

WAPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Wappenham Parish Council held on Thursday 30th July at Wappenham Village Hall at 8pm.

Present: Councillors Featherstone, King, Marshall, Lay (from Item 1140), Walsh, Wickham
Councillor Ben Smith
Liz Hart, Parish Clerk; three members of the public

	Action
<p>1136 Apologies</p> <p>Mr Wilson sent apologies due to work commitments. Mr Lay sent apologies for being delayed until Agenda Item 1140.</p>	
<p>1137 Approval of minutes of meetings held on 30th June 2009</p> <p>Miss Marshall proposed, seconded by Mrs Walsh that the Minutes of 30th June be approved with the following amendment: 1132 – “footpath” amended to “Right of Way” All were in favour and Mr Featherstone signed the Minutes.</p>	
<p>1138 Matters Arising</p>	
<p>1114 Caravans on Abthorpe Rd Item carried forward.</p>	Mrs Wickham
<p>1121 Overgrown hedge The Clerk advised that this matter was in hand.</p>	
<p>1139 Planning - to be considered for observation: Application number: S/2009/0671/P Location: The Old Barn, Priesthay Wood Farm Wappenham Road Syresham Proposal: Widen existing vehicular access</p> <p>Mr King proposed, seconded by Miss Marshall that the Parish Council support the application. All were in favour.</p> <p>Mr Featherstone <i>closed the meeting</i> to ask Cllr Smith for his views on purely functional planning applications. Cllr Smith advised that, in his experience, Parish Councils tended either to submit no objections (as no actual improvements were being made to the area) or support as Wappenham had done. <i>The meeting was re-opened.</i></p>	
<p>1140 To be considered for observation: All correspondence received from NCC regarding a request from the owner of 17 Brookside to pursue the removal of highway rights.</p> <p>Mr Featherstone summarised the correspondences and subsequent discussions with NCC; NCC had confirmed that the applicant would now need to use s116 of the Highways Act (rather than s247 of the Town and Country Planning Act) to pursue the stopping up process.</p> <p><i>The meeting was closed.</i> Mr Featherstone thanked Cllr Smith for attending at short notice and discussions then took place with the members of public who included a representative of the applicant and the adjoining landowner. Issues raised were historical use of the area, pinch points on the road, speeding traffic, and concerns regarding the culvert and potential flooding. <i>The meeting was re-opened.</i></p> <p>Mr Featherstone proposed, seconded by Mr Lay that the following comments be submitted: The Parish Council would not object to the stopping up of the land marked in red on the</p>	

map (albeit that this is a retrospective application which is to be discouraged); however the Parish Council in its deliberations requests that NCC investigate thoroughly both the impact upon Road Safety in this area via the Casualty Reduction Unit and the impact on any flooding instances and the flood plain itself, an issue which has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council in this area on previous occasions.

Five in favour, one against, motion carried.

1141 AOB

Mr King will provide Mrs Walsh with updated information on Neighbourhood Watch for the website.

Mr King

Mr Lay has written to the Diocese regarding the Recreation Ground proposal responding to the various points raised. Mike Payne, David Wilson and Will Adams had received copies.

The Clerk was asked to thank Cllr Smith for attending the meeting.

Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.