

MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO HELD ON MONDAY 5th JULY 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

**Present: Mrs K Payne, Mrs M Barker, Mr A Watts, Mrs J Reid, Mr A Payne, Mrs L Ross (Clerk)
Cllr J Bass, Mr S Wood, 1 member of the public**

Mrs Payne introduced Mr Steven Wood, Head of Built Environment, Borough Council of Wellingborough, had been invited to the meeting to clarify the sequence of events relating to 12 Earls Barton Road. Various questions were answered and suggestions were made which Mr Wood agreed would be useful for the future. There was still concern that the current building was slightly larger than the original footprint. The Enforcement Officer will be asked to check this out. Cllr Bass expressed the view that he personally feels that retrospective applications should carry some form of extra charge. There was no further news on the Harpers site.

It was pointed out that the planning website does not always show the Parish Council's comments, and this should be consistent and any comments/correspondence should always be shown.

Permitted Development – with the new government planning rules are changing and as soon as the details are known the Parish Council will be advised. Mrs Payne thanked Mr Wood for coming to the meeting. Mr Wood left the meeting at this point.

1. Apologies: Mr Potter, Mrs Napier

2. Approval of absence: Approved

3. Public Time: None

4. Declarations of Interest: None

5. Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th May 10 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising:

Tinkers Crescent - Another estimate had been received for putting a new light on the other side of the road. The costs for this are £3163.75 + Vat where as the original quotation was £2205.75 + Vat. Any expenditure could not be approved until the Budget meeting in January. In the current economic climate it was questioned as to whether it would be sensible to spend this amount of money on lighting, as this would increase the Council Tax for all residents. Letters are to be sent to the residents at no 5 and no 4 Tinker's Crescent explaining this. It was felt that the existing lighting could be improved by ensuring the any shrubs and branches are kept cut back.

Parking in Vicarage Lane – Maps have been obtained from Highways who confirm that the grass verges belong to Highways, although there is some confusion on this point. Cars are still parking on the corner of Vicarage Lane/ Wellingborough Road, which makes exiting very difficult. Mrs Payne is to mention this at the PSCT meeting on July 8th.

Litter Warden – Vicky Smith has been appointed Litter Warden as confirmed by CPRE. Vicky collected an award made by the CPRE for coming 2nd in the Heroes Litter Award for collecting 66 bags and other assorted rubbish on the litter pick. The Prize is £200.00 to be used on litter related projects. It was agreed to match fund the £100.00 honorarium, to be paid to the Mears Ashby Society. It was felt that another litter bin could be needed and Vicky Smith is to be asked as to where it is most needed. The Clerk to find out the price of litter bins.

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

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New - Further information has been submitted in support of the above planning application
Updated flood risk assessment now available. Any comments by June 14th

3. WP/2010/0125/MDPO **Approved 19/05/10**

Application for the removal of restriction in planning agreement
(schedule 2) Ref WP/1999/0421/F to allow the enlargement of the footprint of the dwellinghouse
41 Glebe Road, Mears Ashby
Mr P J and Mrs I A Daly

4. WP/2010/0137/F **Approved 28/05/10**

Alterations to first floor. Increased ridge height (to match neighbouring property)
16 Earls Barton Road, Mears Ashby
Mr Anthony Abraham

5. WP/2010/0138/F **Approved 12/05/10**

Proposed demolition of old dwelling and erection of new dwelling
12 Earls Barton Road, Mears Ashby
Mrs Rowena Watkins

6. WP/2010/0150F **Approved 28/05/10**

Completion of part built dwelling to an amended design
4 North Street, Mears Ashby
Mr P Chandler, Chandler Communications

7. WP/2010/0187/F **Approved 01/07/10**

Demolition of rear annex, construction of new extension at rear and over existing garage
2 Church Street, Mears Ashby
Mr Woodruff

There were no objections to this application, however 3 members of the Council question the introduction of a rendered panel above the garage, it was felt that the new should integrate with the existing ie brick and stone mix.

8. WP/2010/0203/CA **Approved 01/07/10**

Demolition of rear annex, construction of new extension at rear and over existing garage
(Application for Conservations Area Consent)
2 Church Street, Mears Ashby
Mr Woodruff

There were no objections to this application, however 3 members of the Council question the introduction of a rendered panel above the garage, it was felt that the new should integrate with the existing ie: brick and stone mix.

9. WP/2010/0211/F **Pending**

Construction of new single storey indoor swimming pool and ancillary rooms, together
with construction of new first floor dormer window to existing bedroom.
2 Earls Barton Road, Mears Ashby
Mr Nigel Thornton

There were no objections to this application however subsequently the Chairman and the Clerk have been informed by the Ward Councillor (Cllr Jim Bass), that concerns have been expressed by neighbours in Paddock Lane.

New Applications: None

Future Planning Procedures – it was felt that in future the Parish Council should be more pro-active by contacting the neighbours of any planning applications received in order to advise the date, time and venue of the meeting to discuss the relevant application.

Site Specific Proposals Development Plan Document – It was requested that all Councillors should fill in the questionnaire and return the forms to Mrs Payne by July 20th when the views will be collated for submission.

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8. Highway Matters:

Blocked Drains – Wellingborough Road and Highfield Road have been checked by John Britton who cannot find anything wrong. If the flooding happens again contact the Street Dr immediately and a response team will come out to inspect within 2 hrs.

Wellingborough Road – sunken tarmac – this has been checked by John Britton and it does not meet the criteria for any repair.

Sewage - smell in North Street this is being dealt with by Anglia Water

Notices in the Bus Stop – The Litter Warden is going to remove all outdated notices in future.

9. Correspondence: Circulated

NCALC – Local Councils Documents and Policies

New correspondence – to be circulated

Update – May/June

Changes to Household Waste Centres from 21st June 10

NCC – Minerals and Waste Development Framework Proposed Submission

NCC – Empowering Councillors and Communities Annual Report 2009/2010

WBC – Road Race Wellingborough to Mears Ashby – Road Closures – 1st August 10

Clerks & Councils Direct Newsletter July

10. Safety Report:

May and June Crime Statistics – to be circulated

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

Tree Warden Annual Workshop – May 12th - Mr Payne attended and advised that it was interesting and that is real concern regarding the age of so many trees nationwide and of the need to replant for future generations. Farmers are going to be paid to plant more trees. The Parish Council is to consider where any trees could be planted in the future.

JCC Sywell – As this item is separate from the aerodrome no declarations of interest are needed. To date 3 meetings have been held since last July and there are no signs of this becoming a constructive committee. Mr Watts recommended that the Parish Council write to the Chief Executive of BCW to advise that we are not satisfied and that the JCC is a planning condition which to date is not working and that all the Councillors support the motion that there should be a change of Chairman and Secretary. Copy to Cllr Bailey as Leader of BCW.

12. Financial Matters:

Retrospective payments:

S3 Eon Street Lighting Maintenance £120.63 (vat 17.97) cheque no 000292

New Payments

Isams Computer Services - re Website £65.74 cheque no 000293

Southern Electric - re Church Floodlights **S137** £19.60 (3.71) cheque no 000294

Receipts:

Vat Repayment £339.65

CPRE re The Heroes Litter Award £200.00

Balance at the bank after the above payments and receipts have been deducted/included: £8726.62

Internal Audit Report

No concerns, however it is suggested although it is not mandatory that the legal powers for all payments be recorded in the minutes in future.

As trustees of the Sheep Wash which has no financial transactions it is suggested that the ownership of the land be clarified and registered with the Land Registry. The Clerk is to check with the County Council.

13. Matters of Concern:

Church Street – The street cleaner cannot get round the cars to sweep the gutter, Mr Payne offered to resolve this issue.

Date of next meeting and future meeting dates

Monday 6th September 10

Signature.....

Date.....