

# WAPPENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Wappenham Parish Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2007 in Wappenham Village Hall, Wappenham at 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors Featherstone, Kappler, Wickham, Harvey, Lay, King, George  
No members of the public were present.

**Action**

**866 Apologies**

Miss Marshall gave apologies.

**867 Approval of minutes of meeting held on 17th July 2007**

Mrs Wickham proposed, seconded by Mrs George that the Minutes be approved. All were in favour and Mr Featherstone signed the Minutes.

**868 Matters Arising**

**856** Blue notices at Silver Lake – SNC have suggested that one sign, close to the footpath at the car park end, would be sufficient and less visually harmful in an otherwise unspoilt rural setting. They have invited an application for express consent along those lines and requested that the other two signs be removed as soon as possible.

**856** Parking on the green – it was noted that some cars were parked on the grass during the fete.

**856** Overgrown hedges – these have been clipped back.

**863** Mr Featherstone had written to Mrs Gill.

**869 Finance**

**a) Financial statement**

<b>Cash and Investment Accounts at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007</b>	
Current Account - A +L	1154.34
Deposit Account (Post Office)	1422.05
Petty Cash	6.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>2582.48</b>

Mrs George proposed, seconded by Mrs Kappler that the financial statement be accepted. All were in favour.

**b) To consider bills for payment**

<b>Bills received</b>		Cheque number
SNC Invoice - Elections	87.29	422
Clerk's Wages – April – September (inc) - £500 6 weeks (20 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2007 - £120	620.00	423
<b>Total</b>	<b>707.29</b>	

Mr Lay proposed, seconded by Mrs Wickham that the bills presented be paid. All were in favour.

**c) Review actual v budget expenditure for year 2007/8**

Council reviewed budgeted against actual expenditure year to date, noting that they were in line with expectations; it was proposed by Mrs Wickham and seconded by Miss Marshall that all figures be accepted. All were in favour.

**870 Correspondence**

The following had been received:

**SNC**

- Planning Applications
  - S/2007/0682/P – 13 Brookside – permission granted with conditions
  - S/2007/0473/P – Park Hill House – permission granted with conditions
  - S/2007/0473/P – Park Hill House – Amended Plan for information only – removal of rooflights from south (road) elevation
  - S/2007/0984/P – 2 The Jetty – creation of parking area – *circulated, meeting held*
- Housing Needs Survey – *circulated*
- Flooding Report Request – *on agenda*

**NCC**

- The Waymarker Magazine
- Details from Ben Smith re £10 000 funding allocation – *circulated*
- Rural Accessibility Audit – *covering letter circulated*
- Report to the People on Achievements

**NALC/ACRE**

- 2007 Parish Survey – completion date 5<sup>th</sup> October – *covering letter circulated*
- Update – July/August - *circulated*
- Acre – invitation to Sports and Playing Fields Event – *for Playground Committee*
- Acre – Playing Field Newsletter – *for Playground Committee*
- Every Action Counts/Acre – *Community Champion Details*
- Village Viewpoint – Autumn 2007

**Miscellaneous**

- Letter of Introduction from Cllr Warren
- West Northamptonshire Development Corporation – Planning Principles 2007 A Consultation Guide – details circulated
- Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Watch – invite to meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September – *circulated*
- Northants Police – Invitation to form Community Panels – *circulated*
- Vitalise – Breaks for Disabled People and Carers – request for funding - *circulated*

**Accounts received**

- SNC Invoice for Election Cost - £87.29

It was noted that the landowner of 2 The Jetty had been asked moved the access to the parking area on the plans.

£10 000 funding from Ben Smith – this was to be circulated on WIZZ by the Clerk.

**Clerk**

Rural Accessibility Audit – to be completed by Mr Featherstone

**Mr Featherstone**

WNDC – Planning Principles 2007 A Consultation Guide - to be completed by Mr Featherstone

**Mr Featherstone**

NALC Survey - to be completed by Mr Featherstone and the Clerk

**Mr Featherstone  
+ Clerk**

Northants Police – Invitation to form Community Panels – Mrs Wickham was interested but would be unable to attend. Clerk to request that WPC be kept informed further

**Clerk**

developments,

**871 Flooding Report – SNC**

Clerk is to complete and send to SNC. It was agreed to request a sand bin for 60 – 70 bags to be located on Brookside.  
It was noted that the removal of the railway bridge at Astwell 13 years ago had worsened flooding problems.

**Clerk**

**872 Consideration of Draft Report – Housing Survey**

The provision of four rental units had been recommended. The clerk is to invite Nadeem to the October meeting; in the meantime any inaccuracies in the report are to be forward to Nadeem by Mr Featherstone and the Clerk.

**Mr Featherstone  
+ Clerk**

**873 Replacement of Eileen’s tree**

Mrs Wickham is to speak to Paul Elcoat regarding a suitable replacement.

**Mrs Wickham**

**874 Recreation Ground Location**

Mr Lay summarised to the meeting the issues surrounding the current location – it is too small, on a gradient, with no toilet facilities and is leased. A new location near the Village Hall could be used during functions, by sporting events and would generate more income for the Hall.

Issues to be considered were

- Identifying a site
- Ownership – purchase of land/lease
- Fundraising required
- Ongoing maintenance

One possible site belongs to the Church; previously they had not been in favour of it been used as a playground. Mrs Kappler owns another possible site.

Insurance is the largest expenditure item; Clerk was actioned to determine how much extra the premium would be if it was included in the Parish Council’s insurance.

**Clerk**

**875 Pathfinder**

Mr Featherstone updated the meeting on the latest developments - Cllr Tavener is to host a meeting of the cluster group at Wappenham on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**876 Repair to the Chestnut on the Knob**

Mrs George proposed, seconded by Mrs Wickham that adverts to the value of £50 each be placed by WPC for the tree surgeon and arboracultulalist who have carried out a treatment on the tree on the Knob. All were in favour

**877 Agree dates for future meetings**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 7:30pm**  
**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – 7:30pm**

**878 Any Other Business**

None

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

