

WAPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Wappenham Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th November 2007 in Wappenham Village Hall, Wappenham at 8 p.m.

Present: Councillors Featherstone, King, Lay, Wickham
Parish Clerk – Liz Hart

Action

901 Apologies

Miss Marshall and Mrs Kappler had given their apologies.

902 Approval of minutes of meetings held on 6th November 2007

Mrs Wickham proposed, seconded by Mr Lay, that the Minutes of 6th November be approved. All were in favour and Mr Featherstone signed the Minutes

903 Matters Arising

899 Replacement of Eileen's Tree

Mrs Wickham has purchased the tree.

900 ECS Queen's Award

Mrs Wickham briefed the meeting on the event; there had been a tour and interesting talk followed by the presentation by the Lord Lieutenant.

904 Housing Needs Survey

Mr Featherstone had sent back comments on the original draft to Nadeem and the document was now at the final draft stage. A report will be in the newsletter. Council felt it important to see the impact of the whole of the cluster village surveys. The next step will be a "Village Walkabout" with SNC and ACRE to identify possible sites.

Mr Featherstone

905 Finance

a) Financial statement

Cash and Investment Accounts at 17th November 2007	
Current Account - A +L	1334.34
Deposit Account (Post Office)	1422.05
Sub total	2756.39
Less BDO	58.75
Total	2697.64

b) Bills for Payment

Bills received	NET	VAT	TOTAL	Cheque number
Village Hall Fees	120.00	0.00	120.00	425
SNC (cheque reissue – 422 lost in post)	87.29	0.00	87.29	426
Total	207.29	0.00	207.29	

Mr Lay proposed, seconded by Mrs Wickham that the financial statement be accepted by the Council and the bill received be paid. All were in favour.

c) Funding of memorial items

After taking advice from NCALC, the funding of memorial items is not a specific power or duty of the Council. However there is possible scope for such funding under the special power of s137; any expense made must be consummate with benefit to the parish.

906 Correspondence**SNC**

- Planning Applications
 - S/2007/1332/P – Brook Cottage 17 Brookside, Wappenham – *meeting held*
 - S/2004/1177/P – Manor Farm – amendment details - *for future meeting*
 - S/2007/1157/P – Meadow View – notice of decision - permission for single storey extension to side and replacement single storey extension to rear
 - S/2007/0984/P – 2 The Jetty, Wappenham – notice of decision refusal – *details circulated*
- Invoice Copy, Reminder and Sundry Debt Notice (election costs) – *confirmation of non arrival of cheque 422 and request for new cheque to be issued – on bills for payment*
- Landlord News and Views Newsletter
- Let's Talk Rubbish – *leaflets for distribution at November meeting*
- Debt Counselling Poster – *displayed on noticeboard*
- Strategic Funding Programme – *details circulated*

NCC

- Confirmation of receipt of funding forms from Ben Smith

NALC/ACRE

- Village Viewpoint Magazine – *for distribution at November meeting*
- Information on new salary scales - *circulated*

Misc

- Alliance and Leicester Bank Statement – 8th Oct
- Alliance and Leicester – cash deposit card information
- Alliance and Leicester – details of changes in interest timescales for cheque deposits
- BDO – Statement – 58.75 (*cheque sent off from October meeting*)
- Furnitubes Promotional Literature

Accounts received

- Invoice for the village hall hire - £120

No further comments on issued correspondence. Mr Featherstone briefed the meeting on

the recent SNC reception at Green's Norton.

907 Wappenham Recreation Committee Proposal

Mr Lay reported that Danny Moody (NCALC) had been consulted regarding the process of forming a sub-committee with members from the Council and non-voting other members. It is necessary to confirm that there are no issues regarding disposing of the assets of a charity; Pam Whilton (NCALC) will further advise Mr Lay on this issue.

Mr Lay is to review the current lease conditions.

Mrs Wickham suggested that the WRA should formally approach Mrs Kappler and the Church Commissioners with an outline proposal.

Council noted that Ben Smith has indicated some funding will be forthcoming from his "Empowering Councillors" grant.

908 Pathfinder

Kathryn Smith from ACRE is proposing a formal meeting in early December. Those involved from the parishes are hoping to meet up to discuss common ground.

909 Results of Post Office Consultation

The meeting noted that Wappenham has not been recommended for closure but further noted that it could come under scrutiny at a later date, should one of those within the constituency named for closure successfully fight to remain open. The current consultation is of 90 days duration.

910 Future Meeting Dates

8th January – 7:30pm

19th February – 7:30pm

911 A.O.B

Mrs Wickham informed the meeting that a tree on Pittams Lane belonging to the Parish Council had been pruned and that, in addition two branches are causing a potential problem with BT lines. The Council reiterated the requirement for advance permission to be obtained for tree pruning of its own specimens and it was proposed that Mrs Wickham should seek the advice of Paul Elcoat, Tree Warden, to check whether it would be appropriate to undertake remedial tree work.

Mr Lay

The meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.