

MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

**Present: Mrs M Barker, Mr E Potter, Mrs K Payne, Mr A Watts, Mrs J Reid, Mr A Payne
1 member of the public**

Points raised by the member of the public:

1. Blocked drains in Wellingborough Road /junction of Vicarage Road, and North Street opposite the junction with Manor Road. These are to be reported.
2. Water leak at the junction of Vicarage Road/ Wellingborough Road, is still leaking but particularly at night time. This is to be reported

1. Apologies: Mrs C Napier

2. Approval of absence: Approved

3. Declarations of Interest: None

4. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th January 09 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman

5. Matters Arising:

Duchess End - Crossroads Sign - Visit arranged for March 5th with Helen Howard of NCC

Village Walk with a representative of MGSWP – Oliver Sibley – this took place on January 20th and details of the criteria for repairs/resurfacing etc has now been supplied. Road repairs were discussed but these are all subject to the budget for the coming year.

Verge Planting - The quotation has now been received and agreement was given to accept. Mr Callis will be notified and the work can start. The Mears Ashby Society is to be contacted regarding their plans and a copy of the Parish Council's planting schedule is to be sent for their information. An invitation to attend the Parish Council meetings is to be included together with a copy of the meeting dates, This will prevent duplication of projects.

Plot adj 2 North Street – Information is being sent by the Enforcement Officer regarding the levels, to date this has not been received

Insurance re Mears Ashby Society – The public liability cover would cover the needs however a risk assessment must be carried out prior to any work being undertaken and this must be notified to the insurance company. Health and safety requirements must also be met. Clarification is needed as to whether a qualified person needs to carry out these assessments.

Cllr's Discretionary Fund: both these grants have been approved and the monies received.

Web site – work on this will start over the next few weeks

Visit by the Chief Executive and Leader of Wellingborough Council – Questions for the visit need to be collated prior to the visit, and in particular the points raised in the audit report and the drop from excellent to mediocre.

Pells Hill – The top of a fir tree has fallen down and is left on the bank, this needs to be removed. To be reported to Highways.

6. Planning

Current Applications

- 1. WP/2005/0163/F** the construction of an all weather surface to the existing Runway 03/21 with associated taxiway, apron areas and earthworks. Withdrawn
09/02/09
Sywell Aerodrome
- 2. WP/2007/0750/OEIA** – Land off the A509 Niort Way and A510 Northern Way and south of Gt Harrowden, Wellingborough, Henage Stevenson Northants LLP Refused 04/02/09
- 3. 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 Henage Stevenson Northants LLP (A Division of Bee Bee Developments Ltd)
- 4. WP/2008/0150/OEIA** - this is an identical application/proposal to planning application **WP/2007/0750/OEIA** Outline proposal for 3000 dwellings, retail and commercial facilities, Land off the A509 Niort Way and A510 Northern Way and south of Gt Harrowden. Henage Stevenson Northants LLP **Appeal Pending**

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New Applications:

WP/2009/0045/F – Proposed offices, staff rest room and ancillary storage
Mears Ashby Nurseries Ltd, 90 Glebe Road, Mears Ashby
DDS

The Councillors felt that no observations could be made on this application without further information such as what is the current business and what work exactly is carried out on site. The plans are incorrect as it states Glebe Road when it should read Wellingborough Road. The case officer is to be contacted regarding these queries.

7. Highway Matters:

Paddock Lane – A resident of Paddock Lane has sent an email to Cllr Bailey regarding the state of Paddock Lane. Cllr Bailey asked for information from both Cllr Bass and the Clerk, which was duly given. A letter is to be sent to the resident advising him of the recent village walk and by the highways representative and of the Parish Council's efforts to get Paddock Lane resurfaced.

Vehicle Activated Sign Project - this is now up and running, this is a 4-5 week exercise and in 15-20 weeks another 4-5 week session will begin. The Councillors wonder if the sign gets turned around so that traffic from the opposite direction is also monitored. The Clerk to check this out.

Parking of vehicles on the bend of North Street/Earls Barton Road – this is causing a serious hazard particularly at school time 3.15 – 3.45pm. A letter is to be sent to the Chairman of the Governors of the school and the Headmistress. Contact the police to see if a polite notice could be put on the offending cars.

8. Correspondence:

Letters received re mud on the road – **to be circulated**

Neighbourhood Watch

WBC – Audit Report - **being circulated**

NCALC – Update January/February 09 - **to be circulated**

Age Concern – re Computer Classes – for Silver Surfers - **to be circulated**

Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Proposed submissions - **to be circulated**

East Midlands Empowerment Partnership - **to be circulated**

Northants ACRE – Village of the Year Competition – as Mears Ashby cannot meet the criteria no entry is being submitted

North Northamptonshire Core Strategy Consultation period 15th February – 30th March

The Standards Board – Town and Parish Standard February 2009 - **to be circulated**

LCR (Local Councils Review) – Newsletter March 2009 - **to be circulated**

Clerks and Councils Direct – Newsletter March 2009 - **to be circulated**

9. Safety Report:

Crime Report update - **to be circulated**

2 new PCSO's have been appointed to fill the vacancies.

10. Summary of Meetings attended by Parish Councillors:

PCST – Meeting 22nd January 09, next meeting 9th April – Mrs Barker and Mrs Payne attended

Parishes Forum – 25th February 09 – Mrs Barker and Mrs Payne attended. Planning training is in hand and this will be carried out the autumn, details will be circulated nearer the time.

Sywell Aerodrome Consultative Committee, Mr Watts attended the meeting to establish this committee, Mr Bletsoe-Brown is not prepared to be a part of this, however this is a civil aviation requirement and it is also part of the S106 agreement of the planning consent for the new runway. Details of the committee will be advised when the personnel have been appointed.

11. Financial Matters:

Payable

The following amendment was approved

All Saints Church Re Lighting – S137

Retrospective £325.00 cheque no 000246

The above amount is incorrect and should read £350.00 therefore another £25.00 needs to be approved to correct the typing error. The cheque was made out correctly for £350.00.

It was resolved to pay the following:

Clerk's Salary

£ 972.00

cheque no 000252

Clerk's Expenses

£92.84

cheque no 000253

Receipts

Bank Interest – December

Nil – Interest is no longer being paid on this account

WBC Cllrs Discretionary Grant (Ward Support Grant)

£300.00

Northamptonshire County Council, County Councillors Discretionary Grant

£975.00

Balance in the Bank after the above accounts have been included/deducted - £15754.00

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12. Matters of Concern:

Litter Pick – The Mears Ashby Society has selected Saturday April 25th for the litter pick and the Parish Council have agreed to take part. The meeting venue is to be confirmed. The Clerk is to contact Wellingborough Council re litter pickers and refuse collection. Wellingborough Council are to be contacted and asked to clear the approach roads at the same time. There are tyres in the verges on Wilby Road and the gas cylinders are still in Glebe Road, both these are to be reported.

Verges - Concern was expressed over the state of the verges where vehicles had driven over them and leaving large ruts.

13. Future Meeting Dates – Tuesday 10th March 09 – Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 11th May - Annual Parish Council Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed

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