

# MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

**Present: Mrs M Barker, Mrs K Payne, Mrs C Napier, Mrs J Reid, Mr E Potter, Mr a Watts,  
Mr A Payne  
1 member of the public**

**1. Apologies:** Cllr Bass

**2. Approval of absence:** None

**3. Declarations of Interest:** None

**4. Minutes of previous meetings:** The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 08 and the Budget meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 09 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman

**5. Matters Arising:**

Duchess End – the resident who expressed concern regarding traffic at Duchess End has requested that the Parish Council contact Highways with a view to changing the Give Way sign on Wilby Road to a stop sign. The Police are to be contacted regarding the legality of the parked cars.

Plot adj 2 North Street – The Enforcement Officer has advised that the roof height will stay the same

and the three houses roof line is a slant with the plot in the middle. The levels have been reduced by reducing the ceiling height. The Parish Council want confirmation that the footprint is as per the plans and would like detailed measurements. Mr Potter is prepared to discuss this issue with Mr Rennie.

Bus Stop in Wellingborough Road – Mr Payne is arranging to relay the paving stones.

The insurance company have confirmed that any work undertaken by the Mears Ashby Society under the auspices of The Parish Council and being covered by the Parish Council's insurance policy is not possible. This will be conveyed to The Mears Ashby Society.

Eucalyptus Tree in Wellingborough Road – this was deemed dangerous and has been removed.

Tree stump in Pell's Hill – this has now been removed.

Church Walk – There is no water coming down due to the dry weather, the situation is to be monitored.

WBC – Confirmation received that the Chief Executive and Leader are to attend the meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Crossroads Sign – this has been followed up again and awaiting an update.

Village Walk with a representative of MGSWP – dates are to be forwarded to Oliver Sibley, who has agreed to do this in Mark Gatland's absence.

Verge Planting – Mrs Reid has contacted the Wildlife Trust and walked the village with Heather Ball, several recommendations have been made as to which areas and types of plants, see attached. Mr Callis of Manor Landscapes has also been contacted and he is preparing an estimates. It was agreed that the Parish Council should apply for a discretionary grant of £975.00 from Cllr Bailey.

**6. Planning**

**Current Applications**

**1. WP/2005/0163/F** the construction of an all weather surface to the existing Runway 03/21 with associated taxiway, apron areas and earthworks.

Pending

Sywell Aerodrome

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- 2. WP/2007/0750/OEIA** – Land off the A509 Niort Way and A510 Northern Way and south of Gt Harrowden, Wellingborough  
Henage Stevenson Northants LLP Pending
- 3. 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)
- 4. WP/2008/0150/OEIA** - this is an identical application/proposal to planning application **WP/32007/0750/OEIA** Pending  
Outline proposal for 3000 dwellings, retail and commercial facilities  
Land off the A509 Niort Way and A510 Northern Way and south of Gt Harrowden  
Henage Stevenson Northants LLP
- 5. WP/2008/0467/F** – Hipped roof over living room, clear Glazing to window to Bedroom1, metal escape stair (external) – retrospective application Approved 14/11/08  
26 North Street, Mears Ashby  
Mr Richard Threadgold
- 6. WP/2008/0488/F** Approved 20/11/08  
Extend and refurbish existing car park area. New building for ancillary café. New glasshouse for growing and retailing plants. New Goods entrance for nursery deliveries  
Former Gaggini's Garden Centre, Regency House, 10 Knights Hill,  
Glebe Road Mears Ashby  
Mr David Brown, Beckworth Ltd

## New Applications

### 1. WP/20080535/F

Proposed dormer window to bedroom 3. Bay window removed from living room  
18 Earls Barton Road, Mears Ashby  
Mr Chris Horn Approved 12/12/08  
There were no objections to this application

### 2. TCON/2008/0009/TCON – Works to trees in conservation Area

Left bank, 17 North Street, Mears Ashby  
There were no objections to this application

A larch tree has since been made the subject of a tree preservation order at this location.  
Details to be circulated

## 7. Highway Matters – items to be circulated

NCC - Top 10 Priorities - December Update  
A43 Stakeholder Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> March – Issues from Workshops – Mrs Payne to attend

## 8. Correspondence - all items to be circulated

1. NCALC – Update Newsletter and email
2. WBC - Mayor's Civic Ball 14<sup>th</sup> February
3. Jim Bass Re Vulnerable People
4. NCC – Public Transport Guide from Sept 2008
5. LCR – January 09 Newsletter
6. ACRE – Now Project
7. NCC – Northants Minerals & Waste Development Framework: Core Strategy Submission update
8. Active Ageing Newsletter
9. NCALC – Concern About Crime & Anti Social Behaviour Strategy
10. NCC – Draft Council Plan & Budget Consultation
11. Communities and Local Government – Codes of Practice on Local Authority Publicity – a consultation
12. NCC – Draft Local List re Standard Planning Application Forms
13. NCALC – Conference of Parishes Weds 18<sup>th</sup> March @ Rushden & Diamonds Centre
14. Clerk & Councils Direct - January Newsletter

## 9. Safety Report – to be circulated

Crime Report – October 08, Apr 08 – Dec 08

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Northants Police – Monthly Crime Stats Update  
Northants Police – Key Stakeholder Newsletter

## 10. Summary of Meetings attended by Parish Councillors – none attended

### 11. Financial Matters

**Precept** – The approval of the precept for the year 2009-2010 of £1000.00 as agreed at the budget Meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 08 was proposed by Mrs Payne and seconded by Mrs Barker, and everyone was in favour

#### Payable

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

All Saints Church Re Lighting – S137	Retrospective	£325.00	cheque no 000246
Village Hall Hire £180.00	Retrospective)	£353.00	cheque no 000247
Village Hall Chiropody £108.00 & Light £65.00– S137	Retrospective)		
Eon UK Energy Services – Street light Maintenance	Retrospective	£118.06	cheque no 000248
Manor Landscapes		£80.50	cheque no 000249
Eon UK Energy Services – Street Lighting 3Qtrs		£747.87	cheque no 000250
Eon UK Energy Services – Street Lighting 1 Qtr		£ 249.29	cheque no 000251

#### Receipts

Bank Interest – November	£1.43
Bank Interest – December	TBA

Balance in the Bank after the above accounts have been included/deducted - £15540.31

### 12. Matters of Concern:

There is a great deal of mud on the both Sywell/Wellingborough Road and North Street due to the building contractors, a letter is to be sent to Mr Sharp and Mr Chater in North Street and to Beckwith Ltd asking them to speak to their respective contractors.

Website - It was decided that the .com address would be adequate for both the website and email address. The Clerk is to contact Mr Rhod Davies of Isams to start to plan the website.

### 13. Future Meeting Dates – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 09 – Parish Council Meeting

**Please note that the date for Annual Parish Meeting is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March and not Monday 9<sup>th</sup> as on the agenda**

Signature.....

Date.....