

# MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, MEARS ASHBY

Present: Mrs M Barker, Mrs A Dunphy, Mr A Watts, Mr A Payne, Mr T Bullen, Mrs C Napier,  
Mr C Stockdale, Mrs L Ross (Clerk)  
Cllr Bass, Rev'd Beet

1. Apologies: None
2. Approval of absence: None
3. Public Time: Rev'd Beet had asked to meet with the Parish Council to advise and discuss the challenges facing the Church. The Vicar is aware that the relationship between the village and the Church has been difficult over the years and is anxious to repair this situation. There are a number of events planned and a newsletter will be sent shortly to every household in the village. The required monies that have to be paid to the Diocese present a problem this year and funds are being used up. If the current Vicar left there would be no replacement, and the church would become redundant. It is hoped that these new initiatives will help to redress the problem. The Annual Meeting of Parochial Church Council will be held in March and all residents will be invited.
4. Declarations of Interest: None
5. Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman
6. Matters Arising:
  - Bus Shelter Estimate - one estimate has been received for £750. A second estimate is awaited.
  - Jubilee Wood - Mr Stockdale is to fill in the relevant information on the application form and to return this to Mrs Barker ready for submission.
  - Flowering Plum Tree - An estimate has been received for the necessary work of £30.00. The Clerk is to forward an application to BCW to obtain the necessary permission to carry out the work.
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.
  3. WP/2011/0434/F Approved 10/11/11  
Erection of a 10 no cat pen in rear garden. Pen is not for the purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the existing dwelling. It would be a commercial enterprise.  
12A North Street, Mears Ashby  
Mr & Mrs A Dunphy
  4. TCON/2011/0021 Approved 01/12/11  
Removal of two Poplar trees  
17 North Street, Mears Ashby  
Mr D Pierpoint

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5. WP/2011/0472/F

Approved 07/12/11

Erection of attached garden room to front of existing dwelling.  
12 Manor Cottage, North Street, Mears Ashby  
Mr & Mrs A Payne

6. WP/2011/0489/F

Refused 04/01/12

Proposed two storey/single storey extensions to front  
21 Bakehouse Lane, Mears Ashby  
Mr & Mrs R Hewer

## New Applications

1.TCON/2012/0001

Ash Tree - remove deadwood throughout crown. Crown lift over highway to give 5.5m clearance.  
Remove adventitious stem at base of stem overhanging the highway.  
26 North Street, Mears Ashby  
Mr R Threadgold

There were no objections to this application

## 8. Highway Matters:

CPRE - Road sign de-clutter - details circulated.

Vehicle Activated Signs in North Street and Earls Barton Road - there has been a complaint from a resident regarding the position of the proposed sign in North Street. Helen Howard has suggested a meeting with the resident, highways and the Parish Council at a mutually agreed date and the Parish Council agree. The Clerk is to confirm this with Helen Howard.

Ice Rink Signs - all directions to the ice rink directed traffic through Mears Ashby which is unacceptable due to the levels of traffic, at one point 50 cars in 10 minutes was counted in Glebe Road. Before next year discussions must be held to ensure signage and directions do not use Mears Ashby.

## 9. Correspondence: all papers circulated prior to the meeting

ACRE - Bulk buying of Heating Oil - local co-ordinator - there are not enough people on oil in the village to consider this.

ACRE - Support & Publication request - it was decided no to join.

Wellingborough Council Budget Review - Cllr Bass advised that a new Chief Executive, Mr John Campbell has been appointed who is very experienced. Mr Hubbard will revert to deputy Chief Executive.

Recycling has been contracted out which should bring significant savings. The brown bin collections were raised and a review will be carried out before next winter.

Clerks & Councils Direct - to be circulated

## 10. Safety Report:

PCSO Support - information circulated

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

BCW Working Party Meeting re Sywell Aerodrome 6<sup>th</sup> December - Mr Watts attended, the main subject for discussion was the woodland coppicing and the lack of a JCC. Concern was expressed re the lack of dialogue with the Aerodrome in relation to the JCC. A meeting is being held on January 10<sup>th</sup> to decide what further action is needed.

WBC - Heritage & Conservation Training - Mrs Barker and Mrs Ross attended this training session.

## 12. Financial Matters:

Precept - Acceptance of the proposed precept for the year April 2012 - March 2013 of £7500.00 was proposed by Mr Watts and seconded by Mrs Dunphy and agreed by all.

It was resolved to pay the following invoices:

Retrospective payments

Eon sustainable Energy re Street Light Maintenance S3      £123.19 (£20.53 vat) cheque no 000341

New Payments

J Humphries - re Church Floodlights      £45.00      cheque no 000342

Southern Electric - re Church Floodlights S137      £72.28 (£3.44 vat)      cheque no 000343

EON - re Street Lighting S3      £250.36 (£11.92 vat)      cheque no 000344

Receipts: None

Balance at the bank after the above payments and receipts have been deducted/included: £6153.27

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13. Matters of Concern:

Memorial bench - A request was made for a new memorial bench to be placed on the island under the oak tree on Wilby Road in memory of a resident. Friends and relatives would supply the bench and take responsibility for the upkeep. Highways are to be contacted to check on permission requirements. There were no objections to this request.

A Parish Council newsletter is to be sent to all households out next month.

14. Date of next meeting and future meeting dates:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 - Parish Council Meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012 - Annual Parish Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed.

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Signature.....

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