

MEARS ASHBY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs K Payne (Chairman), N Wookey, V Smith, C Stockdale, D Payne and A Palmberg (Clerk) + 5 residents

081/16 Opening Procedures

a) **Apologies:** Apologies were received and approved from Cllr T Graham, Cllr M O'Halloran, Borough Cllr J Bone and Borough Cllr C Hallam.

b) **Declarations of Interest from members:** Cllr C Stockdale – Item 92/16 (00617, 00600/00598)

c) **Approval of Minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting:** Members approved the minutes from the Ordinary meeting held on Monday 3rd October with a slight amendment to Item 74/16.

d) **To discuss and where possible resolve matters arising from the meeting held on 3rd October.**
None

082/16 Public Time

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

Mr K Reid enquired about the Affordable Housing refused planning application that had been refused by the WBC planning committee. He asked why there was no vote taken at the August Parish Council meeting. Cllr Wookey responded that as there were still a number of issues regarding the highway access and that members of the public were vehemently opposed to the scheme he had not deemed it appropriate to ask Councillors to vote at that time. The Parish Council had approved the application at the September meeting but still had reservations about road access points. Mr Reid also enquired whether the Chairman had declared an interest as he understood her daughters were on the Housing List. The Chairman responded that she had no knowledge of whether or not her daughters were on the Housing List and in any event, the names of the persons on the Housing List were not disclosed to Parish Councils.

083/16 Reports

October:

The Clerk advised the Parish Council of the following incidents:

Burglary Dwelling x 1 - Rear window smashed to gain entry (property stolen)

Theft x 1 - Beckworths (quantity of meat stolen)

Violence x 1 – Assault without injury, Earls Barton Rd. (plastic bottle thrown at cyclist from passing vehicle).

084/16 To receive an update on the Insurance Claim for the damaged streetlight at North St/Glebe Rd. junction.

The Clerk informed the meeting that as Councillor Graham had all the details of the claim, she has passed on the list of the criteria to Cllr Graham for the purposes of claiming from the insurance company.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the need for a replacement streetlight will be discussed at the next meeting.

085/16 To receive an update on the Affordable Housing/Play area recent Planning Application.

The Chairman confirmed that the planning application had been refused. Cllr Smith enquired as to the likelihood of affordable housing in Mears Ashby in the future to which the Chairman responded that it is unlikely as, from the comments made at the Planning Committee, there does not appear to be any likelihood of other sites being approved.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that further discussions regarding the siting of a possible pocket park would be included on the next agenda.

086/16 To receive an update on the Parishes Forum.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Parishes Forum will take place this coming Thursday and some of the discussion points will pertain to the Parliamentary boundary review, precepting and the closure of Wollaston Recycling Centre.

087/16 To receive an update on the VDS and discuss Highway issues arising from the report.

Cllr Wookey expressed his thanks to Cllr Smith for her efforts in coordinating and producing the VDS. The Clerk enquired whether the document could be re-formatted into PDF format for the purpose of the website.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Helen Howard (Highways) to request fulfilling the following items listed in the Management Plan of the Village Character Appraisal (which was drawn up as part of the VDS process)

- Wilby Rd/Wellingborough Rd/Duchess End junction: provision of clearer road signage and road markings
- Wilby Rd.: request to move the 30mph sign further up Wilby Rd, past Mr Harrison's barn
- Outside No. 2 North Street: Clearer white lines and/or a possible parking bay with a view to making the left turn into Highfield Rd. safer.
- A scheme for a general 20mph speed limit speed restriction in the village.
- Earls Barton Rd: request to move 30mph signs in light of the new development site.at Hill Farm

088/16 To receive an update on the "No Parking" bollards provided to the Village School.

The Chairman advised the meeting that in spite of efforts to alleviate the traffic and parking issues using bollards provided, the school has advised the Parish Council that there is no one to place and remove the bollards at the agreed times. The school has advised the Parish Council that they are currently advertising for a site supervisor.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the School Governors in an attempt to resolve the issue.

089/16 To discuss and resolve how to inform all residents of the use of the defibrillator.

Cllr Wookey expressed his disappointment at the low attendance of parishioners at the recent training session and emphasized the importance in understanding how the defibrillator works. He suggested a set of simple instructions to be posted through residents letterboxes.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that Cllr Wookey would put a note together.

090/16 To approve the purchase of the British Legion poppy wreath for Remembrance Day.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the purchase of the wreath had already been agreed in the budget.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that Cllr Wookey would lay the wreath at All Saints Church, Nears Ashby on Sunday 11th November.

091/16 To receive an update on the damaged signpost at the junction of Glebe Rd/North St.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council that parts of the damaged signpost had been salvaged. Mr Ernie Potter has kindly offered to contact Highways and liaise with them directly.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that the Clerk would monitor progress.

092/16 To receive, discuss and decide on the following Planning Applications:

WP/16/00574/FUL

Construction of general-purpose agricultural building
Land at Vicarage Barn Farm, Glebe Rd., Mears Ashby

The Parish Council have no objections to the planning proposal but would request that a restriction is put in place to have no further dwellings erected.

WP/16/00617/HRN

Removal of 49.7m hedgerow to improve efficiency of arable farming
Fields south of Wards Barn, Mears Ashby Rd., Wilby

The Parish Council have no objections to the planning proposal.

WP/16/00600/VAR

Variation of Condition 3 of LBC WP/16/00279/LBC to amend plans
Land at Hill Farm, Wilby Rd., Mears Ashby

The Parish Council have no objections to the planning proposal.

093/16 Financial Matters

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

Accounts Receivable:

a) To discuss Budget Items 2017-2018

The Chairman encouraged parish councilors to consider Budget Items ahead of the December meeting.

b) To receive the receipts and payments account to 31st October 2016

Receipts:

Lark Energy (Solar Farm) Donation	£5000
c) Balance at Bank before payments have been deducted:	£12,796.07

Payments:

	£	VAT	
* S&L Garrett-Harvey (Grounds Maintenance)	£240	£40	Cheque No:000623*
NCALC (Subscriptions and Audit)	£418.80		Cheque No: 000624*
S&L Garrett-Harvey (Grounds Maintenance)	£240	£40	Cheque No: 000625
Barbara Osborne (Payroll Service)	£60		Cheque No: 000626
Anna Palmberg (Clerk's Salary – Oct)	£279.46		Cheque No: 000627
ICO (Annual Renewal)	£35		Cheque No: 000628
Contract Printing Svcs. (VDS)	£120	£20	Cheque No: 000629
SADS UK (defibrillator cabinet)	£335	£35	Cheque No: 000630

*** Denotes retrospective payments**

d) Payments were approved

CLlr Wookey advised the meeting of the receipt of £5000 from Lark Energy. The suggestion to contribute towards the faster Broadband Scheme will not be considered but instead CLlr were asked to consider the siting for a possible pocket park.

Members **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that Councillors Smith and Wookey would meet to discuss potential projects and the possibility of an announcement in Village Life.

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

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 8:53pm.

.....Signature

Chairman

.....Date

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