

# WAPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Wappenham Parish Council held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at Wappenham Village Hall at 7:50p.m.

**Present:** Councillors Featherstone, King, George, Lay, Kappler, Wickham, Marshall  
Liz Hart, Parish Clerk  
Four members of the public were present.

### Action

#### 979 Apologies

None.

#### 980 Approval of minutes of meetings held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008

Miss Marshall proposed, seconded by Mrs Kappler, that the Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> April be approved. All were in favour and Mr Featherstone signed the Minutes.

#### 981 Matters Arising

##### 964 *Review of appropriate sites for a memorial bench*

It was noted that there was an additional possible site – under the large tree approximately 150 yards from the Village Hall.

##### 970 *Missing Village Entry Sign*

The Clerk reported that she has chased up the Street Doctor log and that a new sign was on order.

#### 982 Finance

##### a) Financial statement

Cash and Investment Accounts at 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2008	
Current Account - A +L	1156.97
Less unpresented cheque 433 (Insurance)	275.68
Total on cashbook	<b>881.29</b>
Deposit Account (Post Office)	1475.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>2357.05</b>

Mr Lay proposed, seconded by Mrs Wickham that the Financial statement be accepted. All were in favour.

##### b) Bills for Payment

Bills received	NET	VAT	TOTAL	Cheque number
Clerk's Expenses (Telephone and admin including Annual Assembly)	27.31	0.00	27.31	434

Miss George proposed, seconded by Mrs Kappler that cheque 434 for the Clerk's expenses be accepted. All were in favour.

### **c) Annual Return – Approval of Statement of Accounts**

The clerk presented the end of year accounts and statement to the meeting. Mr Lay proposed, seconded by Mr Featherstone that these be approved. All were in favour and Mr Featherstone and the Responsible Financial Officer signed Section 1.

### **d) Annual Return - Approval of Annual Governance Statement**

Mr Featherstone read out each statement from the Annual Return. All statements were answered in the affirmative with the final trust funds statement being not applicable. Mr Lay proposed, seconded by Mr Featherstone that these be approved. All were in favour and Mr Featherstone and the Clerk signed Section 2.

Mr Featherstone thanked the Clerk for her work in completing the Annual Return.

## **983 Correspondence**

### **SNC**

- Planning Applications
  - S/2008/310/P – 17 Brookside – notice of permission – *circulated*
  - S/2008/311/P – 17 Brookside – notice of refusal – *circulated*
  - S/2008/358/P – 15 Brookside – notice of refusal - *circulated*
  - S/2008/0472/P – Elm Lodge Buildings – link building to provide additional floorspace and revised parking layout – *on Agenda*
- Confirmation that South Northants homes will be inspected by end of June 2008 by surveyors
- Details of Planning Forum to take place on 19<sup>th</sup> June – *date circulated*
- Updates to Register of electors – *filed*
- Arts News Northamptonshire
- Concessionary Bus Pass Update – *information circulated to Cllrs and via WIZ*

### **NCALC**

- Update May 2008 - *circulated*

### **Misc**

- Astwell Benefice – invitation from Will Adams to attend Service of Welcome for Colin Simpson on 13<sup>th</sup> July at Lois Weedon – *circulated*
- Telephone enquiry from a land agent regarding Silver Lake, Wappenham – *response given*
- Allegation by email of prejudiced objections from Parish Council members in planning consultations

All the above correspondence was noted with no further comments or actions required.

## **984 Wappenham Recreation Committee Proposal**

Mr Lay noted that there was a need to speak to the Church before entering into communication with any other party.

**Mr Lay**

## **985 Footpaths issues**

SC8 – stile/hunt jump - Miss Marshall confirmed that the landowner concerned was aware their responsibilities.

Miss Marshall confirmed to Mrs Kappler that landowners have no responsibility to keep Rights of Ways mown.

SC9 – Mrs Wickham informed Miss Marshall that the bottom part of the stile is loose and dangerous.

**Miss Marshall**

Miss Marshall will report back to the next meeting on all the above issues.

**Miss Marshall**

**986 Review of appropriate sites for a memorial bench**

The Clerk will correspond with Mrs Davis over the proposed sites.

**Clerk**

**987 To be considered for observation:**

**Application number: S/2008/0578/LB**

**Location: 3 The Lane Wappenham**

**Proposal: Internal and external alterations including the removal and alteration of existing stud and supporting walls and the erection of new stud and supporting walls, the removal and replacement of an existing staircase and supporting timber beams with a new staircase and steel beams, the removal and replacement of both timber and concrete floors, the fitting out of a kitchen, the replacement of rooflights and the creation of new door openings**

**Mr Featherstone closed the meeting to allow the applicant who was present to summarise the background and key points of the application.**

**The meeting was then re-opened.**

The meeting supported the application unanimously as the development was a sympathetic one. It was additionally noted that the plans and narrative are clear and well presented which aided decision making.

**988 Village of the Year Competition - update on Judges' visit**

Mrs Wickham briefed the meeting on the visit which was well supported by the village with 14 representatives from village groups and businesses present to meet the judges for their 2 hour visit. The judges were particularly impressed with the Village Action Plan and the website. They had suggested signing the Village Hall to help people find it more easily.

**989 Dates for future meetings**

**15<sup>th</sup> July: 7:30pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sept: 7:30pm**

**990 AOB**

The Clerk was asked to sign up the village for the speed sign trial as seen recently in Abthorpe.

**Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.10p.m.