

WAPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Wappenham Parish Council held on Tuesday 31st March 2009 at Wappenham Village Hall at 7:30pm.

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

1 member of the public was present.

		Action												
1089	Apologies Miss Marshall had sent apologies due to work commitments. .													
1090	Approval of minutes of meetings held on 24th February and 24th March 2009 Mrs Wickham proposed, seconded by Mrs George, that the Minutes of 24 th February be approved. All were in favour and Mr Featherstone signed the Minutes. Mrs George proposed, seconded by Mrs Wickham, that the Minutes of 24 th March be approved. All were in favour and Mr Featherstone signed the Minutes.													
1091	Matters Arising													
1079	<i>Review of correspondence concerning the Horse Chestnut on the Knob</i> The Clerk confirmed no updates had been received; Mr Featherstone requested that this item be kept on the Agenda for future meetings.	Clerk												
1081	<i>Proposed site of a memorial bench consideration of response from NCC</i> Mrs Wickham will call on Mrs Davies to ascertain her wishes.	Mrs Wickham												
1084	AOB Mrs Wickham will make enquiries with Abthorpe Parish Council regarding the caravans on the Abthorpe Road – <i>carried forward</i> Miss Marshall had taken a photo of sitting water on the Abthorpe Road; the Clerk will forward this to NCC – <i>carried forward</i> Resignation of Mrs Kappler – the Clerk was asked to notify SNC and to obtain the necessary documentation for advertising Notice of a Casual Vacancy.	Mrs Wickham Clerk Clerk												
1092	Finance a) Financial statement													
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	Mrs Wickham proposed, seconded by Mr King that the Financial Statement be approved. All were in favour.													
	b) Bills for Payment None had been received by the Clerk.													

1093 To review information from the Village Hall Committee regarding new kitchen extension

Mr Featherstone closed the meeting to allow Mr Payne, Chair of the Village Hall Committee to inform the meeting of its proposals.

The Committee wish to transform the Village Hall into an amenity which better meets the needs of the community and will also tie in with the aims of the WRC to provide a recreation ground near to the Village Hall. A grant to undertake the work is available but the Committee needs the full support of the Parish Council. It is envisaged that a separate Working Party will carry the project forward. Events planned for this year include a Barn Dance on 11th July and a Jumble Sale to finance the pensioners' Christmas Party.

Mr Featherstone reopened the meeting.

Mr Featherstone proposed, seconded by Mr Lay that the Parish Council should wholeheartedly support the goals of the Village Hall Committee given its cohesive approach towards providing a building suitable for the village. All were in favour. The Clerk was requested to ask Ben Smith if he had any funds available from the Empowering Councillors Scheme to be used towards drawing up plans for the extension.

Clerk

1094 To receive report from Mr King, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Mr King reported on the latest meeting of the Towcester Rural Communities. Of 40 villages only 8 had been represented. The three target areas for the Police are: Speeding, Crime Prevention and Anti-social behaviour. The Clerk was requested to invite the Police to the Annual Assembly.

Clerk

1095 Review of general correspondence

SNC

- S/2009/149/P - The Church of St Mary the Virgin Wappenham - Change of use from agricultural land to provide an extension to the existing graveyard – *planning meeting held*
- S/2009/182/P - Rectory Farm School Lane Wappenham - Change of use of part of grain barn from agriculture to form motor repair workshop (Retrospective) - *planning meeting held*
- Notice of changes to case office arrangements at Brackley and Towcester – *Post Office confirmed that they are displaying advisory leaflets*
- Activity Zone dates notification – *Village Hall booked for correct dates*
- Dog Control Orders – *information for circulation*
- Affordable Housing Needs – notice that Laura Welch will replace Nadeem Khan as Strategic Housing Officer

NCC

- Notice the bus services will be going to tender shortly and request for comments on existing service – *circulated*
- MGWSP – request for contact details of farmers with snowploughs
- MGWSP – update on Top Priorities from Max Andrews
- Details of Village Agents Exercise for Rural Renewal Unit and request for information

ACRE

- Notice that the position of Rural Housing Enabler will no longer be funded

NCALC

- March/April Update - *circulated*
- Royal Garden Party Nominations – notice that Mr Featherstone's name was not selected from the ballot

Misc

- David Harries – Internal Auditor – request to arrange audit time – *set for 20th May*
- South Northants Homes – *works briefing paper*
- Minutes from Police Community Panel Meeting and dates for next meetings – *on*

Agenda for Mr King to summarise

- Rotary Club of Towcester – details of Race Day on the Racecourse in Northampton on Sunday 31 May 2009 – *circulated on WIZ and on website*
- South Northants Homes – details of rent increase letter sent to tenants and justification thereof
- Milton Keynes Council – details of a conference in April for its parishes

The outstanding log for the Wappenham village sign was discussed; more than 18 months has elapsed since this was reported which was felt to be totally unacceptable. The Clerk was requested to ascertain the complaints procedure for NCC and to make a complaint.

Clerk

1096 To respond to consultation on bus services

The Clerk confirmed that she had given information to Eileen Robbins for her comments.

1097 Wappenham Recreation Committee Proposal

Mr Lay is intending to invite the Planning Officer to the proposed site over the Easter holidays to discuss its potential as a recreation ground. He will also be inviting representatives from the Diocese to view the area.

Mr Lay

1098 To review arrangements for the Annual Assembly

Mr Featherstone proposed, seconded by Mr Lay, that the successful format from last year be adopted; all were in favour. The Clerk will purchase wine and forward a flyer to Mr Featherstone whilst Mrs Wickham and Miss Marshall will provide refreshments.

**Clerk
Mrs Wickham/
Miss Marshall**

1099 Footpaths Report

There was no Report for the meeting; the Clerk will ask Miss Marshall to submit one for the May meeting.

Clerk

1100 Dates of future meetings

Wednesday 8th April – meeting for planning consultations
Wednesday 13th May – Annual Assembly - confirmed
Tuesday 19th May – AGM followed by Ordinary Meeting - confirmed

1101 Mr King highlighted the dangerous stretch of road between Richard Wilson's and the Slapton turning which had seen five incidents in the last five months. There is on going discussion regarding the replacement of the railings on the roadside by the Slapton turning.

Mr Featherstone asked the Clerk to ensure that her next salary payment included the pay raise recently communicated by NCALC.

Mrs Wickham highlighted an issue whereby a stray dog had been bothering geese in a residential garden; she understood that the Dog Warden had been informed.

Mrs Wickham will ask Mr Payne to speak about the proposed extension to the Village Hall at the Annual Assembly.

Mrs Wickham

The concrete posts bordering the brook on Brookside are deteriorating; the Clerk will log on Street Doctor.

Clerk

Mrs George tendered her resignation from the Parish Council; she has been asked to take up other voluntary responsibilities. Mr Featherstone thanked her for all her time and effort she had put into the role of Parish Councillor.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.