

MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th January 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

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

The Chair reminded those present that in accordance with Model Standing Orders only Parish Councillors have an automatic right to speak at meetings.

1. Apologies: Mr E Potter

2. Approval of absence: Approved

3. Public Time: The street light in North Street, by the school entrance (no 28) is not working, this is to be reported. The main sewer drain cover outside Trellis Cottage rattles every time a car goes over it. To be reported to Anglia Water.

4. Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 2nd November 09, Monday 16th November 09 and Monday 14th December 09 and the budget meeting held on Monday 4th January 10 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest: Mr A Payne re planning item WP/2009/0510/F, Sywell Aerodrome.

6. Matters Arising: VAS Speeding Project, the report received from the speeding survey confirms that Mears Ashby does have a speeding problem. The local Police Community Safety Team are being contacted regarding this. Mrs Payne will also mention this at the PCST panel meeting on Thursday 14th January 10.

The bank and path to property in Wellingborough Road (no 25), both the Borough Council of Wellingborough and Wellingborough Homes have been contacted and the matter is in hand. Once a full reply is received the resident will be sent copies of the emails for information.

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

3. WP/2009/0351/F

Approved 03/11/09

First floor extension (on existing garage\0, conservatory & (open) porch
Mr Michael Chamberlain
Rose Cottage, 11 Wellingborough Road, Mears Ashby

4. WP/2009/0367/F

Pending

Erection of glasshouse on back of site on the nursery growing area size 2048m² in place of 478m² 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.

5. WP/2009/0423

Approved 17/12/09

Proposed extensions/alterations
12 Earls Barton Road, Mears Ashby
Mrs Rowena Watkins

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6. TCON/2009/0015

Proposed crown reduction of Cherry and Leylandii trees at Orchard House, Wellingborough Road, Mears Ashby

Approved 23/11/09

7. WP/2009/0414/LB

To re-roof tile roof elevations and (retrospectively) fix 2 roof lights.
Application for listed Building Consent
29 Ladys Lane, Mears Ashby
Mr & Mrs Herbert

Approved 09/12/09

7. WP/2009/0440/F

Alterations to first floor. Increase ridge height to create further bedroom space
16 Earls Barton Rd, Mears Ashby
Mr Anthony Abraham

Withdrawn 16/12/09

9. WP/2009/0468/F

Improvements to boundary wall and garden access

WP/2009/0469/CA

Access to be formed in existing stone wall (Application for Conservation Area Consent)
Rose Cottage, 11 Wellingborough Road, Mears Ashby
Mr Michael Chamberlain

Approved 08/01/10

10. WP/2009/0477/F

To provide a new remote teaching facility/classroom
Mears Ashby Endowed Primary School
30 North Street, Mears Ashby

Pending

New Applications:

1. WP/2009/0510/F

Installation of simple lighting system to new all weather paved runway
Sywell Aerodrome, Wellingborough Road, Sywell
Sywell Aerodrome Ltd

It was felt that there were issues regarding this application that needed some research before making a decision. A further meeting was arranged for Monday 1st February to discuss the application in full. An extension on the reply date is to be requested from Mr Kilpin

2. WP/2009/0522/F

Conversion of outbuilding with extension to form dwelling together with associated land
53 Wilby Road, Mears Ashby
Mr Fred Swailes

There were no objections to this application save to say the site is outside the village envelope.

Letter of complaint re WP/2004/0422/LB – this matter is now resolved and the planning application was approved following a site visit.

Wellingborough Road/Old Nursery Site – No further news

8. Highway Matters:

Paddock Lane: This has been patched again but it still needs serious remedial work. Highways are aware.
Street Lighting: Eon to be contacted regarding the changing legislation on lamps.

Grit Bins – these have now been refilled, all emails regarding gritting updates have been circulated to all Councillors.

9. Correspondence:

Items 1 – 15 have been circulated prior to this meeting:

1. Mears Ashby Overstone Sywell and Hardwick Childrens Worker Trust Promise Auction
2. NCALC – Direct Information Service
3. CPRE - Stop the Drop Campaign 2010
4. Ministry of Justice – War Memorials
5. Clerks & Councils Direct – November Newsletter
6. NCC – Spotlight Report to the People 200
7. LCR – Winter Newsletter
8. ACRE – Village Viewpoint – Winter Newsletter
9. NCALC – Update – November/December Edition
10. NALC – It takes all Sorts

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11. NHS – Health and Well Being – Information Booklet
12. Northants 50+ Network – newsletter
13. Victim Support in Northamptonshire – Annual Review
14. Wellingborough 2020 Vision – It was felt that there are infra structure problems that need resolving. The question of exactly how was Wellingborough going to be marketed to attract businesses to the town was raised. Cllr Bass advised that Niort Way is ready for development and this is due to start this year.
15. North Northamptonshire joint Planning Unit – Rural Workshop 23rd January – 2 places have been requested for this workshop, awaiting confirmation.

New Items: to be circulated

16. Empowering Local Councils and the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill
17. Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association – Annual Report
17. Mayor’s Civic Valentine’s Ball – 13th February 10

10. Safety Report:

Crime Reports
Crime prevention information
Rural North SCT Community Panel meeting – 14th January 10, Mrs Payne attending

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

Development Control - Responding to Planning Applications Course – 1st December 09 – it was felt that this course was very general and basic and that intermediate and advanced training would be useful. Mrs Payne will raise this at the next NALC Committee Meeting. Planning Aid will help individual Parish Councils if requested.

Sywell Aerodrome Joint Consultative Committee – 24th November 09 – The representative of the Parish Council on the JCC feels that there are issues of impartiality and personnel to be resolved.

12. Financial Matters:

Payable: Retrospective payments

It was resolved to pay the following :

Podington Garden Centre – re Village enhancement	£58.14 (vat £7.80) cheque no 000274
Cheque Cancelled	cheque no 000275
J Parker Dutch Bulbs (wholesale) Co – re village enhancement	£78.14 (vat 10.19) cheque no 000276
E R Davies, Isams Computer Services re Website	£34.43 (vat £4.49) cheque no 000277
Eon Street Lighting Maintenance S3	£118.06 (vat 15.40) cheque no 000278
Southern Electric re Church Flood Lights S13	£123.25 (vat £5.86) cheque no 000279

Receipts:

Mrs J Reid – Sundry receipt £5.54

Balance in the Bank after the above accounts have been included/deducted - £10454.33

Approval of addition to the Standing Orders – this was approved following the Budget Meeting on Monday 4th January 10 and duly signed.

Acceptance of the precept for the year 2010-2011 of £2000 as agreed at the budget meeting on Monday January 4th 09 was proposed by Mrs Barker and seconded Mrs Napier and all present agreed.

13. Matters of Concern:

A Councillor has been contacted by a resident regarding trees in a neighbouring garden which are a cause for concern. The owners and/or neighbours should take this matter up with the Wellingborough Council.

Pell’s Hill Planting – David Callis is looking at Pell’s Hill and will be forwarding a quotation to carry out the work.

Cllr Bass’s Ward Support Grant – quotations are being obtained for the re-fencing at the back of the village hall, once this is obtained we can apply for the grant.

Cllr Bailey’s Grant – this is to be discussed at the meeting to be held on Monday February 1st 10.

Future Meeting Dates – 1st February – Parish Council Meeting

1st March 10 – Parish Council Meeting

9th March 10 – Annual Parish Meeting

Signed.....

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