

MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD MEETING ON MONDAY 1ST MARCH 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Present: Mrs K Payne, Mr A Payne, Mrs M Barker, Mr E Potter, Mr a Watts, Mrs C Napier,
Mrs L Ross (Clerk)

1. Apologies: Mrs J Reid, Cllr J Bass

2. Approval of absence: Approved

3. Public Time: None

4. Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 11th January 10 and 1st February 10 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest: None

6. Matters Arising:

Sywell JCC meeting – this matter has now been resolved as new officers are to be appointed as directed by Wellingborough Borough Council.

Water leak in Wilby Road by the turning for Lady's Lane is still a concern Anglia Water to be contacted for an update. (This is now in the hands of the contractor for further investigation.)

7. Planning

Current Applications

1. WP/2008/0060/OEIA

Pending

(Pulse Park) Land north of Wellingborough Adjacent to and west of the railway, south of Furnace Lane, and north of The Slips east of Great Harrowden Hall Mr Heneage Stevenson Northants LLP (A Division of Bee Bee Developments Ltd)

2. WP/2009/0189/OEIA - Revised paperwork

Pending

Outline application for 226 dwellings, public open space, children's play areas, an attenuation pond, service roads and associated landscaping. In accordance with the provisions in the Town & Country Planning (Environment Impact Assessment) (England & Wales) Regulations 1999, an environmental impact assessment has been submitted with the application
Land North of Niort Way, Wellingborough
The Trustees of Jane Wright & Others

3. WP/2009/0367/F

Approved 22/01/10

Erection of glasshouse on back of site on the nursery growing area size 2048m² in place of 478m² of poly tunnels. Replacing a polythene tunnel in the retail sales area for a glasshouse. The use stays the same which is for the sale of bedding plants. Extension to car park of 665 extra spaces moving from the present 96 spaces to a total of 161 (this would involve a change of use from nursery production land to car park to support the retail business).
Beckworth Ltd, 90 Glebe Road, Mears Ashby, NN6 0DL
Mr Jonathan Kitching.

4. WP/2009/0477/F

Approved 02/02/10

To provide a new remote teaching facility/classroom
Mears Ashby Endowed Primary School
30 North Street, Mears Ashby

5. WP/2009/0510/F

Withdrawn 19/02/10

Installation of simple lighting system to new all weather paved runway
Sywell Aerodrome, Wellingborough Road, Sywell
Sywell Aerodrome Ltd

6. WP/2009/0522/F

Refused 11/02/10

Conversion of outbuilding with extension to form dwelling together with associated land
53 Wilby Road, Mears Ashby
Mr Fred Swailes

Refusal information to be circulated

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New Applications:

TCON/2010/0002

Section fell to ground level approximately 10 no Sycamores
6 Hill Farm, Wilby Road, Mears Ashby
Mrs Stockdale

There were no objections to this application

Wellingborough Road/Old Nursery Site – The Enforcement Officer has discussed the situation with the Manager on site and it has been agreed to the site being monitored.

8. Highway Matters:

Safety Report - Highways have advised that the various outstanding jobs are in hand. The seat in the bus stop will be fixed by Mr Payne.

Grit Bins – It was felt that more grit bins are needed and a survey is to be carried out to ascertain exactly where they are needed before making a formal request.

Paving Slabs holding up the bank opposite the school, 2 are loose and one has been staked up, this is to be reported.

9. Correspondence:

The following items have been circulated:

1. Northamptonshire Councils Charter – Response to this consultation by April 7th, after a discussion it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would collate comments and make a response
2. NCALC - Incorporation of Association – Special Meeting 20th March 2010 – Mrs Payne will be the voting delegate for the Parish Council
3. Mears Ashby Society - Minutes of meeting 20th January 2010 – Litter Pick 27th March
4. ACRE – New funding for Community Groups
5. Clerk & Councils Direct – January Newsletter
6. East Midlands Fire & Rescue Control Centre – information
7. NALC – Model Standing Orders – Mrs Barker, Mr Watts, Mr Potter and Mrs Napier will go through the orders and if and where necessary will update Mears Ashby Parish Council's orders.
8. CPRE - Planning Roadshow, April 8th, Gt Houghton Village Hall 7pm

New correspondence

9. British Telecom – re Telephone Box – a change of policy has made it easier to adopt a telephone box. The Parish Council will be notified prior to the power being disconnected, when a final decision can be made as to whether the box will be bought for posterity or not.
10. NALC – Update and Training Guide – to be circulated
11. NCC – Creating Sustainable Communities Draft – circulated
12. NCC – Tree Warden Conference - date to be confirmed but places to be reserved, Mr Payne to attend.

10. Safety Report:

Crime Reports – to be circulated

11. Summary of Meetings/Courses attended by Parish Councillors:

Rural North SCT Community Panel meeting – 14th January 10, a new Sgt has now been appointed. Next meeting is on 15th April 10.

Rural Workshop – 23rd January 10 – Mr Payne and Mrs Reid attended, all aspects of village life, amenities and needs were discussed.

Parishes Forum – next meeting 21st April 10 Finedon Town Hall @ 7pm – Mrs Payne, Mrs Barker and Mrs Napier to attend.

12. Financial Matters:

Manor Landscapes - quotation re Pell's Hill and Wellingborough Road planting, this was approved and accepted by all, confirmation to be sent to Mr Callis.

Cllr Bailey's Empowering Councillors and Communities Scheme – application submitted

Cllr Bass's Ward Support Grant – application submitted

The meeting resolved to pay the following:

Retrospective

*Southern Electric re Church Flood Lights **S13** DD £123.25 this was cancelled after payment

* see previous minutes paid by cheque no 000279

Eon – Re Street lights **S3** £ 249.29 (vat £11.87) cheque no 000280

Plant Scape – re planter in Vicarage Lane £ 279.45 (vat £36.45) cheque no 000281

New Payments

Clerk's Salary £1000.00) cheque no 000282

Clerk's Expenses £90.44) cheque no 000283

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Receipts:

Southern Electric re Church Flood Lights S13	Repayment of above DD	£123.25
Mears Ashby Society		£243.00

13. Matters of Concern:

Affordable Housing – Presentation was given by

Ela Goodhall – Housing Strategy Team/Housing Policy and Enabling Officer WBC

Joanne Martin – Development Services, Northants Rural Housing Association

In the first instance a housing needs survey must be carried out, a letter and questionnaire is sent to all residents within the village. Once details have been received from the questionnaire the information is collated to assess the need. Only people with connections to the village would be considered. There would be a minimum of 3 houses and suitable land would need to be identified, and a willing landowner be prepared to sell some land. The survey will be carried out in May/June, 3 weeks are allowed for the return of the forms. The results would be ready July/August and these will then be presented to the Parish Council.

12 Earls Barton Road – the house has been completely demolished but the planning application and approval were for extensions, alterations and refurbishment WP/2009/0285 and proposed extensions /alterations WP/2009/0423. Would a new planning application be needed as the foundations have also been removed. Planning is to be contacted regarding this.

- 14. Future Meeting Dates – Tuesday 9th March 10 – Annual Parish Meeting**
Monday 10th May - Annual Parish Council Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed

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