

# MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th JULY 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

**Present: Mrs K Payne, Mr A Watts, Mrs M Barker, Mrs J Reid, Mr A Payne, Mrs C Napier,  
Mrs L Ross (Clerk), Cllr Bass  
Mrs L Martin-Bennison and Cllr J Bailey**

- 1. Apologies:** Mr E Potter
- 2. Approval of absence:** Approved
- 3. Public Time:** No member of the public was present.

Mrs Payne welcomed Mrs Martin Bennison, Cllr Bailey and Cllr Bass to the meeting.

A minutes silence was then held in remembrance of a retired Councillor Mr Derek Broome who died recently.

### **4. The Chief Executive and Leader of the Borough Council of Wellingborough, Mrs Lyn Martin-Bennison and Cllr John Bailey**

Cllr Bailey advised that the visit, their last to a Parish Council was a public relations exercise to improve relationship with the District Council. The Parish Forum is another useful tool in liaising with the Parish Councils

Mrs Martin-Bennison felt that the two main subjects that are important to Parish Councils are communication and planning. Replies to concerns will be fed back and also via the Parish Forum. Mrs Martin-Bennison then went through the questions as submitted. See attached s.

- 5. Minutes of previous meetings:** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 09 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

- 6. Declarations of Interest:** Mrs Payne, Mr Payne and Mrs Napier declared an interest in items 10 (2) and 14 on the agenda.

### **7. Matters Arising:**

**Web site** – this is now live and is still having information added, it will also be updated regularly. It was felt that it was well laid out and simple to use. The address is [www.mearsashbyparishcouncil.com](http://www.mearsashbyparishcouncil.com). A newsletter will be sent out shortly to all residents advising this information.

**Duchess End** – Highways have advised that there is nothing that can be done to improve this junction.

**Paddock Lane** – Minor repair works are to be carried out but not a complete resurface due to financial constraints

**Local Farmers Contact Details** – Farmers will be paid for their services when helping out in adverse weather conditions. Mr Payne has volunteered his services and Highways are to be informed accordingly.

There was a break in the meeting at this point for a presentation to Mrs Barker in recognition of her 26 years as a Parish Councillor to date and 18 of those as Chairman. Thanks were expressed by Cllr Bailey, Mrs Martin-Bennison and all those present.

### **8. 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/2008/0150/OEIA -**

**Appeal dates 2<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 09**

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  
Heneage Stevenson Northants LLP

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- 3. WP/2009/0118/F** – Extension to existing grain store to house a grain dryer and Provide additional storage space. **Approved 20/05/09**  
Grain Store, Glebe Road, Mears Ashby  
Mr Philip Bletsoe-Brown

Mrs Martin-Bennison and Cllr Bailey left the meeting after listening to the planning applications.

## **New Applications:**

- 1. WP/2009/0189/OEIA - Revised paperwork now received – observations needed**  
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

**Nursery Site, Wellingborough Road** – since the application was withdrawn there has been no new application, but there is certainly something going on. Mrs Payne and Mr Payne will discuss with Cllr Bass who will contact the Enforcement Officer.

**Yew Tree at 18 North Street** – permission has been given by Mrs Webber to proceed with crown lifting to above head height on safety grounds.

**NCALC/ Planning Aid** – Crash course in planning

1. A Guide to understanding the planning Framework - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July in Litchborough 6.30pm – 9pm  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July Raunds 6.30pm – 9pm**

2. Development Control – Responding to Applications – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December Litchborough 6.30pm – 9pm

## **9. Highway Matters:**

**NCC/MGWSP** – Parish Enhancement Gangs - **to be circulated**

**Overhanging trees and shrubs** on various properties– residents are having to walk in the road to avoid these, which is dangerous. A letter is to be sent to the properties concerned. The Chairman is to provide the Clerk with names and addresses.

A request was made to contact PCSO Paul Hurst regarding the red lorry which is parked on the foot path at Duchess End.

## **10. Correspondence:**

1. **WBC – Sywell Joint Consultative Committee** –The first meeting is on July 28<sup>th</sup> Mr Watts has agreed to be the Parish Council's representative.
2. **United Benefice of Mears Ashby, Hardwick, Sywell cum Overstone** – Letter received requesting funding for the Children's Worker. The Parish Council feel that they are unable to support this request as it feels it is beyond their remit. The Clerk is to advise the Rev'd Beet.
3. **WBC – Tomorrow's Climate/Today's Challenge** – re energy efficiency/grants etc – **to be circulated**
4. **ACRE** – press release re funding of £1.5million for Rural North Northamptonshire – **to be circulated**
5. **Update** – May/June newsletter – **to be circulated**
6. **NCC – RE Path & Tree Wardens, Highways Rep** – **to be circulated**
7. **WBC – Mears Ashby Fun Run 6<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Road closures – **to be circulated**
8. **WBC – Governance Toolkit for Parish & Town Councils** – info – **to be circulated**
9. **NCALC AGM 14<sup>th</sup> October 09 Moulton Village Hall** – details - **to be circulated**
10. **LCR – Summer Newsletter** – **to be circulated**
11. **Village Viewpoint** – Summer Newsletter – **to be circulated**
12. **Clerks & Councils Direct** – July Newsletter – **to be circulated**
13. **Housing Strategy Summary 2209-2012** – **to be circulated**

## **11. Safety Report:**

Crime Report update - **to be circulated**  
PSCT Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> April – Report – **to be circulated**

## **12. Summary of Meetings attended by Parish Councillors:**

Training Event – Section 106 Agreements – 20<sup>th</sup> May  
WBC – Annual Partnership Conference – 8<sup>th</sup> June – **Report to be circulated**

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PCST – Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July 09 – due to unforeseen circumstances this meeting was cancelled  
East Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy Partial Review – North Northants Workshop – Mrs Payne Mr Watts and Mrs Reid attending.

## 13. Financial Matters:

### Payable: The meeting resolved to pay the following accounts:

Eon – Street Lighting Maintenance – Retrospective	£118.06 (Vat 15.40)	cheque no 000254
Eon – Street Lighting Maintenance	£118.06 (Vat 15.40)	cheque no 000260
E R Davies (Isams Computer Services)	£232.92	cheque no 000261
Northants CALC	£29.00	cheque no 000262

### Receipts:

HMRC - VAT Repayment £150.10

Balance in the Bank after the above accounts have been included/deducted - £14068.30

## 14. Matters of Concern:

**Church Clock Repairs** – there has been a request for a contribution towards the repairs and maintenance of the Church clock. The estimated cost is about £8000.00, painting of the face £2000.00 + Vat and £6000.00 + vat for the repairs. Mrs Payne is to obtain a copy of the quotation. Town estates are paying for the painting of the face. Cllr Bass is checking to see if any funding is available from WBC.

A Council member suggested that the Parish Council was duty bound to repair a town or village clock, this is to be checked out. The decision was deferred for the September meeting, when all the facts are available.

**Enhancement Project** - Balance outstanding from the grant for the enhancement project is £ 489.00 this will be used for the bulb planting.

**Mears Ashby Society** if bulbs can be planted along Earls Barton Road, there was no objection to this providing they were planted towards the back of the verge. There was also a request for a planter to be placed on the Vicarage Lane/Wellingborough Road junction, and the Beckworth Emporium have been asked if they will sponsor this. There were no objections to this request.

Mr Sid Brown has offered a garden seat to be placed in the bus shelter on Wellingborough Road. It would have to be securely fixed. This would have to be added to the insurance

The Mears Ashby Society have also asked if occasional litter picks would be covered by the insurance, cover is provided for organised litter picks on behalf of the Parish Council only and not for individuals.

**Future Meeting Dates** – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 09 @ 7.30pm

Signed.....

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