

MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10TH MAY 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Present: Mrs K Payne, Mrs M Barker, Mrs J Reid, Mr A Payne, Mr E Potter, Mrs c Napier, Mrs L Ross (Clerk) PCSO Paul Hurst and PCSO Natasha Fountain to cover the Safety Matters item 12

1. Appointment of Chairman: Mrs Payne was nominated to serve as Chairman, Mrs Napier proposed that Mrs Payne be elected and Mr Potter seconded the proposal and all were in favour. Mrs Payne was therefore duly elected as Chairman.

2. Appointment of Vice Chairman: Mr Payne proposed that Mrs Barker be elected as Vice Chairman and Mrs Reid seconded the proposal, all were in favour. Mrs Barker was duly elected as Vice Chairman.

3. Apologies: Mr Watts, Cllr Bass

4. Approval of absence: None

5. Public Time: None.

6. Declarations of Interest: Mrs Reid on Item 9 Planning no 6 WP/2010/0137/F

7. Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 1st March 10, 22nd March 10 and 19th April 10 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

8. Matters Arising:

Litter Warden - after a discussion it was agreed that that we would support the CPRE scheme to appoint a litter warden for one year. The Clerk is to liaise with the Mears Ashby Society regarding this.

K6 Telephone Box - the Parish Council will be notified prior to any removal of the telephone box in Earls Barton Road.

Wellingborough Road Site - this site is still under investigation.

Affordable Housing - The Newsletters have been delivered to every house in the village. Dates for the survey are to be confirmed.

9. 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/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

3. TCON/2010/0002

Section fell to ground level approximately 10 no Sycamores 6 Hill Farm, Wilby Road, Mears Ashby Mrs Stockdale

Approved 23/03/10

4. WP/2010/0088/F

Build 2.6 metre high wall across garden (within site) plus pair of gates Rose Cottage, Wellingborough Road, Mears Ashby Mr Michael Chamberlain

Approved 30/04/10

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5. **WP/2010/0125/MDPO**

Pending

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

6. **WP/2010/0137/F**

Pending

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

A copy of a letter from a resident to the Planning Officer, Mr Nyakatwa, objecting to this application was received after the meeting held on April 19th. This is to be circulated for the information of all the Councillors.

7. **WP/2010/0138/F**

Pending

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

Site Visit 11th May 2010 - The Parish Council confirmed that the colour of the bricks are the cause for concern and it is felt they should fit in with the existing street scene. Mrs Payne and Mrs Barker to attend.

New Applications:

1. **WP/2010/0150F**

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

There were no objections to this application.

2. **WP/2010/0178/F**

Erection of a dwelling on site of former barn (previous permission for conversion WP/2006/0681)
Glebe Barn, Mears Ashby Road, Wilby
Mr Mick Hilles Stonemason

As a neighbouring parish the Parish Council felt that it is not within their remit to make any observations.

10. Highway Matters:

Tinker's Crescent - a quotation for a light opposite no 1 has been received for £2205.75+Vat. Another quotation is to be requested for the other side of the road. Doug Millard is to be contacted.

Signpost - this has now been fully refurbished and thanks are given to the residents responsible. It now appears on the website.

Pot Hole in Wilby Road - a complaint has been received regarding a deep pothole on the road to Wilby by the gas works. This has been reported and it appears that a repair has already been carried out.

Ward Walk - Cllr Bass, Ela Goodhall, Mrs Payne and Mrs Barker carried out a ward walk on May 10th, main concerns within the village were the potholes and the parking issues in Vicarage Lane.

11. Correspondence: circulated

1. WBC - Built Environment Handbook
2. Mears Ashby Society Minutes
3. Northamptonshire Household Waste Recycling Centres - Changes
4. Highways & Transport Update
5. Local Councils Conference - Jun 16th Towcester Racecourse
6. Northants 50+ Network Newsletter
7. Update - March/April 2010
8. NCC - Minerals & Waste Development Framework - Update
9. North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy info re Rural & Small Towns Workshop
10. Village Viewpoint
11. LCR - Spring Newsletter
12. Energy Saving Trust - Green Communities
13. Wellingborough Partnership Conference - Monday 7th June 10 - Mrs Payne to attend, Mr Watts to be contacted on his return from holiday regarding attendance.

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14. Local Councils Conference – Wednesday 16th June 10 Towcester Racecourse – Mrs Payne to attend
 15. NCC Let Northamptonshire Decide – ½ day workshop 12th May

New Correspondence – to be circulated

1. Clerks & Councils Direct == May Newsletter

12. Safety Matters – The Police arrived to cover this item, PCSO Hurst and PCSO Fountain

Crime figures for April were presented ie:

Burglary Non Dwelling - Lady's Lane (entry gained to shed, lawnmower removed)

Burglary Non Dwelling - Glebe Road (2 vehicles stolen – vehicles recovered)

Theft from Motor Vehicle – Wilby Road (toolbox stolen from vehicle)

There are parking issues in the villager particularly with the village hall usage. The Police have been liaising with complainants. A letter drop will be carried out to remind residents of parking guidelines. It was suggested that the Police be notified of any Village Hall bookings that are liable to cause a problem. Mrs Napier who is also on the Village Hall Committee advised this would be possible. The Police then left the meeting.

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

Incorporation of NCalc – there was not a quorum for this meeting the decision was postponed until May 15th – Mrs Payne attending.

Rural North SCT Community Panel – 15th April 10 – details to be circulated

Parishes Forum – 21st April 10 –

Presentation by Danny Moody of NCalc on the Community Charter.

Confirmation of the changes to the Recycling Centres and site shops which are moving elsewhere details to be confirmed.

Planning Enforcement, Planning Training planned details to be confirmed.

Councillors Training – Crash Course on the Planning System – 30th April 10, it was thought that this was very informative, well presented and well attended.

Confirm appointment of delegate for the NCalc Special meeting on May 15th Mrs Payne was confirmed as the delegate.

Sywell JCC meeting – There is still no progress in resolving the issues with the current committee and minutes of the last meeting are still awaited.

14. Financial Matters:

It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

Retrospective payments:

E-on - Street Lighting Maintenance S3	£120.63 (Vat £17.97)	cheque no 000284
R J Cox – Re Village Hall Fencing	£1760.00	cheque no 000285
OHMS - Photocopying re Annual Parish Meeting	£6.00	cheque no 000286
Manor Landscapes – Village Enhancement	£517.00 (Vat £77.00)	cheque no 000287
E-on – Street Lighting S3	£249.20 (Vat 11.87)	cheque no 000288
NCalc – Re Crash Course on Planning	£44.00	cheque no 000289

New Payments

NCalc – Membership Audit Fee etc.	£262.77
Came & Co – Annual Insurance	£685.52

Receipts:

Wellingborough Council – Re Ward Support Grant	£290.00
Northamptonshire County Council – Re Councillors Empowerment Award	£1000.00
Wellingborough Council Precept	£1200.00
Mears Ashby Village Hall – Re Fencing	£470.00

Balance at the bank after the above payments and receipts have been deducted/included: £8392.94

Approval of the Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement

The accounts and governance statement were presented for the year April 2009- March 2010 and were approved, proposed by Mrs Barker and seconded by Mr Payne, and all were in favour.

Approval of the Revised Standing Orders, Revised Financial Controls, Risk Assessment, Complaints and Vexation Policy and The Archive Policy.

Approval of all the above was proposed by Mrs Napier and seconded by Mrs Barker, and all were in favour.

The Clerk was nominated to receive all complaints in the first instant.

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Confirm the appointment of the Responsible Financial Officer and Internal Controls Officer for the year 2010/2011

The Clerk Mrs L Ross was confirmed as the Responsible Financial Officer and Mr Potter was confirmed as the Internal Controls Officer, proposed by Mr Payne and seconded by Mrs Reid, all were in favour.

15. Matters of Concern:

Number of Meetings – it was decided not to increase the number of meetings.

Trees in Earls Barton Road – The ivy has been removed from all the trees except where the birds are nesting. The Parish Council thanks Andrew Matthews for carrying out this task. There is one dead tree and 2 diseased trees. Mr Payne is to inspect these before any decisions are made as to replanting or removal.

Best Village Competition – It was decided not to enter as the village does not meet all the criteria. Thanks were given to Mrs Napier for looking at the entry forms, the information collated will be put on file.

16. Date of next meeting and future meeting dates

Monday 5th July 10 at 7.30pm

Future dates for 2010/2011

Monday 5th July 10

Monday 6th September 10

Monday 1st November 10

Monday 10th January 11 – Budget & Parish Council Meeting

Monday 28th February 11

Monday 7th March 11 Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 9th May 10 Annual Parish Council Meeting (dependant upon the local Election Date)

There being no further business the meeting closed.