

COGENHOE & WHISTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th December 2009 at 7.30 pm, in Cogenhoe Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Mrs. E. Packer	Mr A Stanton	Malcolm Scott
Mr Aubrey Carter	Mr David Murray	Karen Gerrard
Mr Geoff Carverhill	Mrs Jean Grubb	
Mr James Biggs		

ATTENDING:

APOLOGIES: Roger Brown, Mary Padbury, Steven Hollowell, Michael Clarke, Carole Clarke and Heather McNicol

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

PUBLIC SESSION – Meeting closed for this item:

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT: Steven Hollowell has received complaints regarding noise and motorbike issues around the seat in Station Road and is writing to the Police regarding this. Police were invited but were unable attend until January meeting. However they have visited the site and spoke to residents, who knew nothing about any problems.

Steven Hollowell is still working with SNC regarding ownership of the hedge outside 34, Station Road.

We also 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.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:

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

MATTERS FOR REPORT arising from the Minutes:

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS:

PARISH MATTERS:

- a) **Amenities:** Clerk contacted A.H. Contracts regarding watering service. He gave a ball park figure of £30 per visit – this is because it will take him an hour travelling. Imperative we purchase planters with water reservoir to cut down on watering services. Jean was going to talk to the Garden Centre I believe for other costings. No further info.
Allotments – Geoff has had a half positive response from York’s Travel but also suggested we speak to land owner of strip of land at the rear of the Royal Oak and Scout Hut. Roger Brown to speak to land owner.
- b) **Minerals and Sewerage Plant:** Geoff has received a notification from Mark Chant, Head of Planning Policy, regarding Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Core Strategy: Suggested

changes. Representations can be made to these changes only, by 7th January 2010. Geoff Carverhill will make suggestions on behalf of Parish Council.

c) Highways & Transport:

- ❖ Litter Pick to be organised – Jean Grubb liaising with School. Roger is prepared to help organise something and suggests 9-18 April which ties in with CPRE event, so we might get funding etc. from them.
- ❖ Snow Warden. This vacancy is still open and we need to find a volunteer.
- ❖ Beech Hedge – western end of Station Road – arrangements have been made to cut back. Clerk has contacted MGWSP regarding the puddles in kerb by hedge. After continual chasing Anglia Water confirmed that job should have been done on Friday (4th). I'm not sure it was done, will try to remember to check this week.
- ❖ Water leak outside 75 Station Road has been reported. Blockage is on private system and resident has been informed. Problem solved.
- ❖ We have received a complaint regarding the ditch adjacent to the footpath along York Avenue. Apparently it is constantly littered and used for fly tipping. Both ditch and footpath are overgrown with stinging nettles and briars. Clerk reported and now chased Leo Plant as Mark Gatland is still absent. Money put aside in budget. Elizabeth will try to speak to someone tomorrow at Highways Day.
- ❖ Football Lights – reports received that lights are still blinding drivers on Brafield Road. Clerk to inform Ken Vaughan at SNC and ask him to progress. Done
- ❖ We have received letter from NCC asking if we need any repairs to the street lighting before they adopt the road (Watts Close). Inspection to take place and report back. Done
- ❖ Clerk to report hedge in Station Road causing restricted vision to drivers. Done
- ❖ We have received e-mail from concerned Parishioner about rubbish accumulating in a front garden with possible vermin implications. Clerk reported to Ken Vaughan at SNC. He is going to pursue under Section 215 but hoping a letter to householder will be sufficient to remedy.
- ❖ Elizabeth Packer and other villagers are meeting Roger Hayes from NCC to discuss the claim which we submitted several years ago to modify the Definitive Map to register the footpath which runs from the Playing Field to Nats Barn via Short Lane as a Public Right of Way. (2006)
- ❖ All Councillors are to check Grit bins are full.
- ❖ Discussion re large mobile homes being moved using Church Street & Mill Lane. Clerk to write to NCC to question restrictions which could apply - considering their weight, width height and the unsuitability of the narrow village road. Loss of goodwill has occurred from residents of Church Street & Mill Lane caused by the disruption these moves cause. It was also suggested that perhaps they needed a police escort. Elizabeth to try to speak to someone at Highways Day.
- ❖ All Councillors to check road signs to see if any need cleaning, undergrowth removing etc as per letter from Courtney Claunch at NCC who has a small budget allocated for this work.

d) Crime & Disorder: 3 reports from Colin Irvine plus others reported verbally since.

e) Finance:	Bank Balances:	a) Current a/c	£ 2,995.66
		b) Deposit a/c	£27,645.33

It has been confirmed that we will receive our mowing contribution from NCC of £822.74 soon.

It was proposed by Elizabeth Packer; seconded by Geoff Carverhill and unanimously agreed that the following accounts be paid:

1316	A H Contracts	Dog Bins	£	73.05
1317	Addison Print	WJPU printing	£	197.80
1318	Banner Contracting	Grass mowing	£	1,518.00
1319	NCALC	Flying Start Courses	£	58.00
1320	Heather McNicol	Wages & expenses	£	449.42

Clerk finally got a response regarding the training bursary. Unfortunately this is only applicable for admin staff training and not for councillors.

Finance Meeting took place presented proposal for next year's precept to Council. Unanimously agreed to keep pre-cept at 08/09 level, £20,000. Proposed by David Murray and seconded by Elizabeth Packer.

We have received request from Playing Field & Village Hall Committee for an increase in their grant from £2,000 to £2,500. After discussion it was felt that we should only give them £2,000, as we are holding the precept at last year's rate. Jean Grubb will suggest to them on Monday that they submit a budget for 2010/11 with their request. We wish to hold the £500 in reserve for a specific job that they might need money for in the future.

In the absence of the clerk, a discussion took place about the wording of a document to set out the Main Terms and Conditions of Employment of the Clerk to Cogenhoe & Whiston Parish Council, and to put her salary on a NCALC pay scale. Item to be discussed further at January meeting.

f) Lighting:

Light in Telephone Kiosk in Whiston - Clerk finally got a response from BT who have promised to send key to E-on.

g) Playing Field & Village Hall:

Clerk to get updated regulations for Dog Warden. Done

AGM took place on Nov 16th. Albert Stanton and Malcolm Scott attended. Terry Tarpley is now Chairman. Only 1 football club using facilities at present.

h) Planning:

S090704/FUL	50 York Avenue	2 Dormer windows to front & 2 storey extn. to side.	PC no object	
S090737/LBC	49 Church Street	Demolish lean-to & Construct 1.5 storey extn to side & detached garage to front	PC no object	SNC Permit
S090849/FUL	Adj.37 Station Rd	Detached dwelling	PC no object	SNC Permit
S090932/FUL	10 Glebe Way	1 st floor extn over garage	PC no object	SNC Permit
S091012/FUL	107 Station Road	Single storey front, 2 Storey side & single Storey rear extns	PC no object	
S091047/FUL	2 Orchard Way	2 storey side extn	PC no object	
S091155/OUT	Rear 82 Station Rd	New bungalow	PC no object	

Some discussion on which councillors are asked to comment on planning apps.

Land on Whiston Road. Ken Vaughan has unravelled ownership and should soon be cleared up with possible planning application expected in the future.

Land Agent who is looking after Manor Works has said that the bottom building which has been constantly broken into and played in by children, will be boarded up.

Ken Vaughan has been told that the boat owners have been told that they may not stay there for the whole year. He has not had replies from new personnel at Billing Aquadrome regarding possible new planning permissions. Again any info regarding use as sole residence would be helpful – i.e. mail being delivered, on electoral register etc.

WNJPU EMERGENT CORE STRATEGY:

This application is for the building of some 18,000 homes in South East Northamptonshire before 2031. This would effectively destroy several picturesque nearby villages and come right up to Cogenhoe & Whiston borders. We need to discuss the Sustainable Community Act paper at January meeting. Councillors to see NRA website.

Signage – Roger has organised printing. SH has put one sign in Roe Farm, it is suggested that we seek permission to put the other one along Brafield Road, in the field next to the Football Club, behind the hedge near the seat. Ownership of land to be confirmed and permission sought.

i) Pocket Park:

New gate/gate repair - it is now suggested that an easier option is to raise one half of the latch, rather than go to the trouble and expense of digging out and re-siting the post. Ian Fryatt has offered his help.

Tree planting. 36 trees planted by PP committee plus 4 villagers for the BBC Breathing Places tree planting initiative. A general tidy up of the park was also done. Elizabeth Packer suggested purchasing and planting an additional 25 Silver Birch trees – prices to be obtained by Pocket Park Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters Received:

1. SNC – Planning
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4. A.H. Contracts – invoice & letter
5. Barclays Bank – statements
6. NCC – Courtney Clauch – Road sign improvements
7. Treeshaw – tree services
8. SNC Planning
9. Brown & Barden – lanscape/ground maintenance
10. SNC Parish Council Reception
11. NCC – adoption certificate, Watts Close
12. Mid Northants Parishes – Agenda & Minutes – in correspondence folder
13. NHS – Delivering Future
14. NCC – Application to modify definitive map

Letters Sent:

1. Parish Repairs – lighting

