

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd March 2010

PRESENT: Councillors: S Bolton (Chair), C Thornton,
J Cooper, P Cook , Cllr Boardman
District Cllrs: R Wright , D Close , S Main
County Cllr: D Johnston
Clerk: P Routly
And 2 members of the public.

1. Public participation

None.

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Thornton declared personal interests in items 6a(i), as she is a neighbour of the applicant.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Pate as he was on holiday.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 6th January 2010.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2010 were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. Matters arising

a. **Clock Painting – Cllr Bolton**

Cllr Bolton had been in touch with Mr Empringham and informed him the Council would be requesting quotations for the work on the clock tower. On receipt of these Cllr Bolton will discuss with Mr Empringham as he may contribute especially if there are other works required on his house. *Clerk to issue quotation pack prepared by District Cllr Wright.*

b. **Approval of Standing Orders - All**

The Clerk presented a new set of standing orders for approval based on the model produced by NALC. These were proposed for approval by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Thornton and carried unanimously.

b. **Oakley Woods AGM report – Cllr Cooper**

Cllr Cooper informed the meeting she had attended the recent AGM, and confirmed WDC plans to actively manage the woods by thinning after the nesting season. The whole woods would be done in one go as part of a 50-year improvement plan. Future activities would include an Easter egg hunt and Bluebell walks.

c. Community Forum Feedback – Cllr Bolton

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting he was pleased the Forum was held in Ashorne and was well attended. Whilst some issues discussed were relevant not all were. Many members of the Council were dismayed to here of the poor use of grant in Lighthorne Heath which appeared to be spent on salaries rather than the community youth. Councillors were please gritting was discussed and that the fact Cllr Hobbs from WCC agreed to review. Finally Cllr Close informed the meeting that future Forums may be held in one location, Parish Councillors felt it was important that if the meetings were to be successful they needed to be held in the Parishes and local issues needed to be on the agenda.

6. Planning

a. New Applications to consider

i) 10/00089/LBC Replacement of timber windows and door with new timber windows and door to the rear elevation of the property. 2 The Green Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DT.

After discussion it was resolved unanimously to make no representations. *Clerk to reply to SDC Planning.*

ii) 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.

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

The Parish Council does not object to the new gateway, as it believes the applicant wants to manage the wood. However, the Council has a major issue with the Highways recommendation that will result in a splay of 190metres, which is only achievable with major works / earth movement. These works would urbanize this rural location and be in- appropriate for a gateway that will only be used occasionally. It would be much better to specify that an entrance should be made to ensure mud does not come onto the road and that the drainage is adequate via a permeable surface. The planning must also state that the entrance should only be used for woodland management and any further development would require new planning approval. *Clerk to reply to SDC Planning.*

iii) 10/00286/FUL Installation of 3no. solar panels on flat roof of existing building. Ashorne House, Ashorne, Warwick, CV35 9DR

After discussion it was resolved unanimously to make no representations. *Clerk to reply to SDC Planning.*

b. Decisions of committee

None since last meeting.

c. District Decisions for information

i) 09/02379/FUL Retrospective application for the formation of access drive and ditch (with 3 access points into field) Crane Hill Newbold Road Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DX.

Refused

ii) 09/02381/FUL Formation of menage in paddock (which has been used for the exercising and training of horses for at least 30 years) Crane Hill Newbold Road Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DX . **Granted with Conditions.**

d. Planning issues.

i) Planning Appeal – Flint Hall drive - Rejected

The Clerk informed the meeting she had received notification that the appeal had been rejected.

ii) Planning enforcement – Crane Hill – Update

The Clerk informed the meeting that as a result of the recent planning application being refused that SDC were planning to enforcement action over the drive and residential use.

iii) Planning enforcement – Cobb House Cottage - Update

The Clerk informed the meeting that SDC were still conducting investigations.

7. Finance

a. Approval of payments

The following payments were proposed by Cllr Thornton, seconded by Cllr Cooper and approved unanimously.

1.	3/3/10	WALC Stationary	£3.40
2.	3/3/10	WALC Standing Orders	£50.00
3.	3/3/10	P Routly - Salary (Jan/Feb)	£333.76
4.	3/3/10	P Routly – Expenses (Jan/Feb)	£47.55

b. Receipts

1.	3/3/10	VAT return	£218.23
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8. District Councillor's report

Cllr Close informed the meeting that the SDC precept increase had been set at 1.5%, Cllr Main stated this was as a result of the employees accepting a pay freeze. Cllr Close also informed the meeting that the planning committee was to go back to 2 committees, as all the applications could not be managed in one session. Cllr Wright informed the meeting the Council was now planning to change large grey bins to smaller ones for those who requested them. Cllr Main sated that SDC was looking at making savings by sharing some internal services with Warwick District Council. Finally Cllr Wright informed the meeting the new draft Core Planning Strategy was out on consultation, but was unlikely to have an impact on Ashorne.

9. County Councillor's report

Cllr Johnston stated that WCC Council Tax increase was 2.4% and this would result in cuts in certain services , especially as the Rugby by-pass was over spent. He also presented a document for circulation that may help address the issues on the Holloway.

10. Correspondence

A letter was read out from Jenny Murray who has offered to come to a future meeting as give a short presentation on Community Forums. It was resolved that she should be invited to the AGM . *Clerk to organise.*

11. Matters of interest/Any other business

Cllr Bolton asked the Clerk to write and thank Mr Beale for the hedge trimming and the ditch cleaning around the square. *Clerk to write to Mr Beale.*

Cllr's requested the Clerk to report further potholes on the road from the square to the B4100. *Clerk to action.*

Cllr Bolton requested the Clerk write to the supplier on the notice board in Ashorne asking tfor the backboard to be replaced as it had warped and to ease the doors. *Clerk to action.*

Cllr's asked about the Best Kept Village Competition, it was agreed not to pursue the WRCC competition, as it no longer applied. *Clerk to circulated details from Cllr Close on the Heart of England competition.*

Finally Cllr Bolton informed the meeti9ng the footpath group were meeting with ian Merrivale from WCC on 28th march at the Village Hall , and all were welcome.

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 5th May 2010 including Annual Parish meeting and Parish Council AGM

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.