

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th July 2010

PRESENT: Councillors: S Bolton (Chair), J Cooper,
M Boardman, C Pate, P Cook
District Councillors: D Close, R Wright, S Main
Clerk : P Routly
and 1 member of the public

1. Public participation

None.

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Bolton declared a personal interest in J Wootton (item 5a) as a distant relative.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Thornton due to holidays, Cllr Johnston due to holidays.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 5th May 2010.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2010 were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. Matters arising

a. **Clock Painting – Clerk**

The Clerk informed the meeting that after receiving references possible contractors had been narrowed down to DT Evans (£2490) and J Wootton (£2690). After discussion amongst Cllrs it was decided there was very little between the contractors other than cost. The decision was put to a vote, with four favour of DT Evans, one abstention (Cllr Bolton) and no votes for J Wootton. Therefore it was resolved to appoint DT Evans. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Wright for his help in the matter. *Clerk to write to all contractors and inform them of the decision.*

b. **The Holloway – All**

After discussion about various safety issues with respect to the footpath / road it was resolved that the only way to make progress was to have a site meeting with a representative of WCC. Cllr Bolton informed the meeting the Anne Marie Grace might be moving jobs. *Clerk to try to arrange site meeting with help from Cllr Johnston.*

c. Flood planning – Exercise Watermark 8th September

The Clerk informed the meeting that a briefing session would be held in Leamington Spa on 8th September. Cllr Bolton agreed to attend. *Clerk also to ask Cllr Thornton.*

d. Welcome Pack Committee Report – Cllr Cooper

Cllr Thornton stated that ongoing delivery of the welcome pack was happening when new people arrived in the village. No reprinting was required at this stage.

e. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Cooper proposed Cllr Thornton (who had agreed to stand via email), this was seconded by Cllr Boardman and carried.

f. Appointment of Village Hall Representative, Village Hut Representative and Emergency Plan Representative

Cllr Cooper proposed Cllr Thornton for all positions (who had agreed to stand via email), this was seconded by Cllr Boardman and carried.

6. Planning

a. New Applications to consider

i) 10/01009/FUL Change of use of an agricultural building to a mixed equine and agricultural use. Mill Farm, Ashorne, Warwick, CV35 9AA

After discussion it was resolved unanimously to make the following comments: -

The Parish Council has no objection to the application, however, it does object to the WCC objection. We have already seen too many hedgerows removed to comply with visual splays and do not want any more. Mill Farm has always been a busy farm and the Council believes the change of use will not generate more traffic.

Clerk to reply to SDC Planning

ii) 10/01055/FUL Retention of alterations to elevations including on west elevation first floor window blocked up, ground floor window added, two windows set slightly deeper, window frames replaced and two roof lights added, on the east elevation kitchen window replaced with French doors and two additional windows added and the frames recently replaced, use of access, retention of calor gas tank, flue, pergola, shed/garden store/kennel, satellite dish and garden wall. Cobb House Cottage, Newbold Pacey, CV35 9DP

After discussion it was resolved unanimously to make the following objection:-

Whilst the Parish Council acknowledges the works have already been completed and this is in actual fact a retrospective application it has a number of objections.

- 1) The Council believes this property was originally ancillary to Cob House and not a separate dwelling - they shared the same access.
- 2) A new access through the old orchard has been made to which was the rear of the property, the Council believes highways (it would not comply) have not approved the entrance and it also allows mud to be brought onto the highway.
- 3) The property is in a conservation area and no conservation area application has been made for items such as gas tank etc

4) The gas tank is very visible from the highway and not appropriate in a conservation area

The District Council needs to address all these issues with the applicant and WCC highways before approval

Clerk to reply to SDC Planning

iii) 10/01217/AGNOT Proposed erection of timber shed, Bromson Hill Spinney, Ashorne

After discussion it was resolved unanimously to make the following comments: -

The above application has been approved as a Agricultural Notification before the Parish Council had chance to respond, the dates given for response were less than those for normal applications. The Council is concerned for the following reasons

1) The site access was subject to planning enforcement, the applicant made an entrance on the site with no planning. Planning has now been given but for a new entrance this has not been complied with. The conditions attached said no more development until the entrance has been made.

2) The shed approved in this application is 18'x12', which is rather large for tools to manage a small wood, and it has been sited near the end of the wood with the best view, and will be visible from the valley, the council is concerned this could become a dwelling in future.

SDC planning was rather premature in approving this application without input from the Parish Council and would like a response.

Clerk to reply to SDC Planning

iv) 10/01206/TREE G1 group of holly: fell; T5 maple: lift crown to 3m; T9 ash: fell; T10 apple: fell; T11 Robinia: remove deadwood from crown, remove limb growing over kitchen roof, reduce height by 30% & rebalance crown if required. Ashorne House, Ashorne, CV35 9DR.

After discussion it was resolved unanimously to make the following objection: -

The Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons

1) This application is for removal of trees when in reality it is to establish drive and develop existing 2nd entrance, SDC have already previously refuse the closure of the old entrance.

2) The old entrance is adequate and this is not justification to remove ancient trees at the entrance to a conservation area and gateway to the village to create a 2nd entrance on a very dangerous bend.

This application needs more research by SDC before approval as it is not about trees!

Clerk to reply to SDC Planning

v) 10/01221/FUL Proposed erection of single storey rear extension to provide bedroom and bathroom. Ancillary works to enlarge existing kitchen. Middle Cottage, Ashorne, and CV35 9DR.

This application was not considered as SDC had failed to deliver the plans.

b. Decisions of committee

None since last meeting.

c. District Decisions for information

10/00730/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of replacement dwelling house and detached garage together with associated works. The Cottage Wiggerland Farm Banbury Road Lighthorne Warwick CV35 0AE. **Withdrawn**

09/02543/FUL Replacement of existing entrance gate with pedestrian gateway and insertion of vehicular access and entrance gate to west of proposed pedestrian gateway. Bromson Wood OS7100 On Ordnance Sheet SP 3257 and 3258 National Grid Bromson Hill Ashorne Warwick Warwickshire. **Permission with Conditions.**

d. Planning Update

i) Planning enforcement – Crane Hill – Update

The Clerk informed the meeting that the owners were appealing against the enforcement notice

ii) Planning enforcement – Cobb House Cottage – Update

The Clerk informed the meeting this site was now subject to planning application 10/01055/FUL considered earlier in the meeting.

e. Planning Concerns

i) Wooden gates at no 10 The Council Houses.

The Clerk informed the meeting the planning application for drive to this site did not include gates. It was resolved to write to the owner and state the Parish Council believes planning permission is required as the gates are in a Conservation Area and give the residents 4 weeks to reply. *Clerk to write letter.*

7. Finance

a. Approval of payments

The following payments were proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Pate and approved unanimously.

1.	7/7/10	WCC - Village Hut Printing	£10.65
2.	7/7/10	P Routly - Salary (May/June)	£333.76
3.	7/7/10	P Routly – Expenses (May and June)	£35.08

b. Receipts

None

c. Annual Review of Risk Assessment.

The Clerk had circulated the risk assessment, it was resolved unanimously that it was up to date.

8. District Councillor's report

Cllr Wright stated he was involved in the review looking into merging the management of SDC with Warwick DC. Full Council would review the outcomes in October. Cllr Wright stated many District Cllrs were undergoing their regular training and assessment.

Cllr Main stated she was now Chair of the Scrutiny Committee. She stated she also chaired the District debate where the key issues were Housing, Transport and Business Enterprise. Over 200 people attended it. Finally she stated the Local Development framework housing number (9,800 units) would be reassessed from bottom up rather than top down.

9. County Councillor's report

Cllr Johnston was not present.

10. Correspondence

a) Allotments – Grass and hedge

Cllr Bolton stated that hedges need cutting at the allotment and asked the Clerk to get quotes.

b) BT: grass verge damage

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting a Parishioner had complained they had not been informed of works in front of their property. It was requested the Clerk writes to BT

c) Ashorne House camera

Parishioners have raised a concern about a camera on a pole outside the footpath entrance to the Cricket Field. It is resolved in the first instance for Cllr Cook to write the owner a letter and request it is removed or relocated. *Cllr Cook to write.*

11. Matters of interest/Any other business

Cllr Pate stated the Fire Service was offering free surveys. Cllr Cooper to add information to Village Hut.

Cllr Boardman asked the Clerk to write to WCC about the state of the road at Oakley Woods.

Cllr Cook stated the Village Shop would close unless it was supported. It was resolved to put in Village Hut.

Cllr Boardman stated she would like some help to tidy up the Village Garden.

12. Any Other Business allowed by Chairman as Urgent

None.

14. Date of next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting is to be held in the Ashorne Village Hall on Wednesday 1st September 2010.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.