

COGENHOE & WHISTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 12th March 2007 at 7.30 pm, in Cogenhoe Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Mr. E. Barnes	Mr. R. Brown
Mrs. E. Packer	Mrs. J. Grubb
Mrs. K. Gerrard	Mr. R. Deacon
Mr. G. Carverhill	Mrs. McNicol

ATTENDING: Cllr. S. Hollowell, Cllr. D. Deacon, PC Roger Smith, PCSO Richard Markham, 4 parishioners

APOLOGIES: F. Sidders, M. Wade, D. Moore

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: K. Gerrard: Mill Lane caravan park

PUBLIC SESSION (Meeting is closed for this item):

Police Matters:

- Community Safety Teams to be launched on 14/3/07
- PC Smith's area has increased & will include Grange Park & Milton Malsor
- Team members will work a three day shift pattern in seven day blocks.
- Parish problems discussed

a) Whalley Grove: Concern at number of anti social youngsters are congregating around the public seat causing a severe nuisance to surrounding residents, throwing missiles at houses and leaving a large amount of litter around the seat.

b) A group of youngsters are riding an unlicensed motorbike

c) Police have spoken to the youngsters but are unable to move them on if they are not causing a disturbance. They will be monitoring the situation.

d) The Police have spoken to SNC regarding the anti social behaviour of a particular youngster who appears to be the ring leader and who lives in Council property. It was further pointed out that social services were involved with this youngster.

e) Parishioners request the PC to remove the seat, not install another litter bin and not build a youth shelter.

f) It was queried if the Parish Council could pass a by-law to make Cogenhoe an alcohol free zone. It was agreed this would be impossible to enforce.

g) In thanking the Police for attending, the Chairman stated the Council was hoping something could be done to stop the anti social behaviour.

Cllr. David Deacon:

- Gravel extraction: Found the objections booklet to be very informative. SNC fully supports the Parish Council's objections to the Hanson application. He has asked for full restoration to agricultural land, as there is more than enough water in the valley. The matter now rests with WNDC.
- The Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting and expressed thanks & gratitude to Cllr. Deacon, Cllr. Hollowell & G. Carverhill for their support.

Cllr. Steven Hollowell:

- Lack of off road parking facilities in Station Road & Church Street. Mixed messages being received from SNC.

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- Will write to SNC housing dept. regarding the anti social behaviour problem in Whalley Grove.

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:

❖ **Mill Lane Caravan Park:**

- a) e-mail received from SNC Ken Vaughan: Legal opinion states there is **no** breach of planning permission. The 1998 planning consent is still valid & therefore the new management can legally open the site from 1st March to 6th January each year The only outstanding matter is for the Environmental Health Dept. to ensure the Site License is in order. SNC manages both sites which includes land in Wellingborough. Clerk to write to Boundary Commission.
- b) **Broken Footpath Barrier:** NCC ref. 274783. New barrier replaced
- c) **Whalley Grove:** Parishioners request for a seat, rubbish bin & spring clean
- d) **NCC Local Liaison Group:** Next meeting – 23rd April 2007, 5.30pm at the Wesleyan Church, Bozeat.
- e) **Speed Watch:** Acre offer another session May - July

PARISH PLAN:

- Public meeting to be held in conjunction with the Annual Parish Assembly on 25th April
- Katherine Smith from ACRE to attend.

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Parish Plan information - H. McNicol
- Finance matters – K. Gerrard

PARISH MATTERS:

b) Finance:	Bank Balances:	a) Current a/c	£2923.42
		b) Deposit a/c	£20537.72

NB: Amenity Improvement Capital Fund £8736.12 – part of the deposit a/c

It was proposed by K. Gerrard & seconded by J. Grubb that the following accounts be paid:

1140	R. Brown	3 Sleepers for Pocket Park	50.00
1141	Cogenhoe Playing Fields	Hire of York Room	33.00
1142	Mid-Northants Parishes Group	Annual subs	15.00
1143	Mrs. A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	305.62
1144	A. H. Contracts	Emptying dog waste bins	61.10
1145	NALC	1. Annual subs - 2007/08	239.00

		2. Audit fees – 2007/08	126.00
1146	Shire Lumsden	Gravel booklets	65.00
1147	A. R. Taylor	Pocket Park work	700.00

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c) Amenities:

- **Grass Mowing:** Mr. Banner awarded the 2007 mowing contract.
- **Whalley Grove Seat:**
 - a) Concern expressed that if the seat is moved, the problem will only move with it
 - b) The seat was installed for elderly resident not youngsters to abuse.
 - c) It was agreed to move the seat on a temporary basis & store it in the village hall
 - d) Clerk to write & ask R. Hollowell to remove the seat.
 - e) Article to be put in Parish Magazine informing parishioners why the seat has been moved.

d) Crime & Disorder

Neighbourhood Watch:

- Matters reported to meeting by Ted Barnes
- Lack of recent policing a problem
- Report includes a number of burglaries, theft, & anti social behaviour

e) Planning:

S070016P	16 Victoria Road	Conservatory & dormer at rear	SNC permit
S061728PT	22 Bramley Close	Tree work	SNC permit
S061700P	24 St. Peters Way	Single storey side extension	SNC permit
S070159P	76 Station Road	2 storey rear ext. & garage	PC no objects

Comments:

- Query permission to cross verge
- Query windows in garage
- Loss of tree – replacement

S061670PC	Earls Barton Quarry	Extraction & restoration	PC objects SNC endorses PC objections
S070253P	31 Church Street	Conservatory to rear	PC support
S070041P	1 Nene Rise	Ground & 1 st floor ext.	SNC refuse

f) Minerals:

- ❖ Objections sent to NCC
- ❖ Objections sent to SNC who support PC's objections
- ❖ Report from G. Carverhill on the Development Control Committee meeting:
- ❖ No response from Kate Morrissey regarding the PC's queries

g) Highways & Transport:

- ❖ 'Phone call from resident: deep potholes in Bramley Close. Clerk has reported. Holes filled.
- ❖ GPO cover by beech hedge in Station Road has a large hole at side. Clerk to report.
- ❖ Minor Works programme: Parish Plan team to look at it & report back
- ❖ Water running down hill past the Royal Oak Pub. Clerk to report to Anglian Water

i) Playing Field & Village Hall:

- £6,000 grant aid has been obtained to pay for the new security fencing
- Old fencing has been repaired
- Roundabout is damaged & will cost £500 to repair
- School parent is repairing the car park
- Financial position has improved.

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j) Pocket Park

- Water is flowing down Short Lane from Philip Hollowell's land into the Park
- Although new drainage pipes have been installed the situation has now changed due to the amount of rainfall & loss of trees.
- Part of the Park has become inaccessible.

k) Street Lighting:

- * ABB & NCC asked to send all lighting queries to the Parish Office
- * All lighting faults reported
- * Photocell cover damaged on lamp by new development in St. Peters Way
- * Whalley Grove sub-station door has been wrenched open.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters Received:

1. SNC: Parish Council elections legal information
2. SNC: Peter Kay – the Police mobile police station will be deployed in Cogenhoe on 14th March from 9.00am to 10.00am at the village hall.
3. E. Packer: Belisia crossing light out of order & Brafield Road sign vandalised – Clerk has reported both matters. SNC will inspect the road sign and add to April repair list
4. St. Peters PCC: Church land in Short Lane (2 Acres) – more realistic rent for land needed. Query if PC knows of anyone wanting to rent the land & at what cost.
5. SNC: House numbering in Watts Close
6. Mid-Northants Parishes: Notice of AGM 31st May 2007
7. SNC: Housing Department want to send articles directly to the editor of the Parish Council Newsletter. Information could be shared by all SNC Departments to do the same.
8. Brian Binley MP: Roads & pavement concerns & County Councillors budgets query. **Reply received:** Matters sent to NCC Leaders office for a definitive response.
9. CPRE: AGM Notice – 19th April 2007, 7.30pm, Great Houghton
10. Iris Sher: Sewer information

Letters Sent:

1. Mr. Banner: Acceptance of grass mowing quote
2. SNC: Litter bin for Whalley Grove – will monitor the location.
3. Yorks Coaches: Litter in Short Lane. **Reply received:** some litter from coaches & instructions will be issued to pick up litter. The majority appears to be from people who use the pocket park.
4. SNC: To Helen Hunt request for dog fouling notices
5. Mr. R. Hollowell: Acceptance of bus shelter repainting quotation

CIRCULATED ITEMS:

NCC: Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Comments to clerk no later than 9th April

Pages to note & comment on: 59, 61, 62, 63, 118, 120

CPRE information

SNVB Newsletter

Village Viewpoint magazine

Clerks & Council Direct magazine

Youth shelter information

Playback Newsletter

Travel for less leaflet

North Northants special strategy

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CPRE Information

Field Worker magazine

NCC Plan for putting customers first

Rural Action Plan

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at: 9.55pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 16th APRIL 2007
7.30PM, COGENHOE VILLAGE HALL**

Signed:

Date: