

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

**Present:** Mrs K Payne, Mrs M Barker, Mr A Watts, Mr E Potter, Mrs C Napier,  
2 members of the public, PCSO Paul Hurst and P.C. Charlotte Mills

### **Police surgery held prior to meeting** – No one attended

PCSO Paul Hurst and PC Charlotte Mills presented the crime figures for this month, they then left the meeting.

**1. Apologies:** Cllr J Bass, Mrs J Reid, Mr A Payne

**2. Approval of absence:** Approved

**3. Public Time:** 2 items were brought to the Council's attention

1. The street light on the corner of Lady's Lane/Wilby Road is not working. To be reported.
2. Highways – farmer's gateways have been surfaced with tarmac, why isn't this used to tarmac the potholes that still need repairing on the road. Highways are to be contacted regarding this.

**4. Minutes of previous meetings:** The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 09, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 09 and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 09 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**5. Declarations of Interest:** Mrs Payne declared a personal and pecuniary interest in item 13 (1) Church Clock, Mrs Napier also declared an interest in this item. Mrs Barker declared an interest in item 7 Planning, WP/2004/0422/LB re letter of complaint. These personnel left the room at the appropriate point in the proceedings.

### **6. Matters Arising:**

Enhancement Gang – the work had been carried to a high standard. A few items were put on a 28 day order and these are still to be carried out. The Clerk is to check when this will be.  
Mr Brown's seat – was suitable and is in situ. The Mears Ashby Society has been asked to paint it.

### **7. Planning - Current Applications**

#### **1. WP/2008/0060/OEIA**

(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)

**Pending**

#### **2. 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 Northen Way and south of Gt Harrowden  
Heneage Stevenson Northants LLP

**Appeal approved**

#### **3. WP/2009/0189/OEIA - Revised paperwork**

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

**Pending**

#### **4. WP/2009/0259/F**

Demolish existing timber lean to conservatory. Construct new reclaimed brick and glass single storey garden room.  
27 Lady's Lane, Mears Ashby  
Mr Nick Wookey

**Approved 21/09/09**

#### **5. WP/2009/0285/F**

Proposed extensions, alterations and refurbishment.  
12 Earls Barton Road, Mears Ashby  
Mrs Watkins

**Approved 10/09/09**

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## 6. WP/2009/0326/F

Conversion of existing garage into kitchen with new link to dwelling together with new garden shed  
29 Manor Road, Mears Ashby  
Mr & Mrs A Buthee

**Approved 07/10/09**

## 7. WP/2009/0351/F

First floor extension (on existing garage), conservatory & (open) porch  
Mr Michael Chamberlain  
Rose Cottage, 11 Wellingborough Road, Mears Ashby

**Pending**

## 8. TCON/ 2009/0010

Fell T3 Oak and Leylandi  
Mr Barry Hill  
11 North Street, Mears Ashby

**Approved 23/10/09**

## 9. TCON/2009/0011

Works to trees T1, T2, T3, T4, Thuda Plicata and T5 Cherry  
Alchemy Tree Surgery  
Derryfield, 9 Wellingborough Road, Mears Ashby

**Approved 23/10/09**

## 10. TCON/2009/0012

Work to trees T1 Walnut and T2 Apple  
Midland Tree Specialists (Mrs Jones)  
Trine Cottage, 9 Bakehouse Lane, Mears Ashby

**Approved 23/10/09**

## 11. WP/2009/0367/F

Erection of glasshouse on back of site on the nursery growing area size 2048m<sup>2</sup> in place of 478m<sup>2</sup> 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.

**Pending**

### **New Applications:** None

Mrs Barker left the room at this point.

**Letter of complaint re WP/2004/0422/LB** - Cllr Bass, Mr Stevenson (Conservation Officer WBC) Mrs Barker and the residents of the property met to discuss the problem. It was decided that the windows would be glazed in obscure glass and the tilt changed to open from the bottom. A retrospective planning application is to be made to cover this, however to date none has been received.

The Parish Councillors felt that the original plans should have been enforced. The Parish Council is to discuss this with the planning department at a later date.

Mrs Barker rejoined the meeting

**Wellingborough Road/Old Nursery Site** – Steven Wood – Head of Built Environment WBC has been given all the information regarding this and will reply by the end of the week.

- 8. Highway Matters:** 7.5T Awareness Campaign – Boards are to be delivered on December 1<sup>st</sup> and collected on January 5<sup>th</sup>. A request is to be made for an update map of the 7.5T limit areas.

### **9. Correspondence:**

1. Mears Ashby Society - Bulb Planting Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November meet @ 9.30am at Sunnyside, vicarage Lane. Insurance cover has been confirmed.
2. NCALC – Update Sept-Oct 09 – to be circulated
3. LCR – Autumn Newsletter – to be circulated
4. Standards Board WBC – application forms given to Mr Watts and Mr Potter
5. NCC – Budget Simulator – to be circulated
6. ACRE – Newsletter – to be circulated
7. NCC – Pocket Parks – to be circulated

### **10. Safety Report:**

Crime Reports – given by PCSO Paul Hurst

Crime prevention information – to be circulated

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

**Chairmanship Course** – September 12<sup>th</sup> 09 – Update on Training & Council Policies, There are various items which the Parish Council should be following. The Parish Council should be registered for Data Protection, however after contacting NCALC we are waiting for further guidance on this. Mrs Payne will circulate a report for information and later discussion.

**NCALC AGM** – 14<sup>th</sup> October 09, Mrs Payne is now an elected member of the County Committee for NCALC.

**Parishes Forum** – 21<sup>st</sup> October 09 there was a presentation the Sure-Start scheme for pre school age children. A group will be started in Mears Ashby Village Hall on Thursday mornings in 2010 at a date to be arranged.

Bye Laws – all details of local Bye Laws are on the website

Brown Bin collection over the winter months – it is not economic to run this service over this period.

Planning – Several Parish Councils requested some planning training.

Declarations of Interest and The Monitoring Committee – Details of the Guide to the Code of Conduct and Personal and Prejudicial Interest to be circulated.

Ward Support Programme - How the money has been spent brochure – to be circulated

Outcomes of the Chief Executive and Leader of WBC's Parish Council's visits are to be presented at the next meeting of the Community Committee of WBC on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Rural North SCT Community Panel meeting** – 22<sup>nd</sup> October – priorities for the next three months are anti-social behaviour in Finedon and Earls Barton and speeding in Isham and Little Harrowden.

**Sywell Joint Consultative Committee** – Mr Watts the Parish Council's representative has spoken to a number of residents of Mears Ashby and feels that noise and how this can be ameliorated is the major concern. He asked if the Parish Council would be in favour of him raising this at the next JCC meeting. All agreed.

**12. Financial Matters:**

**The meeting resolved to pay the following accounts:**

**Payable: Retrospective payments**

E-on Street Light Maintenance - <b>S3</b>	cheque no 000266	£118.06 (vat £15.40)
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP – Annual Audit	cheque no 000267	£138.00 (vat £18.00)
The Royal British Legion – Remembrance Wreath	cheque no 000268	£20.00
E-on Street Lighting - <b>S3</b>	cheque no 000269	£249.29 (vat £11.87)

**New Accounts for Payment**

Village Hall Hire £220.00	)	
Village Hall Light £65.00 - <b>S3</b>	)	cheque no 000270 £393.00
Chiropody £108.00 - <b>S137</b>	)	
All Saints Church re Lighting – <b>S3</b>		cheque no 000271 £325.00
NCALC – Planning Course		cheque no 000272 £22.00
Mears Ashby PCC – Re Church Clock Repairs - <b>S137</b>		cheque no 000273 £1000.00

**Receipts:**

Borough Council of Wellingborough – Precept	£400.00
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Balance in the Bank after all the above accounts have been included/deducted - £10860.90

Approval of the Accounts/Audit for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 09

The approval of the Accounts and Annual Return was Proposed by Mrs Payne and seconded by Mrs Barker. All agreed and the issues were noted.

**13. Matters of Concern:**

Church Clock Repairs (This item was discussed at the start of the meeting) – Mrs Payne and Mrs Napier left the room at this point.

Some extra work was needed once the clock had been stripped down and new cables and pulley had to be supplied. This extra work cost £689.00 + Vat, together with the original estimate of £1489 + Vat makes a total of £2178 + Vat. After a discussion Mr Watts suggested a donation of £1000.00, this was proposed by Mr Potter and seconded by Mrs Barker.

Mrs Payne and Mrs Napier rejoined the meeting.

Village Hall – Due to bookings in the Hall were there any objections to using the small room upstairs, there were no objections.

Housing Needs Survey – Mears Ashby's is to be carried out by WBC between July/December 2010

Data Protection – details to be circulated for information

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**Future Meeting Dates** – January 4<sup>th</sup> 2010 Budget Meeting  
January 11<sup>th</sup> – Parish Council Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed

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