

Carole Clarke reported that she had received a letter from Nadeen Khan re the PC's decision not to join the Affordable Housing Scheme which was discussed as reported above.

EMERGENCY PLAN:

Jean Grubb has spoken further with Mr Nauroth and an article in the Newsletter will be asking for Parishioners to help with the Plan. NCC have arranged for the Parish Emergency Planning Conference Meeting to be held on Tuesday 11th March 2008 – starting at 6.30pm in South Northants Council Chamber, Towcester. If you wish to attend please email your attendance to jmaddams@northamptonshire.gov.uk.

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS:

Just one article short and Carole Clarke is to write District Councillors Report. All to look over submitted articles and up-date if necessary.

GC spoke to Bob Shawe, Editor of St Peters Outlook Magazine. Clerk to send PC minutes to him by 15th each month and he will write article. Geoff Carverhill to be sent copy prior to publication. Clerk to be informed of his e-mail address.

Clerk to forward to Ted distribution lists and each councillor will have their newsletters delivered to them – Police have produced a card to be inserted in each Newsletter.

PARISH MATTERS:

a) Amenities:

- ❖ Noticeboards – Brian Binley is re-publicising his fund due to poor response so we will have to wait longer for funding decision.
- ❖ Anglian Water: It was proposed by Ted Barnes and seconded by Roger, that we invite a representative from CLEAN to come and update us on the Anglian Water/Waster Treatment Works situation. We will then invite Anglian Water to come and present to us.

b) Highways & Transport:

- ❖ Nene Rise: Still waiting for response re BT work.
- ❖ Finger Post directing to Whiston has been damaged for long time. Street Doctor has passed this onto Richard Woodhouse for action on 01604 883400.
- ❖ 34 Station Road hedge to be trimmed back as street light is obscured. Street Doctor attending – Job No 319651.
- ❖ Whiston Hill Road surface is well worn and dangerous. Street Doctor forwarded to Richard Woodhouse as above.
- ❖ FK18 – Whiston Church Footpath – Street Doctor forwarded to Richard Woodhouse as above.
- ❖ KF15 – Piece Path has been cleared.
- ❖ Street Doctor advised of missing Belisha Beacon top at Pedestrian Crossing in York Avenue outside school – Job No 319717 – Done.
- ❖ Elizabeth Packer to enquire about possible changes to floodlights at Football Club as they are blinding motorists.
- ❖ Litter bin at Glebe Road has disappeared. Clerk to contact SNC.
- ❖ Invitation to Nick Gore to view Whiston School Path and Brayfield Road to Billing Road.
- ❖ Cogenhoe School are currently doing a Road Safety Project in the village.

c) Crime & Disorder:

- ❖ Village has generally been quiet.
- ❖ Youths caused damage to Working Mens Club.
- ❖ Police have provided a survey to be inserted in the Newsletter regarding the Parishioners' concerns.
- ❖ Frances Jackson Homes (developers of Richard Deacons land) have replied to letter re possible funding of pedestrian crossing in Station Road. They stated that this option was explored and rejected on safety grounds by the Highways Department during the Claylands development, which resulted in their provision of the speed warning signs. They therefore feel that any further funding for Highways safety should be the responsibility of the Highways Dept.

d) Finance:	Bank Balances:	a) Current a/c	£2094.52
		b) Deposit a/c	£22971.49

Precept budget has been set at £19,500 and copies distributed to all PC. This figure takes into account the increase in fuel costs as informed by Powergen, the removal of the additional £500 requested by the Village Hall & Playing Fields Committee which they did receive last year, but this was understood to be a one off payment. Also we removed the £500 contribution to the Church Path as this has not yet taken place and if this were to happen this year funding could possibly come from a different budget. Clerks wages increased by 2% - rate of inflation. Proposed by Albert Stanton and seconded by Felicity Sidders, unanimously agreed.

Audit Matters:

- a) 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 Elizabeth Packer and seconded by Felicity Sidders that the following accounts be paid:

1201	A.H. Contracts Emptying dog bins	£87.19	1202	Mrs
H McNicol	Salary & Expenses inc VAT	£355.58		

e) Minerals:

- ❖ Received Addendum to Hansons Planning Application.
- ❖ The mix of land/water ratios have been slightly improved. Many of the riverine channels deleted and replaced with riverbed with footpath across on raised ground. Objection document currently being compiled and submitted to NCC by 15th February 2008.
- ❖ Main points to be raised are: Restoration – no water wanted. Traffic implications with large lorry movements at c.1.6 per minute, suitability of road, implications on already congested A45, conditions of the road, resulting extra traffic through village. Working Practices and monitoring, covering light, noise and dust pollution. Preservation of last remaining unspoilt section of Nene Valley. Site size – far too large with currently 2 extracting companies involved and 3 landowners.
- ❖ Big publicity campaign to be launched in the Chronicle and Echo alongside the Water Treatment Works which is currently in operation.
- ❖ The next Addendum to the Planning Application has now been received. This is the Flood Risk Analysis which is currently being worked on by the Action Group and our submissions will be with NCC by 25th February 2008.

f) Lighting

- ❖ ABB has been informed that the street light outside 10 Station Road is out of order.

- ❖ Householder has reported to Street Doctor that the light in front of 2 Watts Close is too bright and too close to the house.

g) Playing Field & Village Hall:

Steven Hollowell to chair meeting between Committee and PC to determine options and feasibility of upgrading/rebuilding Village Hall. Working group to be formed from this meeting to carry ideas and decisions forward.

h) Planning: Working Mens Club have their rear parking site up for sale – possible development opportunity.

S071346P	118 Station Road	Access & crossover to be widened & Boundary fence be replaced with wall and railings	SNC Permit
S071400P	75a Station Road	Double Garage to front	SNC Permit
S071530P	7 Mill Lane	Double garage with studio above	SNC Permit
S071641P	23 St Peters Way	Single storey side extension	PC no object
S071687P	Rear of 18,20&22 Brafield Road	Dormer bungalow & single garage	PC no object
S071661P	30 Brafield Way	Single storey & 1 st floor extensions	
S080128P	24 Stonelea Cottage	Replace existing roof/dormer with water Reed thatch	

i) Pocket Park

- ❖ Elizabeth Packer to ask Scouts to send Invoice to clerk re the charges for the rent of the Scout Hut – expected to be c.£20.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters Received:

1. SNC – Planning, F.I.O. Amended plans to Heritage Centre – nothing included
2. SNC - Receipt of letter of Support – Heritage Centre – confirms we are Official Consultees.
3. NCC – Invitation to speak at Heritage Centre Planning Committee meeting 13/2/08 – E-MAILED TO ALL.
4. SAVILLS – Billing Water Treatment – invite to meeting 5/2/08 – CLERK INFORMED ALL BY E-mail.
5. Elaine Hindle – Customer Relations, Billing Sewerage Works
6. NCC – Invite to Working Party Meeting 11/2/08 – CLERK E-MAILED TO ALL
7. NCC – Hansons Planning Application – Flood Risk Analysis available to view. CLERK E-MAILED TO GRAVEL GROUP.
8. SNC –Whiston Church Footpath – leaves to be cleared.
9. Alex Jackman – Grant Application, Brian Binley – approved but subsequently put on hold.
10. SNC: Local Requirements for Planning Applications – Consultation on local list. CLERK E-MAILED TO ALL 22.1.08 RESPOND BY 29/2/08
11. Audit Commission – appointment of external auditor
12. Francis Jackson Homes – response to request for Pedestrian Crossing

