

COGENHOE & WHISTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st February 2010 at 7.30 pm, in Cogenhoe Village Hall.

PRESENT:

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| Mrs. E. Packer | Mr A Stanton | Mr Malcolm Scott |
| Mr Aubrey Carter | Mrs Karen Gerrard | Mrs Jean Grubb |
| Mr Roger Brown | Mr Geoff Carverhill | Mr James Biggs |

ATTENDING: Mr Michael Clarke, Mrs Carole Clarke, Mr Steven Hollowell
PC Roger Smith, PCSO Charlotte Johnson

APOLOGIES: Mr David Murray

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: E Packer – Village Hall, Karen Gerrard – Caravan Park

PUBLIC SESSION: Parishioner attended to express his concerns at the noisy anti social behaviour which has been taking place late at night in the Village Hall car park. A suggestion was made that a key be provided to all Village Hall users and request that car park gates are locked at night. Clerk to write to village Hall Committee and ask if they will discuss this at their next meeting.

Police reported that a boat and car had been stolen from Mill Lane recently but generally Cogenhoe & Whiston has been very quiet.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT: See below

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Budget will be approved at the end of the month and comments are still welcome on the County Council website.

On the whole it is felt that the gritting programme, which took place during the recent bad weather had been successful. Waiting for Whiston Hill to be included on the gritting run. Continual water flow in Nene rise is being thoroughly excavated to get to bottom of problem. Cotton Hill still has water/ice in spite of work done recently but this is felt to be caused by run-off water from land.

A meeting took place last week concerning the problems at Caravan Site in Mill Lane – namely Highways, Planning, Boats & Water Gypsies.

Caravan deliveries are within the law but all affected households must be notified. Police escorts are required if load exceeds maximum size. Meeting with 2 site managers to take place in order to bring about greater understanding and goodwill between all parties.

Steven Hollowell reported that there is Planning Consent for 17 Boats only – but not residential permission. 2 caravans are currently being occupied illegally – apparently by staff of the Aquadrome. It was suggested that we write again to Sotheby's agents, who are responsible for the Ecton land, to solicit their support in declaring this a No Mooring area.

Numbers of water gypsies are back up again. Disturbances and anti social behaviour has been reported. Drinking water has apparently been supplied to them by caravan park.

Carole Clarke has been speaking to Planning Department of SNC to look into them enforcing the whole of the site, which will simplify matters as currently it is split between SNC and

Wellingborough Council. WBC will also be asked if they would agree to the moving of the District boundary northwards, so that the whole of Cogenhoe Mill Caravan Site is within SNC.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: These had been previously circulated & were duly proposed by Jean Grubb, seconded by Roger Brown and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

MATTERS FOR REPORT arising from the Minutes:

We need to replace our Path Warden and enquiries are to be made to the new walking group, which has been set up in the village.

Mary Walker has now resigned and we will be advertising for new Councillor.

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS:

PARISH MATTERS:

a) **Amenities:**

- (i) Planting and maintenance options in village, first ideas with Roger Brown and 2 competitive quotes to be obtained.
- (ii) Allotments – Roger Brown and Albert Stanton spoke to land owners about the possible use of their land for allotments but no land is available for this purpose. This issue is to be discussed at the next meeting of the Playing Fields Committee.

b) **Minerals and Sewerage Plant:**

- (i) People are urged to report the recent bad smell from the sewerage works to Anglian Water.

c) **Highways & Transport:**

- ❖ Litter Pick –CPRE confirmed litter pick date of 29th March and will supply high-vis jackets.
- ❖ Snow Warden. This vacancy is still open and we need to find a volunteer.
- ❖ Football Lights – Elizabeth Packer has had conversation with a member of the Football Club who have done some adjustments and hope this will remedy the situation which will be monitored.
- ❖ Caravan Park – working group consisting of Albert Stanton, Elizabeth Packer and Roger Brown to be formed to deal with on-going situation at Caravan site. New developments/over development of the site and the new owners’ plans seem out of kilter with the well being of the village and surrounding area.
- ❖ Elizabeth attended Highways Rep day and reported the large puddle, which has appeared outside 35 Orchard Way – Helen Howarth will inspect this on a site visit and will also inspect issue of vehicles using cut through Whalley Grove/Orchard Way.
- ❖ It was proposed by Roger Brown and seconded by Malcolm Scott that we spend up to £50 to get the leaves in Whalley Grove cleared.
- ❖ Police to be advised of parking obstructions in the village.

d) **Crime & Disorder:**

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| e) Finance: | Bank Balances: | a) Current a/c | £ 2,426.09 |
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It was proposed by Karen Gerrard seconded by Geoff Carverhill and unanimously agreed that the following accounts be paid:

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| 1325 | Heather McNicol | Wages & expenses | £ | 455.71 |
| 1326 | A H Contracts | Dog bins | £ | 74.64 |
| 1327 | E-on | Lighting supply | £ | 742.98 |
| 1328 | C&W Playing Field | Room Hire | £ | 52.00 |
| 1329 | Hope Grove Nurs | Silver birch trees | £ | 38.45 |

e) **Lighting:**

Lamp in The Piece has been hit but made safe and awaiting re-erection.

f) **Playing Field & Village Hall:**

Arts Activities – Parish Council to spread word and ask for suggestions for activities for children in the summer to SNC. Jean Grubb to speak to Elaine Goldswain from Cogenhoe school.

Playing Field Committee happy for Parish council to get quotes to fill in ditch. Malcolm Scott to get quotes and then apply for grant from Michael Clarke's NCC fund.

h) **Planning:**

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| S090704/FUL | 50 York Avenue | 2 Dormer windows to front & 2 storey extn. to side. | PC no object | |
| S091155/OUT | Rear 82 Station Rd | New bungalow | PC no object | SNC Refuse |
| S091251/FUL | 53 Church Street | Flat roof & single extn | | |
| S2010/0031/FUL | Crossing Cottage | Singe storey extn | PC object | |
| S2010/0060/OUT | Rear 24 Brafield Rd | Dwelling in rear gdn | PC no object | |

WNJPU EMERGENT CORE STRATEGY:

Meeting will be held at Great Houghton on 8th February for all local villages. Technical responses have been done on land assessment (SHLAA). Sites in Cogenhoe have been identified by WNJPU. Not much can be done as they are only suggestions and no compulsory purchase of the land will be allowed. Many of the land owners concerned have said they will not sell and some sites also have limited access.

Our long term plan could be to adopt Village Design Statement. Once this is formulated, criteria met and approved by SNC, it would then form a Supplementary Planning Document, which Planners will have to take into account when considering any planning applications in the village. Yardley Hastings have already undertaken this project, which can be expected to be long term – approx 2 years or longer to complete. Geoff to invite representative to come and present concept to Parish Council.

i) **Pocket Park:**

Trees ordered and next meeting will take place on 15th February.

Clerks Salary

The clerk signed the contract as agreed at last meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters Received:

1. SNC – Planning
2. SNC Planning

