

NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd November 2010

PRESENT: **Councillors:** S Bolton (Chair), C Thornton,
M Boardman, C Pate, J Cooper , P Cook
District Councillors: R Wright, S Main , D Close
County Councillor: D Johnston
Clerk : P Routly
and 2 members of the public

1. Public participation

None.

2. Declaration of Interests

None.

3. Apologies for absence

None.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 1st September 2010.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2010 were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. To approve and sign the planning minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2010

The Minutes of the planning meeting held on 27th September 2010 were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

6. Matters arising

a. Clock Painting – Clerk

The Clerk informed the meeting D.T Evans had completed the work and had invoiced a sum of £3220+ vat. Cllr Bolton stated he thought this was more than agreed to cover the extra work and committed to negotiate the invoice. The entire council expressed their thanks to Cllr Wright and Cllr Bolton for supervising the work. *Cllr Bolton agreed to contact them.* Cllr Bolton informed the meeting a donation was expected from Mr Empringham. It was also resolve to budget for future painting. *Clerk to include in budget.*

b. The Holloway – Cllr Bolton / Cllr Johnston

Cllr Johnston reported he had visited the Holloway with Richard Barnard from WCC, and requested the Parish Council agree what actions they wish to be taken. After heated discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should request that upper footpath (whether recognized as such or not) should be reinstated and regularly maintained and cut. In terms of the lower road it was resolved not to request re-classification at this stage. *Cllr Johnston to pursue re-instatement of the upper path with WCC.*

Cllr Cook left the meeting at this point.

c. Allotment Hedge cutting

The Clerk informed the meeting she had arranged for the hedges and footpaths to be cut at the allotments as agreed at the last meeting and this work was now complete.

d. Grit box location – All

It was resolved to move the old blue grit box by Strawberry Barn to the village entrance sign on the East side of the Village, and locate the new yellow box where the blue box was. *Clerk to arrange.*

e. Water main

The Clerk informed the meeting the work was complete. Cllr Boardman commented how helpful and polite the Contractors were and it was resolved to send a letter of thanks. *Clerk to action.*

f. Operation Watermark – next steps – All

Mick Potter had attended prior to the meeting to brief the Council members on Operation watermark, explaining it was a flood response scenario that the government was sponsoring Countrywide to be enacted in the Spring. Although Warwickshire was not involved a major national scenario it was planning to test emergency plans etc. The outcome of the discussion was that the Council needs to decide its level of involvement. *Cllr Bolton agreed to facilitate a separate discussion. Cllr Cooper and Cllr Thornton agreed to update the Emergency Plan.*

g. Parking Opposite Village Hall – residents letter

The Clerk informed the meeting that a resident had sent a letter stating that exiting the Village Hall Car Park was dangerous especially as cars park opposite on the zig zag lines, and requested a mirror be installed. After discussion it was agreed to write to the County Council as request advise, letter to be copied Cllr Johnston and the resident who wrote. *Clerk to write* Secondly it was resolved to request speed enforcement in the village. *Clerk to write to Wellesbourne Police.*

7. Planning

a. New Applications to consider

i) 10/02047/FUL – 10/02048/LBC Extensions and alterations to existing buildings (Modern 4 and 2 storey elements), erection of free standing colonnade, new terraces and new external access at 2nd floor level. Ashorne Hill Management College, Ashorne Hill, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV33 9QW

After discussion it was agreed unanimously to object to the application and send the following response:-

‘The Parish Council objects to the 4 storey element, this will add significant height to the existing buildings and make them very visible for many miles, the height should be reduced. The premises are at the highest point of the local area, and this addition will cause demonstrable harm to the visual amenity in this very rural landscape. Also there is regular sporadic development on this site and the Council asks once again to be presented with a 5 year development plan for the site, as it has significant impact on the local area.’ *Clerk to respond to SDC.*

ii) 10/01920/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of replacement dwellinghouse and detached carport together with associated works. (Resubmission of application 10/00730/FUL) The Cottage, Wiggerland Farm, Banbury Road, Lighthorne Warwick

After discussion it was agreed unanimously to make the following comment :-

‘The Parish Council has no issue with this revised design’ *Clerk to respond to SDC.*

iii) 10/02174/FUL Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and agricultural buildings and erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage. Change of use of part of the farmyard from agricultural to domestic curtilage. (Revised design and layout to previously approved application no.09/00166/FUL) Flint Hall, Newbold Pacey, CV35 9DY,

After discussion it was resolved to make co representations , *Clerk to respond to SDC.*

b. Decisions of committee

See minutes of planning meeting on 27/9/10.

c. District Decisions for information

i) 10/01274/FUL Construction of new access and driveway. (Revised application following refusal of 09/00972/FUL). Flint Hall, Newbold Pacey, CV35 9DY Permission with conditions

ii) 10/01221/FUL Proposed erection of single storey rear extension to provide bedroom and bathroom. Ancillary works to enlarge existing kitchen. Middle Cottage, Ashorne, CV35 9DR. Amended plan received 10.08.2010 to address discrepancies over the dimensions of the original thatched dwelling (i.e. the ridge height from ground level) – SDC enquire whether the Council wish to add. Refused.

d. Planning Update

i) Planning enforcement – Crane Hill – Update - Planning Approved after Appeal

The Council expressed their dismay, at a very poor decision and it was resolved to send a letter to acting Head of Service for Planning, Tony Horton . *Clerk to send letter.*

ii) Gates at Number 10 The Council Houses

The Clerk informed the meeting the SDC Enforcement had responded and stated there was no breach of planning. There was also no breach for the removal of the porch at Number 1 Council Houses.

iii) Camera at Ashorne House
Cllr Bolton agreed to progress.

8. Finance

a. Approval of payments

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

1.	3/11/10	GreenTech Grit box (paid)	£156.28
2.	3/11/10	Severn Trent	£64.60
3.	3/11/10	Mr Tarver grass cutting	£60.00
4.	3/11/10	Allotment hedge cutting	£195.00
5.	3/11/10	D.J.Evans – clock painting	£3666.00
6.	3/11/10	WCC – Village Hut printing	£10.89
7.	3/11/10	P Routly - Salary (Sept/October)	£333.76
8.	3/11/10	P Routly – Expenses (Sept/Oct)	£74.92

b. Receipts

The Clerk reported the following :-

1.	Wayleave	£22.10
2.	Precept	£2362.50

c. Mid Year Budget Update

The Clerk handed out a copy of the mid year budget status. No issues were raised.

9. District Councillor's report

Cllr Wright informed the meeting the Management structure at SDC was changing the reduce costs, heads of service would be reduce from 8 to 6, and 2 directors would leave. Cllr Close stated there would be other redundancies. Cllr Main informed the meeting she had attended the Planning enforcement meeting along with 19 Parish Councillors and the service response had significantly improved. She also stated that the Government may withdrawal the right to retrospective planning, but did not know the outcome as planning enforcement was not a statutory requirement. Cllr Close reminded the meeting the next Community Forum was to be held at Ratley on 2nd December, transport could be provided.

10. County Councillor's report

Cllr Johnston informed the meeting that WCC had to save over £60 million in the next 3 years and this would mean significant service cuts such as youth provision. He said there was a need for County Council to work more closely with other service providers including District Councils. Finally he said there was an email address for Parishioners to send comments on the budget is is www.youchoose@warwickshire.gov.uk

11. Correspondence

- a) Systems Think Planning – planning enforcement invitation 4/11/10 – Elizabeth House
- b) Stolen drain covers

It was resolved to write to the local PC to thanks him fdor acting promptly when the drain covers were stolen at the Square . *Clerk to write.*

c) Low Cost Housing

The clerk informed the meeting she had a letter from WRCC stating that a local land owner had offered land in Ashore for low cost housing , and a needs survey should be undertaken , this would be done free of charge by WRCC . It was resolved to undertake the survey. *Clerk to progress.*

13. Matters of interest/Any other business

None.

14. Any Other Business allowed by Chairman as Urgent

None.

15. Date of next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting is to be held in the Ashorne Village Hall on Wednesday 5th January 2011.

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