

MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th APRIL 10 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present: Mrs K Payne, Mrs M Barker, Mr A Watts, Mr E Potter, Mr A Payne, Mrs C Napier,
Mrs J Reid, Mrs L Ross (Clerk)
Cllr Bass. Mr Bale, Architect and Mrs Watkins Applicant for WP/2010/0138/F
2 members of the public**

1. **Apologies** - None

2. **Approval of absence** - None

3. **Declarations of interest:** Mrs Reid re WP/2010/0137/F

4. **Public Time:** Mrs Payne introduced Mr Tim Bale, the Architect and Mrs Watkins, the applicant for 12 Earls Barton Road, to give them a chance to state the history behind the application, WP/2010/0137F. Mr Bale then gave a summary of events relating to application as follows:
Original plans for an extended bungalow were approved
Revised plans with a dormer window were approved
Foundations found to be an unsuitable standard to support the extended bungalow, as were some walls. The Structural Engineer advised it was not safe to continue.
The Planning Department was contacted and it was agreed that as the rebuilding would be the same as the approved plans that the building could be demolished and rebuilt without a new application. The bricks were submitted for approval and a verbal agreement was given to the Architect. No written confirmation received.
The Enforcement Officer contacted the Architect to discuss the situation with the bricks.
Contact made with Mr Kilpin who advised during the discussion that building had to stop and a new planning application was required.
Plans submitted as below WP/2010/0138/F
Mrs Payne thanked Mr Bale.

5. **Planning Applications:
WP/2010/0138/F**
Proposed demolition of old dwelling and erection of new dwelling
12 Earls Barton Road, Mears Ashby
Mrs Rowena Watkins

The Parish Council confirmed that it could only make a decision on the application presented at this meeting And although there were no objections to the design there were concerns as to the colour of the bricks.

Mrs Napier felt that the planning department had let Mears Ashby Parish Council down in the handling of this application and that the matter should be taken up with the Head of Planning.

Cllr Bass introduced himself as the Borough Councillor who also sits on the Planning Committee, and advised that he too would take this particular case up with the Planning Department.

Mr Bale and Mrs Watkins then left the meeting

WP/2010/0125/MDPO

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 dwelling house
41 Glebe Road, Mears Ashby
Mr P J and Mrs I A Daly

There were no objections to this application

WP/2010/0137/F

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

There were no objections to this application although it was felt that the design should be more in keeping with the street scene.

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4. Public Time continued:

Agreed with the Parish Council's comments regarding 12 Earls Barton Road.
Water leak in Lady's Lane – the Clerk to contact Anglia Water again.

6. **Northamptonshire Best Village Competition 2010:** Mrs Napier to go through the application form and it is to be discussed at the next meeting

7. **NCC – You Choose Campaign:** To be circulated and leaflets to be issued

8. Any Matters of Concern:

No 38 Bus – notices have been fly posted on notice boards around the area regarding the cutting back of the no 38 bus, Stagecoach have been contacted and they have NO plans to cut the service. Cllr Bass also confirmed that he has also contacted Stagecoach.

Site Visit 12 Earls Barton Road – Mr Potter asked why weren't all the Councillors asked to attend. Mrs Payne explained that the Architect and Builder felt that it would help if they met with the Enforcement Officer, the Chairman and the Clerk to clarify what the situation was and where they went from her on. It was not felt necessary to involve all the Councillors at this stage.

Planning Issues - Further to Mrs Napier's request under item 5, it was felt that someone from the planning department should come and talk to the Councillors with reference to the issues with 12 Earls Barton Road. It is felt that the Parish Council has lost its credibility with the residents. Mrs Payne advised that a motion has been tabled at the Parishes Forum Meeting on April 21st on the subject of Enforcement and Appeals (Mears Ashby Case Study).

A letter is to be sent to the Chief Executive and leader of the Council regarding the problems experienced with planning.

Mr Potter reminded the meeting that he suggested to Mrs Martin-Bennison that Parish Council's should be informed when materials are approved for planning applications. She suggested that this would be too difficult and time consuming, but Mr Potter thought that with modern methods of communication it should be possible.

Signpost – Thanks were expressed to all concerned who have restored the signpost on Glebe Road/ Earls Barton Road.

Standing Orders – A meeting is to be held on April 22nd to discuss the new orders, Mrs Barker, Mrs Napier, Mrs Reid, Mr Potter and Mr Watts attending.

Trees in Earls Barton Road – there is ivy growing up the trees, the Clerk is to contact the Mears Ashby Society with regards to the removal of the ivy.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

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