

WAPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Wappenham Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd September 2008 at Wappenham Village Hall at 8p.m.

Present: Councillors King, Wickham, Featherstone, Kappler, George
Liz Hart, Parish Clerk

Action

1011 Apologies

Mr Lay and Miss Marshall had sent apologies due to work commitments.

1012 Approval of minutes of meeting held on 4th August 2008

Mr King proposed, seconded by Mrs Wickham, that the Minutes of 4th August be approved. All were in favour and Mr Featherstone signed the Minutes.

1013 Matters Arising

1009 There was general discussion regarding those properties in the village with agricultural ties. At this stage it did not appear that buildings were being used outside of their consent but the Parish Council will monitor this in the future.
A general agricultural shed is currently being used as workshop; Mrs George declared a prejudicial interest in this matter. The PC understands that the tenant is aware of potential issues relating to the use of the building and will be undertaking remedial steps as necessary.

1014 Finance

a) Financial statement

Cash and Investment Accounts at 1st Sept 2008	
Current Account - A +L	400.36
Deposit Account (Post Office)	1475.76
Total	1876.12

Mrs Wickham proposed, seconded by Mrs Kappler, that the Financial Statement be approved. All were in favour

b) To agree bills for Payment

Bills received	NET	VAT	TOTAL	Cheque number	Power
BDO Stoy Hayward	50.00	8.75	58.75	436	LGA 1972 s111

Mrs Wickham proposed, seconded by Mr King, that cheque 436 for BDO be raised. All were in favour

c) To review External Auditor's recommendations of Annual Return

The Clerk confirmed that BDO had raised no matters which required the issuing of a separate issues arising report. The annual return was presented; Mrs Kappler proposed, seconded by Mrs George that the document be approved and accepted by the Council. All were in favour.

d) To review the significant risks to achieving the council's objectives and the adequacy of the arrangements to manage those risks

The Council considered measures taken to minimise significant risks: published Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment, reference to NCALC, Clerk's training courses. Mr Featherstone proposed, seconded by Mrs Wickham that Council accept that to its current knowledge no significant risks exist. All were in favour.

1015 Correspondence

SNC

- Planning Applications
 - S/2008/1082/AG – land opposite Brookside – agricultural storage building – for information only
 - S/2008/1080/AG – fields to the rear of The Laurels, 31 High Street - agricultural store – for information only
 - S/2008/1332/P – Brook Cottage, 17 Brookside – notice of Appeal against Refusal of Planning Permission – *considered at Planning Meeting of 4th August 2008*
- Performance Plan 2008/9
- Housing for U newsletter
- Summer Activities Poster - *displayed and circulated on WIZ*
- Dog Control Orders – details of consultation
- Homeless Directory 2008
- 2008-9 Yearbook

NCC

- Temporary Road Closure – Weedon Lois Rd – 1st – 5th Sept – *poster displayed and circulated on WIZ*
- Northants Touring Arts Programme
- Silverstone Community Panel Meeting details – Police

NCALC

- – Update July – August 2008

ACRE

- Invitation to Climate Change Conference – *circulated*
- The Playing Field - for Recreation Ground Committee

Misc

- Alliance and Leicester – August statement
- Ability Northants – information and poster – *displayed and circulated on WIZ*
- SLCC – Conference information
- South Northamptonshire Forum – poster regarding an event on Speedwatch – 25th September at Syresham
- BDO Stoy Hayward – Notice of Completion of Audit and accompanying paperwork, invoice for £50.00 plus £8.75 VAT = £58.75
- AGE Concern – questionnaire on Befriending Services
- Northampton Town Football Club – offer to include a ticket voucher with Welcome Packs for new residents
- East Midlands Fire and Rescue Centre – details of new facility at Castle Donnington
- National Savings – confirmation of signatories for withdrawals
- Vitalise – request for donations

The Clerk updated the meeting regarding the S/2008/1332/P – Planning Appeal. SNC will inform of the date of the Appeal to take place at Springfields.

Homeless Directory – the Clerk will forward a web link to Diane Walsh.

Mr King volunteered to attend the Silverstone Community Panel Meeting.

Mr King

The Clerk will inform Jane Harries of the Northampton Football Club offer.

Clerk

1016 Review of NCALC correspondence
a) Training Schedule

Mrs George will consider attending and New Councillor's course.

b) AGM information regarding resolutions and nominations for elections to County Committee

This was noted.

1017 Wappenham Recreation Committee Proposal

In Mr Lay's absence, Mr Featherstone noted the strong will within the Village Committee to formalise a relationship with the WRC. This item will remain on future Agendas.

Clerk

1018 Report from the Footpaths Warden

The meeting reviewed the following report which Miss Marshall had sent in her absence:

WAPPENHAM PARISH PATH WARDEN

Report - September 2nd 2008

Confirmation of actions:

2nd June 2008. Meeting with Colin Wicks, Rights of Way Officer. Walked round village to identify where remedial action was required:

- Junction of SC6 and SC8 (path to Abthorpe) on Mr Hinton's land. A hunt jump has replaced a stile and gate. Materials will be supplied to Mr Hinton for erection of a new stile.
- Stile and bridge on SC8 and SC9 (Brookside). ROWO believes a new bridge is required. In addition, since the stile into the little copse immediately after bridge on SC8 serves no useful purpose it may be removed. A new stile is needed on Mr Marston's land, immediately after brook crossing on SC9 and the next stile on the footpath, which is relatively new and erected by the landowner, is not very secure.
- I pointed out that the stile on SC30, adjacent to the bridleway SC29 is redundant as walkers go round it and it is not in a hedge which retains stock. It may be that this can be removed and re-used for one of the above jobs.
- We walked along the byway on the edge of Bucknell Wood (SC14) and noted the deep trenches caused by inappropriate use of 4WD vehicles. Much remedial work has been undertaken at considerable expense but the council may be reluctant to undertake more work if 4WD activity is likely to resume. I have subsequently raised the issue again in light of Mr A Jones' concerns.

02.06.08

Trimming undertaken of: Hedge on junction of SC30/ SC29
Hedges at both exits of cemetery
Hedge and nettles both sides of road
SC6 (Abthorpe Road)

06.08.08 Trimming undertaken of:

Grass and shrubs in hollow of bridleway
SC29
Hedges on SC22 (towards Lois Weedon)

Outstanding items:

- No indication yet of when any of the above work will be undertaken (email

sent to Colin Wicks last week)

- I still have to contact the PPW of Helmdon re an aerial map of village.
- Standing 'slurry' on footpath SC25 (by Wilson's buildings) – stone has now been tipped in the area so remedial action is expected shortly.

Mr Featherstone thanked Miss Marshall and looks forward to the remedial actions being completed.

1019 AOB

The meeting noted that the new permanent Chair of the Village Hall Committee is Michael Payne.

Village Fete – the Parish Council was looking forward to a successful weekend but did comment that the timing clashed with neighbouring villages' events. It hoped that in the future consideration would be given to avoid this reoccurring.

1020 Dates of future meetings

14th Oct: 7:30pm

25th Nov: 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.