

COGENHOE & WHISTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 14th April 2008 at 7.30 pm, in Cogenhoe Village Hall.

PRESENT: Mr G Carverhill Mr R Brown Mr A Stanton
 Mr T Barnes Mrs E Packer Mrs J Grubb
 Mrs F Sidders Mrs Karen Gerrard Mrs Kim Eades

ATTENDING: Steven Hollowell

APOLOGIES: Carole Clarke

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: E. Packer – Village Hall, K Gerrard-Caravan Park

PUBLIC SESSION (Meeting is closed for this item): Tim Hilsden from Anglian Water gave a presentation on the proposed expansion of the Billing Sewerage Plant and Anglian Waters' proposals to tackle the long standing odour problem. He reported that if the Planning Application is approved it will become Anglian Waters largest site. There are also plans to have a co-composting plant on the site which will take the 25,000 tonnes of green waste from Northamptonshire which is currently taken to Rugby/Stanford. This would be treated and made into a compost but will be for industrial use only. Anglia Water have commissioned odour experts to visit the site in the summer to do a full report including a 3d survey. They have recently spent c.£100k on odour control methods including chemicals, moving pipes and odour equipment. Obviously this proposed expansion has further impact on the traffic situation on the A45 and the Council expressed their grave concerns. Council requested that Tim find out how Anglian Water feel on their inclusion in the proposed NCC Minerals & Waste Plan. Tim also offered a site visit to any interested Councillors – please e-mail Clerk to arrange.

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS: Discussion and ideas for naming of new road as reported below.

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

MATTERS FOR REPORT arising from the Minutes:

- ❖ Nene Rise Vacant Plot: Details passed to neighbour with vermin problem, ongoing.
- ❖ Vacancy: Lisa Scotford has resigned due to family commitments and so has Felicity Sidders who is moving out of the village. We have received two letters from people interested in the existing vacancy. Geoff is meeting one applicant to give information and clerk to write to both to invite to an interview at next meeting.
- ❖ Geoff Carverhill unable to meet with Nadeem Khan to discuss Affordable Housing as he is on holiday until April 23rd. He will contact him on his return.
- ❖ Naming of new road, Francis Jackson site, Station Road. Clerk contacted SNC and was told that they would not consider the name of any living person. In the 17th century this field was know as "Bryer Hill Furlong". Parish Council unanimously agreed that this was by far the favourite suggestion. Clerk to inform SNC on this choice.

EMERGENCY PLAN:

- ❖ Jean Grubb has the Emergency Kit supplied from e-on. She will keep it until a designated person/place is decided. Jane Maddams will be presenting to us on 9th June.

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS:

- ❖ Next Newsletter copy deadline will be in approximately 6 weeks time. Contact details on front to be up-dated.
- ❖ Grand Photographic Exhibition by Heritage Society to take place in Village Hall on Sunday April 20th from 11am-4pm. Photographs of village from 1940's to present day.

PARISH MATTERS:

a) Amenities:

- ❖ No information heard back from the Brian Binley Fund re noticeboards. Clerk to chase.
- ❖ Good response to Anglian Water Petition in Londis shop - Geoff to print more copies and Jean Grubb to take to school. Once complete Ted to give to Jim Crabtree from CLEAN – deadline now 5th May.
- ❖ Elizabeth Packer has left message with Mr Banner for him to do first grass cut of the season.

b) Minerals:

- ❖ Ted Barnes reported from the Minerals Working Group meeting. Action Group has started a new publicity campaign and a leaflet drop has been done to all homes, highlighting the cumulative effect of the Waste & Minerals Proposed Plan to this part of the Nene Valley. Press article has also appeared in the Chronicle & Echo – with a link to more press coverage agreed. Thanks to all who helped with the distribution of leaflet.
- ❖ Ted in contact with Brian Binley and hopes to ensure that Hansons Application is heard by full Council and not just Development Control Committee which was the situation with the Ennstone Johnson Application. Ted detailed the mistakes and oversights by NCC with reference to the handling of this Planning Approval.
- ❖ Ted Barnes and Kim Eades to gather information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding Planning Files and Environmental Regulations.
- ❖ Working Group will also find out levels of funding from Mineral Extraction Industry to bodies such as Natural England, RSPBB etc.
- ❖ It was proposed by Ted Barnes, seconded by Roger Brown and had unanimous approval from the Parish Council to the withdrawal of Cogenhoe & Whiston from the Gravel Liaison Group and informing NCC that we have taken a vote of no confidence in their Minerals Planning Dept.

c) Highways & Transport:

- ❖ Nene Rise: Still waiting for response re BT work.
- ❖ Clerk to write again to Richard Woodhouse re the Whiston Road surface once Ted Barnes has forwarded photographs he has taken of it.
- ❖ Pot holes in Mill Lane have been repaired.
- ❖ Litter bin at Whalley Grove is still dented. Clerk to chase SNC on repair.
- ❖ Invitation to Nick Gore to view Whiston School Path and Brayfield Road to Billing Road. No reply as yet.

- ❖ Orchard Way Footpath – after unsatisfactory reply to site visit request and repair, it was decided to wait until May Gurney/WSP have completed their take-over of the contract and then request again.
- ❖ Clerk to contact SNC Waste Management Department re the litter bins not being closed after collection which allows new rubbish to drop right through them.
- ❖ Roger Brown had informal chat with unit at Roe Farm which has large lorries delivering to them. Gentleman was extremely helpful and said he would ask his drivers not to come through village and would also speak to another business at Roe Farm on our behalf who have similar deliveries.
- ❖ Tree in York Avenue damaged. Elizabeth Packer to chase District Council to get remainder is removed.

c) Crime & Disorder:

- ❖ Albert Stanton reported that 14 responses to Police survey have been received. Comments were based on speeding & parking. Footpaths and road surface repairs were also mentioned. More details have been placed in circulation folder.
- ❖ “No Cold Calling Zone” will not be possible in Cogenhoe. Statistics for implementation are needed by Trading Standards to justify and we have only had one distraction burglary in 3 years.
- ❖ Albert Stanton to discuss with Police Officer Richard Markham comments that the Police are not seen to be as involved or visible in the village as they were previously.
- ❖ Suggestion of 20MPH zone outside school was discussed. Clerk to ask Highways Department to look into the possibility of implementation.

d) Finance:	Bank Balances:	a) Current a/c	£ 2,301.86
		b) Deposit a/c	£20,085.08

e) Audit Matters:

- (i) Fidelity Insurance Cover to be increased from £20,000 to £25,000 at renewal on June 1st. Clerk has relevant form.

It was proposed by Ted Barnes and seconded by Elizabeth Packer that the following accounts be paid:

1211	Northants CALC	Yearly subscription and mag	£ 265.00
1212	Northants CALC	Audit fee – 2008/09	£ 132.30
1213	C&W Playing Fields	Room hire	£ 60.00
1214	Castle Ashby Trust	Rental of Pocket Park	£ 35.25
1215	AH Contracts	Emptying of dog bins	£ 69.75
1216	Heather McNicol	Clerks wages & expenses	£ 320.25

Public Works Loan Board will be retrieving direct debit of £821.96 from our account on 25/04/2008.

f) Lighting

- ❖ Clerk to arrange site visit to assess possibility and costs of new light at Whalley Grove/Cornkilm Close. Clerk to advise concerned parishioner who raised problem.

g) Playing Field & Village Hall:

- ❖ Meeting to be held on Wednesday 16th April in Village Hall at 7.30 to discuss the possible 106 Agreement monies.
- ❖ New kitchen cupboards fitted.

h) Planning:

S071661P	30 Brafield Way	Single storey & 1 st floor extensions	PC no object
S080168LB	The Grange, Church Street	Convert single storey garage & store to residential annexe & internal works	PC No object
S071661P	30 Brafield Road	Amendment to existing plan	PC No object
S070225P	156 Station Road	Amendment to existing plan	PC No object
S080254P	Sports & Social Club	Fencing with trellis – RETROSPECTIVE	PC No object
S080246P	32 Glebe Rd	Replacement of existing garage	PC No object

Mill Lane Caravan Park: Since new opening times have come into force it is apparent that there is a significant number of people making this park their permanent residence. Breaks in occupancy are not being monitored or enforced. Karen Gerrard and Clerk to write draft letter for discussion at next meeting.

Manor Works site is eyesore. Ken Vaughn at SNC has been and photographed site for Section 215 Application. Since being informed of this action some large metal tanks have been removed but much more work needs to be done to make this site look anywhere near tidy. Ken Vaughn will be re-visiting to re-photograph and continue with Application.

Elizabeth Packer reported that the derelict Long & Hamlin Site is in the hands of Estate Agents who are waiting for an Environmental Survey to be completed. It will be marketed as development opportunity.

i) Pocket Park

- ❖ Open day on Sunday 30th March was a great success and thanks and congratulations to all involved. It attracted 140 visitors – mainly families, 4 children are being awarded prizes, 22 groups did the Nature Trial Quiz, visitors from Duston, Olney and Kingsthorpe and £150 was raised towards Pocket Park Funds.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters Received:

1. Public Works Loan Board
2. Richard Deacon – naming of new road
3. Colin Irvine – Cold Calling Zone
4. Willow Garden Services – Clerk replied, contract awarded for this year but will keep on file.
5. SNC: Richard Woodhouse re Highway issues as discussed above
6. NCC: Updated personnel records for Rights of Way
7. SNC: Village Directory – review of info, Clerk completed and returned
8. NCALC: Press release – Clerk e-mailed to all
9. Steven Hollowell : Invitation re 106 agreements meeting as above
10. Lisa Scotford – resignation letter
11. C&W Playing Field & Village Hall Committee – Room Hire increase 50p per hour
12. Aubrey Carter – Application for Parish Councillor
13. Malcolm Scott – Application for Parish Councillor
14. Audit Commission – Appointment of Auditors until 2011/12
15. BDO – Local Council Briefing
16. Allianz & Leicester – Renewal Documents

