

# NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**PRESENT:** **Councillors:** S Bolton (Chair), C Thornton,  
M Boardman, C Pate, J Cooper, P Cook  
**District Councillors:** R Wright, D Close, S Main  
**County Councillor:** D Johnston  
**Clerk :** P Routly  
and 6 members of the public

**1. Public participation**

None.

**2. Declaration of Interests**

None.

**3. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Main

**4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011.**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

**5. To approve and sign the planning minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

The Minutes of the planning meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011 were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

**6. Matters arising**

**a. Clock Painting donation – Clerk**

The Clerk informed the meeting a donation of £1000 towards the Clock painting had been received from Mr Empringham . It was resolved to write a letter of thanks. *Clerk to write to Mr Empringham.*

**b. The Holloway – Cllr Johnston**

Cllr Johnstom and Cllr Bolton said the outcome of the recent meeting was that the footpath club had cut the Holloway Path and the Council had removed the waste cuttings.

**c. Operation Watermark feedback – All**

Cllr Thornton explained that the exercise had been undertaken, several members of the public came to the village hut for information and were shown the emergency box, however, the phone call system did not work as well. Cllr Thornton and Cllr Cooper stated they had fed back to WCC. It was resolved to make a list of phone contacts in order and publish to all involved. It was also resolved unanimously to purchase a new smaller flood box for the ancillary items at circ £147 inc VAT. *Cllr Cooper and Cllr Thornton to develop phone contact list. Clerk to order box.*

**d. Housing Survey Questionnaire – Cllr Bolton**

Cllr Bolton stated that questions had been asked in the editorial of the village hut magazine, and there had not been a single response. After discussion it was concluded there was little interest and the matter is to be considered closed for the time being, with a note adding to the Parish Plan stating a survey had been undertaken in April 2011.

**e. Village Hall Speed survey next steps - Clerk**

The clerk read a note for Cllr Main that stated Graham Stanley was to visit the site in a few days, it was agreed he should liaise with Patch Byrne. *Cllr Johnston and Cllr Main to feedback to next meeting.*

**f. Notice board repairs – Clerk**

The Clerk informed the meeting repairs were complete, and DK Joinery had recommend varnishing the board once a year. Cllr Boardman volunteered, subject to the Council funding the materials, this was agreed.

**g. Bins on Footpath - Clerk**

A letter was read out from Patch Byrne Locality Officer at SDC stating that highway obstruction was a police matter but it was unlikely they would be interested. It was resolved to write to the household tenants and the owners to point out that they could be liable if injury was caused. *Clerk to write.*

**h. Community Forum Feedback**

The Council thanked David Close for speaking up for Newbold Pacey and Ashorne with respect to issues like gritting. The next Forum will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> June at Gaydon.

**7. Planning**

**a. New Applications to consider**

11/00754/FUL Proposed revisions to dwelling on Plot 1 in a scheme for 3 replacement dwellings (amendments to approved scheme reference 10/02354/FUL).1 Flint Hall Cottages, Newbold Pacey, CV35 9DY, For Banner Homes Midlands Limited.

After discussion is was unanimously agreed to send the following comments;-

The Parish Council strongly objects to these material amendments for the following reasons

1) The prior application 10/02354/FUL went to Planning Committee as a result of previous objections, whilst at that meeting planning officers admitted mistakes had been made in allowing such over development of the site they stated there was little they could do in retrospect as prior development rights had not been removed. As a result application

10/02354/FUL in which the applicant asked to use up future development rights was approved making the buildings all much larger. The final outcome was that condition 13 was added removing all permitted development rights as it was recognised the site was over developed.

2) Unknown to the Parish Council, Planning Officers allowed application 11/00327/AMD to go through without consultation that allowed plot 2 to increase in volume by a ridge height change of 0.3m. It was classed as a non material change, despite increasing volume.

3) This application seeks to amend plot 1 by increasing ridge height by 0.8m on one major wing and increase the length of the wing by 1m. Again a substantial further increase in volume. Where will this continual expansion end !

4) As a result of the increase plot 1 is fully up against boundary of plot 2 , spoiling the neighbours amenity . Further more there is now no access to the garden of plot 1 other than through the house.

5) Other changes include 3 more roof lights , complete change to side elevation - dormer window replaced by full height glass . A chimney flue appears to over hang the neighbours boundary !

6) The amended design access statement incorrectly refers to the wrong site entrance which was committed to be block in another application that was approved

In conclusion, this amendment and the one approved without consultation seeks to increase the size of plot 1 and 2 by even greater amounts and constituents massive over development of the site to the extent that neighbours are likely to be in dispute. Lack of access to plot 1 garden is a major issue !.

The Parish Council in summary strongly objects, has the support of the District Councillors and insists the application goes back to planning committee.

**b. Decisions of committee**

See minutes of planning meeting on 4/4/11.

**c. District Decisions for information**

None.

**d. Planning Update**

i) Flint Hall Cottages – Banner Homes sign

The Clerk informed the meeting this was subject to an undecided application, which the Parish Council had objected to.

It was also resolved to raise an enforcement issues with respect to the filling in of the ditch at Flint Hall. *Clerk to write.*

## 9. Finance

### a. **Approval of payments**

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

1.	Severn Trent Water	£36.20
2.	WALC Subs	£84.00
3.	AON insurance	£417.69
4.	Reece Safety Products Ltd	£147.00
5.	WCC Village Hut	£11.00
6.	Ashorne Village Hall Committee	£50.00
7.	P Routly - Salary (Mar/April)	£333.76
8.	P Routly – Expenses (Mar/April)	£52.17

### b. **Receipts**

The Clerk reported the following receipts:-

1	VAT return	259.66
2.	Mr Empringham Clock Painting Donation	1000.00
3.	Allotment rent K Pietreski	350.00
4.	Allotment rent Mrs Such	7.50
5.	Allotment rent Mr Philpott	7.50
6.	Allotment rent Mrs Handsley	12.50
7.	Allotment rent C Butterworth	5.00
8.	Allotment rent Mrs Donnelly	15.00
9.	Allotment rent Mrs Gregory	5.00
10.	Allotment rent Mr Woodfin	15.00
11.	Precept	2362.50

### c. **Approval of Asset Register**

The Clerk presented the asset register, Cllr Boardman proposed it was accepted this was seconded by Cllr Thornton and carried unanimously.

### d. **Annual Return – Approval of Statement of Assurance**

The clerk read out the document, which was proposed for approval by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Cooper and carried unanimously.

### e. **PAYE for Clerks Salary**

The clerk explained that despite being below the Income Tax and N.I thresholds all Parish Clerks were now subject to PAYE. The clerk explained that a third party called Douglas Tonks was offering to administer the salary and PAYE for £13.50 per payroll, and recommended this approach was taken to reduce the admin burden and ensure it was done correct. Cllr Bolton proposed this was accepted, it was seconded by Cllr Pate and carried unanimously. *Clerk to arrange.*

## **10. District Councillor's report**

As reported at the Annual Parish meeting:-

District Cllr Close reported that the Police were also facing cuts and the Wellesbourne team was being restructured. He also reported that there was an increase in crime along the Fosse and this issue was discussed at the recent Community Forum. He stated there was a new scheme called 'contact the elderly'. He stated that Orbit Housing were under scrutiny as complaints were not being dealt with robustly. Finally he stated the portfolio holder for Gritting would be at the next Community Forum. Cllr Wright informed the meeting Robert Weeks has expanded his responsibilities to now cover planning. He also stated there would be the 10 year annual Parish Boundary review taking place this year.

## **11. County Councillor's report**

As reported at the Annual Parish meeting:-

County Councillor David Johnston stated there were reductions throughout WCC services including roads, transport, libraries and the youth service. He said he would support the work to improve the Holloway although there was reduction in the Countryside team. Cllr Cook asked him to find out who sanctions spending so much on a glossy brochure on Waste Management Consultation. Cllr Johnston said he would find out.

## **12. Correspondence**

It was resolved Cllr Boardman would complete the library consultation. It was resolved Cllr Cook would complete the waste management consultation. It was agreed that Cllr Cook and Cooper would attend the planning training on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

## **13. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items**

It was requested the subject of the maximum time for a Parish Council chairman to be in office should be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Bolton request an item be added on energy sustainability from the village.

## **14. Any Other Business allowed by Chairman as Urgent**

The issue of poor visibility at the Russetts was raised, it was resolved to write and ask them to cut the hedges. *Clerk to write.*

It was resolved to write to Pat Traver to express thanks for the Royal Wedding decoration at Newbold Pacey.

It was resolved to write to Mr Darling about the silted up river by the bridge on the cricket field.

## **14. Date of next meeting**

It was resolved that the next meeting is to be held in the Ashorne Village Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10pm.