

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th MAY 2009

PRESENT: Councillors: S Bolton (Chair), C Thornton, J Cooper,
M Boardman, C Pate, P Cook
District Cllrs: R Wright, D Close
County Cllr: S Main
Clerk: P Routly
And 9 members of the public.

1. Public participation

Mr Lavercombe raised a question about planning enforcement, Cllr Bolton stated that the Parish Council had the right to progress issues with the District Council that had been raised. Mr Lavercombe proceeded to make accusations towards members of the council that were not relevant to the agenda and he became disruptive. The meeting was adjourned by Cllr Bolton, who then requested Mr Lavercombe leave the meeting or he would have no option but to call the Police. Mr Lavercombe and Mrs Lavercombe left the meeting. Cllr Bolton reconvened the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Bolton declared a personal interest in item 5c as he was a customer of the manufacturer of the notice board. Cllr Cook declared a personal interest in 7a) 1 and 7a) 2 as a member of those organisations. Cllr Thornton declared a personal interest in 7a) 2 of the Village Hall committee

3. Apologies for absence

None.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 4th March 2009.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2009 were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. Matters arising

a. **Footpaths – Cllr Bolton**

Cllr Bolton informed the meeting he had signed the P3 paperwork, and called for volunteers to get involved with the footpaths, the first stage would be to arrange training. He informed the meeting gates had already been placed between Ashorne and Moreton Morrell and asked that an article be placed in the village hut and for people to report footpath issues to him. *Clerk to contact Ian Merrivale to arrange training*

b. **The Holloway – Update**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the response from WCC stated the Holloway reinstatement was not a priority and they would not be addressing the issue. Several members of the Council stated that the Holloway was in a dangerous state, after discussion it was resolved that WCC should be contacted to make a safety assessment, as there may be justification to request closure. *Clerk to contact WCC.*

c. Update on Notice Boards – Clerk

The clerk informed the meeting the notice board was almost ready, and a decision needed to be made whether to highlight the lettering of leave it plain. It was resolved by a 4:2 vote to leave plain. It was resolved for clerk to obtain installation quotes and for the notice boards to be delivered to Cllr Cooper house in the mean time. *Clerk to arrange installation quotes.*

d. Donation to Friends of Oakley Wood – Cllr Cooper

Cllr Cooper informed the meeting that Oakley Wood had been purchased by Warwick District Council. A committee known as Friends of Oakley Wood had been formed to manage its future, the organization now need to raise funds to run meetings etc. Cllr Cooper proposed a donation of £50 from the Parish Council; this was seconded by Cllr Cook and carried unanimously. The donation would be made in section 137 rules.

e. Allotment Vacancies – Agreement to advertise – Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting there were 5 and 1/3 vacancies, it was resolved to advertise in the Village Hut.

f. Clock Update – Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting that recent clock repairs had been authorized without her knowledge, it was resolve for Cllr Bolton to speak the owners of the School House.

g. Newbold Pacey sign improvement – Cllr Main

Cllr Main stated the recent change to 40mph did seem to be having an impact and funds had been found to further improve signs. *Cllr Main agreed to progress.*

Councillors pointed out that the refuse lorries were passing through Ashorne on non-collection days. It was resolved the Clerk should write to complain. *Clerk to write to SDC.*

6. Planning

a. New Applications to consider

None

b. Decisions of committee

None

c. District Decisions for information

- i) 09/00020/FUL - Single storey rear extension and pitched roof to side garage. Replacement front porch. Hinton Cottage, Ashorne , Warwick , CV35 9DR.

Granted with Conditions.

- ii) 09/00166/FUL Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and agricultural buildings and erection of replacement dwelling. Change of use of part of the farmyard from agricultural to domestic curtilage. Flint Hall, Newbold Pacey. CV35. **Granted with Conditions.**

d. Planning issues.

- i) Planning enforcement – Cobb House Cottage – Update

The Clerk informed the meeting she had a response from enforcement, and the Calor Gas tank would require planning, however, the other changes would be difficult to progress without prior evidence. It was resolved that Cllr Cook would speak to enforcement.

- ii) Planning enforcement – Crane Hill – Update

The Clerk informed the meeting that no progress had been made by enforcement. *Cllr Wright agreed to progress with enforcement.*

7. Finance

a. Approval of payments

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

1.	St Georges Churchyard Grant (paid)	£250.00
2.	Village Hall Grant (paid)	£240.00
3.	WALC Subscription	£83.00
4.	WCC Printing Village Hut	£10.65
5.	Allianz Insurance	£360.46
6.	P Routly - Salary (March)	£164.76
7.	P Routly - Salary (April)	£164.76
8.	P Routly – Expenses (Mar & April)	£32.79

b. Receipts

The Clerk reported the following receipts.

1.	Allotment rent K Pietrecki	£350.00
2.	Allotment rent S Handsley	£7.00
3.	Allotment rent R Woodfin	£14.00
4.	Allotment rent C Butterworth	£4.67
5.	Allotment rent A Philpott	£7.00
6.	Allotment rent A Gregory	£4.67
7.	Precept	£2362.50

c. Annual Return – Approval and Statement of Assurance

The Clerk read the statement of Assurance from the Annual return; it was completed and proposed by Cllr Thornton, seconded by Cllr Cooper and passed unanimously. Clerk to submit annual return.

8. District Councillor's report

The report was made as part of the Annual Parish Meeting.

Budgets were very tight and staff that had left would not be replaced.

The new refuse collection service was now fully in place and seemed to be working. Cllr Close stated that if people wanted small bins they would need to write in but they was no plan to issue this year.

There is a new house building plan due to go out for consultation in the District for the period 2011-2027.

Finally Cllr Close informed the meeting he was the Chair of the Community Forum and it seemed to be working, members of the publics are very welcome and the next meeting is at Hampton Lucy on 6th June.

Cllr Bolton asked Cllr Wright about the flood prevention measures including cleaning of ditches. Cllr Wright said that measures were being undertaken in the major flood areas and they would soon be moving onto ditches.

Finally Cllr Wright stated there was to be a One- Stop County and District Council enquiry office in Wellesbourne at the Parish Council Office

9. County Councillor's report

The report was made as part of the Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr Main said she would talk about the Holloway as part of the main Council meeting

She also informed the meeting she had reported the Japanese Knot weed on the Wellesbourne road. She also informed the meeting that the library service was still under review and nothing has been decided. *The clerk was asked to send a letter of concern to WCC*
Finally Cllr Main was asked about the gritting of the village, she stated this would be addressed for the next winter.

10. Correspondence

None

11. Matters of interest/Any other business

Cllr Thornton raised a concern about the long grass on the verges at the 'Square', it was resolved for the Clerk to contact John Brown at WCC Highways.
Cllr Bolton asked the Clerk to enquire about Phone box insurance.
Cllr Bolton asked the Clerk to find out when the water main was being replaced.
The Clerk was asked to contact John Brown about a pot hole near Newbold Pacey notice board.

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 July at 7.30 pm following the AGM.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.