

MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th JULY 2016
AT 7:30PM , IN THE VILLAGE HALL, VICARAGE LANE, MEARS ASHBY.**

Present: Cllrs K Payne (Chairman), N Wookey, V Smith, C Stockdale, T Graham, M O'Halloran, D Payne, Borough Councillor J Bone and A Palmberg (Clerk)

053/16 Opening Procedures

a) Apologies: Apologies were received and approved from Cllr C Hallam

b) Declarations of Interest from members: None

c) Approval of Minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting: Members agreed the minutes from the Ordinary meeting held on Monday 6th June, 2016.

d) Matters arising from minutes held on Monday 6th June 2016

Superfast Broadband: Cllr Wookey advised the meeting that Mears Ashby Parish Council have now been enrolled into the Rural Broadband Partnership initiative which can be registered for the provision of superfast broadband. The date set for this at present is 2017.

Bus Shelter: The Clerk read out a letter from Mr Sanders at Watson & Cox confirming that they will undertake the works to demolish the brick bus shelter as well as make good the existing one by the Griffin's Head.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr Sanders to enquire what type of safety barriers will be erected.

Defibrillator: The Clerk confirmed the order had been placed. Cllr D Payne raised concerns regarding the generally weak mobile phone signal in the village. Cllr V Smith suggested that the Parish Council could perhaps look at grants/funding in order to improve this.

VDS (Village Design Statement): Cllr V Smith advised the meeting that she, Cllr D Payne, Cllr T Graham, Tony Gleave have put together a list of photographs. A quote has also been obtained to include the selected photographs into the document, which is £40 for 3-4hrs of work. Cllr Bone mentioned that the document should be ratified on 26th July.

Members **RESOLVED:** The Chairman requested that the VDS working group await the final decision from the Borough Council.

Website The Clerk advised the meeting that as there was no update as yet, she would follow it up with the website designer.

Lark Energy – Grants and Funding

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that a separate item would be put on the agenda on a continuous basis, which would include the following headings:

Funding for established projects (Broadband, mobile phones, equipment for the pocket park) as well as identifying sources of grants and funding.

054/16 Public Time

a) To receive comments from members of the public attending the meeting.

None

055/16 Reports

May: Theft x 1 – Shoplifting, Beckworth Emporium

Burglary non dwelling x 1 – Sywell Rd. - forced entry to warehouse (tools and two scrambler bikes stolen – vehicles also siphoned)

June: Theft x 1- Sywell Road – Caravans stolen from site.

056/16 To discuss the possibility of applying for S106 monies towards traffic calming measures.

The Clerk read out a reply from Danny Moody at NCALC. Cllr J Bone advised the Parish Council to be assertive when requesting funding.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Chief Planning Officer and request to be included in any funding projects.

057/16 To note the proposed road closure of the Mad Mile.

The Chairman advised the Parish Council that the Police have specifically asked for reports of all HGV's exceeding 7 tonnes. The Police warned that community traffic may be a bigger issue.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that once the date is confirmed and circulated to local communities, it will be put on the website and noticeboard.

058/16 To discuss and resolve the purchase of no parking bollards to be used by Mears Ashby CEVA School.

Cllr N Wookey advised the meeting that there may already be some bollards available in the village. The Parish Council have been informed that the school caretaker will be responsible for putting the bollards out.

059/16 To discuss the recent opening of the post for a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

No decision was taken as there is presently a lack of interest.

060/16 To discuss a letter received from First for Wellbeing regarding the request for an integrated health and wellbeing service open to the public.

The Parish Council felt this may be a good opportunity to promote general health and wellbeing.

061/16 To receive, discuss and decide Planning:

There are no existing Planning Applications.

Notification of Planning decisions since the last meeting:

WP/16/00104/FUL: Erection of single storey rear extension (conservatory) **Approved**
63 Wilby Road, Mears Ashby.

WP/16/00226/FUL: Single storey extensions to front of dwelling together **Approved**
with pitched roofs over existing flat roofs over existing flat roof additions to
side of dwelling.
8 Church Street, Mears Ashby

Planning Applications can be viewed at:

<http://www.wellingborough.gov.uk/info/200074/planning>

062/16 To discuss and agree a meeting with Isham Parish Council regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Clerk would forward Cllr V Smith's contact details to Isham Parish Council.

063/16 Financial Matters

a) To receive the Receipts and Payments account to 31st May 2016:

Accounts Receivable:

None

Accounts Payable:

		VAT	
Clerk's expenses (mileage Jan-Jun '16)	£93.24		Cheque no: 000605
S&L Garrett-Harvey (Grounds Maintenance)	£240	£40	Cheque no: 000606
Clerk's Salary (June) + 1% salary increase From April 2016	£285		Cheque no: 000607

b) The above payments and receipts were approved.

c) Balance at the bank after the above payments and receipts have been deducted/included: £7,826.12

Date of next Parish Council Meeting: - Monday 5th September 2016 in the Village Hall, Vicarage Lane, Mears Ashby.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 8:34pm.

.....Signature

Chairman

.....Date

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