

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th JANUARY 2009

PRESENT: Councillors: S Bolton (Chair), J Cooper,
P Cook, C Pate, C Thornton
District Cllrs: R Wright
Clerk: P Routly
And 5 members of the public.

1. Public participation

Mr Lavercombe handed two documents to a number of councillors (no copy was given to the clerk) and proceeded to make accusations towards the chair and other members of the council. Cllr Bolton stated the documents were not relevant to the meeting and if Mr Lavercombe had a complaint to make about members of the council he should take it up with the Standards Board at the District Council.

Mr Marshall raised the issue of road signs and road safety in Newbold Pacey, Cllr Bolton stated this would be discussed in the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Thornton and Cllr Cook both declared personal interest's in item 8a(ii) – Village hall rent, as members of the Village Hall Committee.

3. Apologies for absence

Cllr Boardman, Cllr Close and Cllr Main.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 5th November 2008.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2008 were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. Approval of Minutes of planning meeting held on 1st December 2008.

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6. Matters arising

a. **Footpaths – details of P3 scheme – Mr Merrivale.**

Mr Merrivale was not present and sent his apologies, as he was ill, it was agreed to invite him to the next meeting. *Clerk to invite to March meeting.*

b. **Update on issues with new road surface through Ashorne Village.**

Cllr Thornton read a letter from Nigel Chetwyn dated 18th December in response to complaints about the recent road resurfacing. In summary the letter stated that WCC could not continue to revisit the site but would address individual complaints. Two issues were raised, the poor manhole cover fit outside 'Lea View', and the lack of drain cleaning at the bottom of the Holloway. *Clerk to raise two issues with Nigel Chetwyn for resolution.*

c. The Holloway – Update

The clerk informed the meeting she had written twice to Martin Fry with no response. Cllr Bolton stated two parishioners had complained about motorcycles using the upper footpath. It was resolved to write to Martin Fry to request a sign stating ‘ no motorcycles on footpath’.

Clerk to write to Martin Fry

d. Welcome Pack publication – Cllr Cooper

Cllr Cooper reported the Welcome pack was complete and had been distributed to new comers. Cllr Bolton stated it had been well received. Mr Lavercombe stated it may be useful to have a copy in the pub, Cllr Bolton said he would enquire.

e. Village Notice Board decision

The clerk informed the meeting that Warwickshire College were unable to manufacture a notice board this year due to other projects and the grant would expire if not committed by April. The clerk presented 3 quotes and recommended a local firm ‘DK Joinery’. Cllr Bolton declared a personal interest in the firm and took no part in the vote. After discussion it was agreed unanimously to accept the DK joinery quote of £880+ vat for the Ashorne notice board and £700+vat for the Newbold Pacey notice board, both in European Oak. *Clerk to place order.*

f. Memorial Tree Damage – Update from Cllr Bolton

Cllr Bolton stated the Cricket club was looking into the matter, and it was agreed to wait until the spring to see if the tree is alive. In the mean time Cllr Wright agreed to ask the district arboreal officer to take a look.

7. Planning

a. New Applications to consider

- i) 08/03050/FUL Proposed demolition of farmhouse and redundant agricultural buildings and erection of 1 no. replacement dwelling and change of use of traditional outbuilding to ancillary accommodation. Change of use of part of the farmyard from agricultural to domestic curtilage (including areas of proposed tennis court and soft landscaping). Proposed tennis court. Change of use of existing milking parlour into stables. Flint Hall Newbold Pacey Warwick CV35 9DY

On invitation from council the applicant Mr Lynch presented his proposal and plans. After discussion the councillors agreed the application was an improvement over the previous proposals, and although they still had issues over a possible new driveway, it was not part of this application, therefore it was resolved to make no further comments. *Clerk to respond to SDC.*

- ii) 08/03134/VARY To vary Condition 14 of planning approval ref: 07/00747/FUL to allow the livery to offer a minimum of 80% DIY livery rather than the existing 20% DIY livery and 80% full livery. Bromson Hall Farm, Ashorne, Warwick, CV35 9AD

Cllr Cook declared a personal interest in this application and took no part in the discussions. After discussion and the reading of a letter from a neighbour making no objections it was resolved to make no comment on the application, however it was requested that the Clerk should mention the floodlights on the ménage which had received some comments.. *Clerk to respond to SDC.*

b. District Decisions for information

- i) 08/01424/FUL Proposed demolition of farmhouse and redundant agricultural building and erection of 2 No replacement dwellings and change of use of traditional outbuilding to ancillary accommodation. Flint Hall Newbold Pacey Warwick CV35 9DY. **Withdrawn.**
- ii) 08/02741/FUL Resubmission of 08/01127/FUL - Erection of two storey, ground sheltered extension to rear. Demolition of existing single storey building. Middle Cottage Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DR. **Withdrawn.**
- iii) 08/02889/TREE T1 apple:fell Hinton Cottage Ashorne Warwick CV35 9DR. **Granted.**

c. Planning issues.

- i) Planning enforcement – Crane Hill – Update

The Clerk reported that having written to Paul Lankester she now had a response on both issues. The response stated that an application was being sought from Crane Hill for the drive and ménage and the owners had been informed the residential use must cease.

- ii) Planning enforcement – Middle Cottage – Update

The response stated that the extension does not exceed the permitted development rights and a planning contravention notice will be served.

Councillor Cook raised the issue of building work at ‘The Bothy’ Newbold Pacey, it was resolved the clerk would write to SDC Planning enforcement. *Clerk to write.*

8. Finance

a. Approval of payments

The following payments were proposed by Cllr Bolton, and approved unanimously.

1.	1/12/08	Warwickshire Training Partnership (paid)	£20.00
2.	7/1/09	WCC Printing Village Hut	£10.65
3.	7/10/9	Village Hall rent 2008 (13*£8)	£104.00
4.	7/1/09	Grit Bin – Reece Safety Products Ltd	£174.74
5.	7/1/09	P Routly - Salary (Nov)	£164.76
6.	7/1/09	P Routly – Salary (Dec)	£164.76
7.	7/1/09	P Routly – Expenses (Nov/Dec)	£76.76
8.	7/1/09	Village Hall rent in advance 2009	£95.00

b. Receipts

The Clerk reported the following receipts.

1.	7/11/08	WCC Communication Grant	£350.45
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c. Approval of asset register and depreciation

The Clerk presented the asset register for year ending 2008, including depreciation of £207. Acceptance of the register was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Thornton and approved unanimously.

d. 2009/10 Allotment rental review – proposal to remain the same as March 09 @£14 per plot and £350 for the field (due March 10)

Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Pate, seconded by Cllr Cooper and approved unanimously.

e. 2009/10 Budget approval

The Clerk presented the budget for acceptance. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Pate and approved unanimously.

f. 2009/10 Precept approval – proposal to remain same as 2008/9 @£4725

Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Thornton and approved unanimously.

9. District Councillor's report

District Cllr Wright reported that SDC had a budget shortfall for the forthcoming year of at least £200K, and the outcome may be a cut in services and voluntary redundancies. He concluded the Council tax increase might be 3%. Cllr Wright said he would keep Parish Councillors informed via email.

10. County Councillor's report

Cllr Main was not present, however, Cllr Bolton explained she had left a report on road safety in Newbold Pacey. Cllr Bolton presented proposals made by Graham Stanley of WCC, which included new signage and hedge cutting; the total cost estimate was £4100. Mr Stanley suggested the only way for it to be funded in the next few years was by the Parish Council. After discussion which included members of the public it was agreed costs were excessive and it was resolved road safety was the responsibility of WCC, therefore the cost of signs should be funded by WCC. Mr Marshall agreed to look into hedge cutting. *Clerk to write and request WCC fund signs.*

11. Correspondence

None.

12. Matters of interest/Any other business

Cllr Cook stated the grit bin outside the 'Old School' was empty. *Clerk to report to WCC.*

Cllr Cook stated the highway outside the 'Bothy' was a mess. *Clerk to report to WCC*

Cllr Cooper reported she had attended the Friends of Oakley Wood meeting to represent the Council in the Village Hall and requested the Council fund the Village Hall Hire Cost of £15.00. Cllr Cook and Cllr Thornton stated they could not vote due to a personal interest as members of the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Pate proposed that the Council should pay the rent, this was seconded by Cllr Bolton. *Clerk to include to 2009 Hall rent.*

Cllr Bolton raised the issue of dog fouling, it was resolved to make a comment in the village hut newsletter.

13. 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 4th March at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.