conservation Area and suggested that steps be taken to persuade the District Council to adopt Article 4(2) Directions

The Clerk said that Councillor Hobbs had indicated his support for such action

After discussion, Councillor Miss Kimberley undertook to research the necessary action to be taken and report back to the next Meeting

11. 'GREENING YOUR COMMUNITY'

The Clerk submitted for consideration a publication 'Greening Your Community' produced by West Midlands Rural Community Action Network. The publication outlined certain measures that could be taken to improve the community environment.

It was suggested that such measures could be part of a new Plan or could be incorporated in the current Parish Plan

After discussion, Councillor Jones undertook to research the matter and report back to the next Meeting

12. QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The Clerk introduced the subject and said that the award was an annual national honour set up in 2002 to mark the occasion of the Queen's Golden Jubilee. It recognizes the outstanding contributions made to local communities by groups devoting their free time for the benefit of others

The Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire had written stating that no such award had been received in the County for the past two years. He was anxious that deserving nominations should be made

Certain organizations, including the Village Nursery and Promotion of Sport (Football) were considered and it was agreed to make further enquiries to establish suitability for nomination

13. TO RECEIVE COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Mrs. Morlidge

Reported that the lamp and bracket of the street light outside Laburnum Cottage, The Green had broken away and was hanging from the pole.

A representative of E.on had attended and made it safe

The Clerk said that he had been in contact with E.on and a report was awaited detailing the proposed remedial action

Spoke of the new fence and double gate erected at Vine Cottage, The Green and asked what action was being taken

Councillor Mrs. Rendall said that the Enforcement Officer was aware and he was dealing

Councillor Miss Kimberley

Spoke of the bund which had been set up on land by the reservoir. She expressed concern that the bund obstructs the view of the valley below and affects the openness of the Green Belt

Councillor Mrs. Rendell said that Lech Kocon, Planning Enforcement Officer, had inspected the site and had concluded that it was not apparent that the bund was not a natural feature. He had said that it would not be expedient to explore the matter further

Councillor Jones

Referred to damage to the wall adjacent to the bridge over the brook in School Road. He added that Councillor Hobbs was aware and had undertaken to deal with the matter

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8-45 p.m.