

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2006

PRESENT: Councillors: P Cook (Chair), S Bolton, C Butterworth, C Thornton, J Cooper, M Griffith
District Cllrs: D Close

and 7 members of the public.

1. Public participation

There were no items to be considered.

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Butterworth declared a personal interest in item 6.a.iii, Cllr Bolton declared a personal interest in item 6.a.ii and Cllr Griffith declared a personal interest in items 6.a.ii and 6.a.v.

3. Apologies for absences

Apologies received from District Cllr Wright.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2006 were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. Matter arising from previous minutes

a. Cricket field update

The Clerk read correspondence received from the County Council requesting that the Parish Council provide some justification for their decision to withdraw the Village Green application. Additionally an email had been received which invited the Parish Council to the meeting to decide the application which had been set for the next day and to state that the recommendation was that the withdrawal was accepted.

Cllr Butterworth proposed that the Parish Council send a reply stating that the Cricket Club appeared to be coming to a mutual agreement with the owners of Ashorne House and that it was understood by the Parish Council that they wished the application to cease. This was unanimously agreed.

Clerk to send explanation to County Council.

Cllr Cook informed the Parish Council that she had received copies of all the questionnaires completed by residents in the early days of the application and it was proposed that these be given to the clerk for storage. This was agreed.

b. Hedges on the Newbold Pacey to Moreton Morrell road.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that this matter had now been dealt with.

c. Middle Cottage

There was nothing to report on this item.

Cllr Cook then read a letter received from Mr Lavercombe requesting all information contained within the Parish Council records pertaining to Middle Cottage. Cllr Close proposed the Parish Council seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer prior to providing the information. This was agreed. It was also agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Cllr Griffith once the Monitoring Officer had been contacted.

Mr Lavercombe raised the issue of the rear garden of Heathercroft and Cllr Cook informed him that this matter had been looked into and was satisfied that everything was as it should be.

6. Planning

a. New Applications

- i. 06/02023/FUL- Conservatory and garden room to rear of house. The Old School, Ashorne. No representations sent.
- ii. 06/02080/FUL- Conversion and alteration of 2 cottages into single dwelling. Holly/Elm Cottages, Ashorne. No representations sent.
- iii. 06/02128/FUL- Amendments to dining room and kitchen window treatment. Lean to car port. Meriecot, Ashorne. Representations sent regarding the garage and the roof height.
- iv. 06/01283/FUL- Conversion of barn to holiday cottages. Mill Farm, Ashorne. No representations sent.
- v. 06/02269/FUL- Proposed 2 storey side and rear extension and conservatory. Crowsticks, Ashorne. Cllr Bolton stated that he had heard some concerns from the neighbours regarding the rear landing window with relation to light and proposed that the Planning Department be asked to check the 45 degree angle. This was agreed. Cllr Bolton also requested that a condition be put on the application which requires the barge boarding be retained. This was agreed.

b. Decisions out of committee

None

c. District Decisions

- i. 06/01361/FUL-Proposed two storey extension and reconstruction of conservatory to rear. Fosse View, Ashorne. Granted.
- ii. 06/01283/FUL- Conversion of barn to holiday cottages. Mill Farm, Ashorne. Granted.

Cllr Bolton informed the Parish Council that he had been in touch with Pat Reid, Head of Planning Services and had arranged with him that he would attend the next Parish Council meeting to give a talk.

The Clerk to invite Mr Reid to next meeting and place at top of agenda.

Cllr Griffith requested that the Parish Council refer to the recent District Council Planning Considerations guidelines in all future planning letters where appropriate. This was agreed.

Cllr Close informed the Parish Council that he had again spoken to the Enforcement Department regarding the board fencing surrounding Ashorne House land and Cllr Bolton stated that he had also. The Enforcement Department had again promised to carry out a site visit.

Cllr Close also informed the Parish Council of a meeting to take place in Wellesbourne with the building controllers and asked whether the Parish Council would be interested in attending. The Parish Council advised that they would be.

7. Finance

a. Approval of payments

The Parish Council agreed to following payments:

1.	6/9/06	E Spencer - Expenses	£31.90
2.	6/9/06	Clement Keys- Audit fee	£58.75
3.	6/9/06	WCC- The Hut printing	£16.07

It was also agreed to pay the Clerk's salary for July and Aug in accordance with the amount budgeted in the 2005/06 precept.

The Clerk also informed the Parish Council of the following receipts:

1.	Donations towards legal fees	£500.00
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b. External audit

The Clerk reported that the external audit had been completed and was passed. The Clerk also informed the Parish Council that the Closure of Audit notice had been displayed on the notice board.

8. District Councillor's report

District Cllr Close informed the Parish Council that the new local plan was now in operation. There has been a local builder who has formally objected to the plan which will result in a judicial review but the new regulations will continue to operate in the meantime. In effect the plan lays out a complete moratorium on all significant development in the area.

Wellesbourne Parish Council will be contacting the Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Parish Council to seek support for their concerns regarding the heavy lorries travelling regularly along the B4087 and through Wellesbourne.

Cllr Bolton informed the Parish Council that he had been in touch with the Highways Agency with regards to the B4087 and the subsidence near the entrance to Flint Hall Farm. The Clerk has since received a reply stating that lack of funding prevents the repairs from taking place. The Parish Council requested that the Clerk make the request again.

Cllr Bolton additionally informed the Parish Council that he had managed to arrange the repair of some of the potholes through the village and would keep trying to get them all repaired.

Cllr Butterworth offered thanks on behalf of the Parish Council for Cllr Bolton's efforts in this area.

Cllr Cook offered the Parish Council's congratulations to Wellesbourne Parish Council for the success of Chedham's Yard in the regional heats of 'Restoration'. Cllr Close informed the meeting that the grand final was to be held on Sept 17th following a programme being televised on Fri 15th Sept.

9. County Councillor's report

There was no County Cllr present therefore there was no report under this item.

10. Police report

There were no police officers present therefore there is no report under this item.

Cllr Cook informed the Parish Council that she had attended an extraordinary meeting of the Wellesbourne Parish Council whereby the District Commander Chris Ward had been in attendance. He had indicated that the PSCO team would be expanded by March 2007 and they would then be circulating twice a month in the Police mobile surgeries to the rural villages of the area.

Cllr Close advised that an ASBO had recently been served on a nuisance youth in Wellesbourne.

11. Correspondence

A list of correspondence was produced and dealt with.

Cllr Cook informed the meeting that Ashorne had won a Gold Award in the recent Best Kept Village Competition and that herself and Cllr Bolton would attend the prizegiving on Sept 30th.

12. Matters of interest

a. Planning sub-committee responsibilities

The Clerk requested clarification as to how the Parish Council wanted the planning sub-committee to operate. Cllr Cook stated that the plans should be circulated to all Cllrs and then passed back to the Planning sub-committee chairman for a decision on comments or to arrange a public meeting.

b. Phone Boxes

Cllr Bolton raised concerns at the state of the phone boxes in the parish and Cllr Cook also stated that the phone box in Ashorne had ceased working. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact BT with a view to requesting the boxes be painted and the connection be restored to the one in Ashorne.

c. The Square

The Clerk informed the meeting that Moreton Morrell Parish Council had received a letter from a resident raising concerns over the safety of this junction and offering support in lobbying County Council for action. The Clerk also informed the meeting that there had so far been no luck in obtaining the accident figures from the Police.

Clerk to chase up figures again.

d. Village Plan

Cllr Griffith advised that the final version of the plan is now ready for distribution.

e. Barking dogs

Cllr Cook requested that the issue of barking dogs be put on the next agenda. Cllr Close advised the Clerk to contact the Environmental Health Officer for advice prior to this.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is to be held in the Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Village Hall on Wednesday 1st November 2006 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.