

# MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

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

- 1. Apologies:** None
- 2. Approval of absence:** None
- 3. Public Time:** None
- 4. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 5. Minutes of previous meetings:** The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 10 and 29<sup>th</sup> November 10 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 6. Matters Arising:**

JCC Sywell – A meeting was held at WBC's Offices for the Chairmen and JCC representatives of Sywell, Overstone and Mears Ashby Parish Councils on January 7<sup>th</sup>. The minutes have not yet been received but it was confirmed at the meeting that WBC want the JCC reinstated within the Dept of Trade's guidelines. Further discussion has to take place and there is still one stumbling block which has to be resolved. Once the minutes are received the Parish Council will take a view on how to proceed further.
- 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  
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/2010/0379/F** **Approved 04/11/10**

Change to outbuildings to form habitable dwelling – re-submission following refusal of WP/2010/0522/F  
53 Wilby Road, Mears Ashby  
Mr Fred Swailes
    - 4. WP/2010/0403/F** **\*Part Approved 17/11/10**

**\* The garage extension was refused, solar panels and rooflights were approved**  
Proposed amendment to approved dwelling under construction Ref WP/2010/0138/F.  
Proposed rooflights/solar panels/extension to garage/rainwater harvester  
12 Earls Barton Road, Mears Ashby  
Mrs Rowena Watkins
    - 5. WP/2010/0484/F** **Withdrawn 13/12/10**

New dwelling and garage plus associated new driveway, landscaping and alterations to existing dwelling  
Rear of 19 North Street, Mears Ashby  
Mr & Mrs Paul Meigh

Mr Potter advised that he had contacted Planning Aid as to the planning application implications in a conservation area and an environmentally important space. There were concerns regarding the advice given to the applicants by the Conservation Officer, however it was confirmed that he does not have to

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consider these areas when advising applicants. Mr Potter state that he felt that there is a measure of inconsistency by the Conservation Officer with advice and eventual approvals within the conservation area in the village. The Councillors are very concerned about this application and any future applications for a building on this particular site.

## **New Applications:**

### **1. WP/2010/0522/F**

Proposed garage extension to approved dwelling  
12 Earls Barton Road, Mears Ashby  
Mrs Rowena Watkins

The Parish Council object to this application on massing, and obscuring light to the neighbours property and request a site visit and determination by the Planning Committee. Cllr Bass stated that he was unable to represent the neighbour at the Planning Committee meeting as he will be away.

### **2. WP/2010/0532/F**

Post & Wire fence with native species hedging (to comply with condition 3 of planning permission WP/2010/0328/FCOU  
53 Wilby Road, Mears Ashby  
Mr Fred Swailes

**Pending**

There were no objections to this application

WBC – Training 3<sup>rd</sup> February 6-9pm S106 agreement 3 members of the Parish Council will attend.

## **9. Highway Matters:**

### **Proposed Speed Limit in Washbrook Lane – Mr Chris Haines Countryside Services Manager**

Mr Haines presented the reasons for the proposed speed limit. The plan includes extending the top car park by 40 spaces to prevent parking on the road and reduce car crime. In order to do this the splay needs to be improved and due to Highway legislation a 40mph speed limit may need to be put in place. Bollards will be placed on the verges. In this current climate the parks need to be self financing.

The Chairman thanked Mr Haines for coming to the meeting and presenting the case the changes.

Mr Haines left the meeting.

After discussion the Parish Council decided to support the application for the changes but would prefer not to have a 40mph speed limit however if this is not possible then so be it. It was felt that parking in Earls Barton Road could become a problem in the future. Mr Haines has been advised accordingly.

**Glebe Road** – information circulated, Cllr Bass advised that discussions are being held with Highways regarding a speed limit for all of Glebe Road.

**Paddock Lane** – Pot holes and the surface are still an issue.

**Third Local Transport Plan Consultation** – ending 13<sup>th</sup> January 11 – no comments to be made.

**NCC/MGWSP** – Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire – this is to be filled in and returned.

**White Lining** within the village is in this years budget and a date is to be confirmed.

## **10. Correspondence: Circulated:**

Wellingborough Site Specific Proposals Document – circulated  
WBC – Community Payback Scheme Information – circulated  
WBC Parish Forum – Minutes of meeting 7<sup>th</sup> October 10 – circulated  
NCALC Update November-December Issue – circulated  
NCALC – Parish Partnerships Charter – circulated

### **To be circulated:**

ACRE – Village Viewpoint & supporter application form  
Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association annual Report  
Victim Support – Review of the year 2009-2010  
Clerks & Councils Direct January Newsletter – Order form for 2011  
Mayor's Valentines Ball – 12<sup>th</sup> February Park Pavilion  
British Legion Great Poppy Party Weekend – 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011

## **11. Safety Report:**

Crime Reports – November and December Crime Statistics circulated

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PCST meeting – January 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Mears Ashby Village Hall

## 12. Summary of Meetings/Courses attended by Parish Councillors:

WBC Meeting – re JCC 7<sup>th</sup> January 11 see matters arising  
East Midlands Empowerment Partnership – Using Community Engagement Skills in the New World Policy  
Mr Watts attended and details are to be circulated.

## 13. Financial Matters:

It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

### Retrospective payments:

Brittons – re Village Bulb Planting	£90.00 ( £13.40 vat)	cheque no 000308
Plantscape – Village Planter	£116.33 (£17.33 vat)	cheque no 000309

### New Payments:

E R Davies - re hosting website hosting	£35.18	cheque no 000310
Southern Electric – Re Church Floodlights <b>S137</b>	£17.45 (vat 82p)	cheque no 000311
E-on UK – Street Lighting maintenance <b>S3</b>	£120.61 (vat17.96)	cheque no 000312
E-on UK – Re Street lighting <b>S3</b>	£249.29 (vat 11.87)	cheque no 000313

### Receipts:

Mears Ashby Society – re Planter replacement	£99.00
WBC – Cllr Bass’s Ward Support Grant	£320.00

Balance at the bank after the above payments and receipts have been deducted/included: £7030.02

Acceptance of the precept for the year 2011-2012 of £5000 as agreed at the budget meeting on Monday January 10<sup>th</sup> 09 was proposed by Mr Potter and seconded Mrs Napier and all present agreed.

## 14. Matters of Concern:

**Holm Oak Tree** – A suggestions was made to plant the Holm Oak given to the school where the leylandi hedge was at the school. Mrs Payne to pass this suggestion on.

**North Street – Drains** - these are still a problem and Anglia Water is to be contacted again ref 35066384

**Royal Wedding Celebrations** – details for how to organise a street party have been circulated.

**Best Village Competition** – Once the application forms have been received a decision will be made as to whether the Parish Council place an entry.

**Affordable Homes** – Mr Watts reported that he had been to the Little Harrowden the site, there is currently one house not occupied but the costs seem to be more than affordable. Information from another village that has gone through the procedure has found that if there are not enough village residents on the housing list, although they have a housing need, the places are offered to residents who do not come from the village. It is therefore essential that all potential residents are on the housing list with WBC otherwise they cannot be considered. A walk to identify potential sites was held on December 6<sup>th</sup>, details circulated

## 15. Date of next meeting:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011 - Parish Council Meeting  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011 - Annual Parish Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed.

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