

WAPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Wappenham Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th January 2010 at Wappenham Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Present: Councillors Featherstone, Lay, Marshall, Walsh, Wickham, King
Liz Hart, Parish Clerk
5 members of the public.

Action

1187 Apologies

Cllr David Wilson had sent apologies due to family commitments.

1188 Approval of minutes of meeting held on 1st December 2009

Mrs Walsh proposed, seconded by Mrs Wickham that the Minutes of 1st December be approved with the following amendments:

1174 – apologies amended to include Mr Payne

1175 – seconder of Mrs Walsh amended to Mrs Wickham

All were in favour and Mr Featherstone signed the Minutes.

1189 Matters Arising

1180 – Mrs Walsh had not responded to the consultation as it was felt to be redundant.

1186 – the Clerk was awaiting delivery of the parking cards.

1190 Finance

a) Financial statement

Miss Marshall proposed, seconded by Mr Lay that the financial statement be approved. All were in favour.

Cash and Investment Accounts at 11 th Jan 2010	
Current Account - A +L	1111.44
Deposit Account (Post Office)	1520.66
Total	2632.10
(Cheque 449 - £36.73 not yet presented)	

Mr Featherstone requested that the Clerk return the PO Account Book for the accrued interest to be added.

Clerk

b) To agree bills for Payment

Mrs Wickham proposed, seconded by Mrs Walsh that the following bill be paid. All were in favour.

Bills received	NET	VAT	TOTAL	Cheque number	Power
E Hart (wages Oct-Mar)	535.87	0.00	535.87	450	LGA 1972 s111

1191 Review of general correspondence

The following was reviewed.

SNC

- S/2009/944/FUL - Elm Lodge Buildings Wappenham - Building for vehicle storage and extended parking area- notice of planning decision – approval
- S/2009/1044/FUL: 13 Brookside, Wappenham - Two storey side extension (amendment to S/2006/0123/P) – revised location plan (information only)- notice of planning decision – approval
- S/2009/1046/FUL: 13 Brookside, Wappenham - Relocation of a vehicular access - revised location plan (information only)- notice of planning decision – approval
- S/2009/1160/EXT – Manor Farm Wappenham – Change of use of redundant farm buildings to B1 and B2 uses and amended access. (Time renewal of S/2004/1177/P) – notice of Committee Meeting in January (due to Applicant being a Cllr on the Committee)
- P/2209/1402/PRE – BT Kiosk Rectory Way – details of proposal by BT to remove telephony services and offer the PC the chance to adopt the kiosk – *on Agenda*
- War Memorial Playing Fields – request for information – *Clerk to check with PC*
- Details of Presentation from Parish Council Reception, updated organisation plan invitation to Special Briefing on Interim Housing Policy (date TBC) – *Clerk to ask Cllrs if they wish to attend*
- Register of Electors – copy of the update Electoral Register and form to complete if a copies are required in the future – *Clerk to check with PC*

NCC

- 17 Brookside Wappenham – Request to Stop Up Part of the Publicly Maintained Highway – request for PC to submit any objections to the application being progressed - *Clerk to check with PC*
- MGWSP – satisfaction survey – to be completed
- Steve Dadswell – update on the Stopping Up Application at 17 Brookside

NCALC

- Advice regarding Snow and Ice clearing
- Notice that Anne Millar has resigned

Misc

- Tim Boswell MP – newsletter and Advice Centre Dates
- WNJPU – notice of publication of Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment document
- Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association – Annual Report
- Alliance and Leicester – December bank statement
- Simon Bown (17 Brookside) – formal complaint regarding comments in the Chairman's Report in the newsletter and further email detailing specific questions to be put to the PC – *on Agenda*
- Simon Bown – request for consultation responses to Towcester Masterplan and WNDC consultations
- Silverstone Beat Community Panel Meeting – Minutes of meeting held on 8th December
- Fire Service – offer to attend at community events

Mr King proposed seconded by Miss Marshall that the Electoral Register should continue to be received. All were in favour.

NCC – request by 17 Brookside to Stop Up part of the Highway – Mr Lay proposed seconded by Mrs Walsh that the comments previously submitted regarding this application be re-submitted. All were in favour.

The meeting was closed to allow members of the public present to comment on the sites identified in the SHLAA produced by the WNJPU as these were felt to be unsuitable.

The meeting was re-opened; it was agreed that the Mr Lay proposed seconded by Miss Marshall that powers be delegated to allow submission of comments detailing why the

sites would be unsuitable by the Parish Council within the timescales. All were in favour.

1192 Planning

a) To be considered for observation:

S/2009/1243/LBC - Wappenham Manor Wappenham - Single storey extension to create porch, coat and boots storage area to include internal alterations to the hall. Installation of glazed panels between existing piers. Conversion to second floor attic roof space to create bedroom and bathroom. Partition alterations to second floor to enable new door opening to attic conversion

Mr Lay declared a non-prejudicial interest in this application.

Mr King proposed, seconded by Miss Marshall that no objections be raised and no further comments noted as the application is a listed building consent and the Councillors do not feel qualified to comment on those specific areas of expertise. All were in favour.

S/2009/1242/FUL - Wappenham Manor Wappenham - Single storey extension to create a porch, coat and boot storage area

Mr Lay declared a non-prejudicial interest in this application.

Mrs Walsh proposed, seconded by Mr King that no objections be raised and no further comments noted. All were in favour.

Consideration of application from BT regarding removal of public telephone facility and potential adoption by Parish Council

Mrs Wickham proposed seconded by Mr Lay that Option 2 be submitted (to object to the removal of the telephony services and not to proceed with adoption of the kiosk). All were in favour.

b) To receive updates from the Clerk on the following:

S/2009/1160/EXT – Manor Farm Wappenham – Change of use of redundant farm buildings to B1 and B2 uses and amended access. (Time renewal of S/2004/1177/P)

Application awaiting Committee meeting.

S/2009/1044/FUL: 13 Brookside, Wappenham - Two storey side extension (amendment to S/2006/0123/P).

Application had received approval.

S/2009/1046/FUL: 13 Brookside, Wappenham - Relocation of a vehicular access

Application had received approval.

S/2009/944/FUL - Elm Lodge Buildings Wappenham - Building for vehicle storage and extended parking area

Application had received approval.

S/2009/0657/P – Mini Farm, Blakesley Rd, Abthorpe - Three mobile homes and a toilet block (retrospective).

The application was pending decision.

1193 To consider complaint regarding Chairman's Report in the Winter newsletter

Mr Featherstone explained the complaints procedure and the meeting was closed to allow the complainant to clarify details from his point of view. The complaint concerned two issues where the complainant alleged that inaccurate statements regarding 17 Brookside had been made in the Chairman's article of the Winter 2009 newsletter concerning adherence to planning conditions and an application to 'Stop Up' part of the highway. The Clerk submitted detailed timelines on both issues to all present and several Parish Councillors asked questions to clarify issues. During the time that the meeting was closed both the complainant and Mr Featherstone had several opportunities to clarify their actions and understanding on both issues so that the Council had a fully

informed view from both parties as to the complaints. A specific comment made by the complainant to Mrs Wickham was deemed inappropriate by Mr Featherstone who requested that it be omitted from the Minutes.

The meeting was re-opened and Mr Featherstone and the complainant both left the room for the Councillors to consider the complaint. Mrs Walsh proposed, seconded by Mr Lay that the public be excluded from this item. All were in favour and the remaining members of the public present left the meeting.

After due consideration, it was resolved that the complaint regarding the s116 application not be upheld. Regarding the planning condition adherence, Mr Lay proposed, seconded by Mrs Walsh that the following be inserted into the Spring newsletter: "Following a complaint concerning comments in the Chairman's Report of the Winter 2009 edition from a resident of 17 Brookside, the Parish Council would like to acknowledge that due to the time lag between the article's submission and its subsequent publication, the planning condition had in fact been complied with at the time the newsletter was printed and distributed." All were in favour.

It was further resolved that a letter be sent to the complainant detailing the reasoning for this action. The Parish felt it important to emphasise that it must use and accept information from the competent authority, in this case South Northants Council and Northamptonshire County Council.

1194 To receive update regarding Wappenham Recreation Committee Proposal

Due to time constraints it was resolved to carry this item forward to the February meeting.

1195 To receive update regarding Village Hall Committee Proposal

Item carried forward to February meeting.

1196 To consider adopting a Statement of Intent regarding Training

Item carried forward to February meeting

1197 Footpaths

a) To receive report from Footpath's Warden

Item carried forward to February meeting

b) To receive update on project to produce a footpaths map

Item carried forward to February meeting

1198 AOB

The issue of dog excrement in the Churchyard was highlighted as an ongoing concern.

Miss Marshall indicated her intention to resign as Parish Councillor at the AGM. Mr Featherstone thanked her for all her efforts and the support she had given over a long period as a Parish Councillor.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.