

**COGENHOE & WHISTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 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:**            Mrs Carole Clarke, Steven Hollowell

**APOLOGIES:** Lisa Scotford

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

**PUBLIC SESSION (Meeting is closed for this item):**

Vickie Ward, with colleagues Jim and Mike from CLEAN , presented their campaign to eradicate the odours from Billing Sewerage Plant and oppose the Anglian Water Planning Application to enlarge the Works. Vickie explained that according to the Odour Dispersal Survey, 5 odour units per metre<sup>3</sup> which Anglian Water state as the lower level the works emit, is in fact far over the recommended “Annoyance Potential” level which should only be 1.5 for Wastewater treatment works. Although “Statutory Nuisance” is caused by this breach of regulations, Northampton Borough Council refuse to issue an Odour Abatement Notice – saying that they have not received enough complaints. Cogenhoe PC wholeheartedly agreed to help CLEAN in their campaign which is supported by surrounding villages, businesses and landowners. Petition to be put in village shop. Vickie would like as many signatures as possible before the Environmental Scrutiny Committee meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March. Ted Barnes also brought up the possibility of joining forces with the Gravel Action Group for whole valley overview. This idea was well received and a reciprocal visit to Ecton Parish Council to give a presentation on gravel extraction proposals will be arranged. Further information on the CLEAN campaign can be found on [www.clean.ectonvillage.co.uk](http://www.clean.ectonvillage.co.uk) . Clerk to give contact details to both Ted Barnes and Jim Crabtree and circulate petition.

Colin Irvine spoke of the good response he received to the Neighbourhood Watch e-mail for the proposed No Cold Calling Zone at Whalley Grove and Cornkiln Close, following the burglaries which seem to follow unsolicited door-to-door callers. Albert Stanton will speak to Richard Markham (Police), at meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Crime & Disorder Working Group to chase and implement. Clerk to inform Parishioner who raised this subject.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** These had been previously circulated & were duly proposed, seconded and signed by the Chairman as a true record with the following amendments: “Letters Sent – No 10 : Precept” – add submitted. Also note that the Chairman vacated the chair at 9.30 and the Vice Chairman declared meeting closed at 21.35.

**MATTERS FOR REPORT arising from the Minutes:**

- ❖ Nene Rise Vacant Plot: Details passed to neighbour with vermin problem, ongoing.
- ❖ Vacancy: Clerk to send advertisement to Website. One interested person called Geoff Carverhill who will return call once applicant has returned from holiday.

- ❖ Response from R Woodhouse re footpath issues to be passed onto Parishioner who raised footpath issue. PC not happy with response as site inspection was not accompanied as requested and therefore we were not able to express our concerns. Ted Barnes to take photographs of surfaces and will then re-contact.
- ❖ Geoff Carverhill meeting Nadeem Khan to discuss Affordable Housing.

## **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

2,894 houses, 100 garages & 90 staff have been transferred from SNC to South Northants Homes.

Application for new footpath due for imminent consideration.

### **EMERGENCY PLAN:**

Jean Grubb gave, for the distribution file, a “Vulnerable People” pack which is being made available from E-on. This targets help to people with priority needs – such as the elderly, people on dialysis etc. Clerk to contact Jane Maddams at [jmaddams@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:jmaddams@northamptonshire.gov.uk) to invite to give presentation at Parish Council meeting.

### **PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS:**

- ❖ Newsletter distributed.
- ❖ Grand Photographic Exhibition by Heritage Society to take place in Village Hall on Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> 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.
- ❖ Put Anglian Water Petition in Londis shop and compile salient questions to ask Anglian Water representative at April PC meeting.

#### **b) Highways & Transport:**

- ❖ Nene Rise: Still waiting for response re BT work.
- ❖ All matters reported to Richard Woodhouse to be chased once Ted Barnes has photographs.
- ❖ 34 Station Road hedge to be trimmed back as street light is obscured. Street Doctor attending – Job No 319651. Has this been done?
- ❖ Elizabeth Packer asked Football Club if they have made any changes to their floodlights as some motorists complained that they are dazzling – no changes have been made.
- ❖ Litter bin at Glebe Road has disappeared. Clerk to contact SNC. Reply back saying it will be replaced.
- ❖ Invitation to Nick Gore to view Whiston School Path and Brayfield Road to Billing Road. No reply as yet.
- ❖ School has good chance of obtaining grant to help car park maintenance, bicycle racks etc.
- ❖ MG-WSP taking over from Atkins. 8 year contract awarded initially. Contract is complicated. Many Atkins staff will be employed alongside new in-house staff, not contractors.
- ❖ Clerk to contact Atkins and inform of large pot holes in Mill Lane.
- ❖ Parish Council are aware of large delivery lorries coming through village. Roger Brown to have informal chat with unit at Roe Farm where they deliver, to see if they can offer any solutions.

**c) Crime & Disorder:**

- ❖ Only 6 responses to Police survey so far – comments on parking, speeding & cold calling.
- ❖ “No Cold Calling Zone” to be implemented. Albert Stanton to discuss with Police Officer Richard Markham.

<b>d) Finance:</b>	Bank Balances:	a) Current a/c	£1938.36
		b) Deposit a/c	£21585.08

**Audit Matters:**

- a) Fidelity Insurance Cover to be increased from £20,000 to £25,000 at renewal on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Clerk has relevant form.

It was proposed by Roger Brown and seconded by Felicity Sidders that the following accounts be paid:

1203	Northants CALC	Training day	£75.00
1204	ABB Lighting	Lighting & Maintenance	£471.45
1205	Shire Lumsden Ltd	Printing of Newsletter	£166.00
1206	Shaw & Sons Ltd	Clerk Manuals	£27.70
1207	Heather McNicol	Clerks wages & expenses – no VAT	£301.60
1208	A H Contracts	Emptying dog bins	£69.75
1209	John Barr	Clearing of footpath	£60.00
1210	Sea Scouts	Hire of meeting room	£40.00

**e) Minerals:** We received communication from NCC giving date of Planning Meeting but no indication of which Application was being heard. Finally received full information on the hearing of Ennstone Johnson Application, but was only given 2 working days notice of meeting. Sent e-mail to all Committee members including CEO and letter to Roy Bolton – received only one acknowledgement. Ted Barnes spoke to Brian Binley who gave full support and called Judith Sheppherd (CEO) before meeting. Ted Barnes spoke at meeting but was only objector. Important points including Inspectors Report were dismissed. TB stressed the importance of all Planning Applications being considered together and not separately. Planning Approval was given.

Gravel Action Group meeting to discuss further action, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

**f) Lighting**

- ❖ ABB to be informed that the street light No:72 is glowing red.

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

- ❖ Geoff Carverhill to liase urgently with Steven Hollowell re meeting with Village Hall Committee to discuss possible 106 Agreement monies.
- ❖ Quotation for new kitchen cupboards accepted.

**h) Planning:**

Applicants of the Planning Application for conversion of existing annexe to form single dwelling at 80 Station Road which was refused, have lodged an appeal to the ODPM.

S071641P	23 St Peters Way	Single storey side extension	PC no object	SNC permit
S071687P	Rear of 18,20&22 Brafild Road	Dormer bungalow & single		

		garage	PC no object	SNC refuse
S071661P	30 Brafield Way	Single storey & 1 <sup>st</sup> floor extensions	PC no object	
S080128P	24 Stonelea Cottage	Replace existing roof/dormer with water reed thatch	PC no object	WITHDRAWN
S080168LB	The Grange, Church Street	Convert single storey garage & store to residential annexe & internal works	PC No object	
S071641P	23 St Peters Way	Amendment to existing plan		SNC Permit
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 the park has been open for 11 months of the year there are a number of permanent residents. Parish Council to gather more information and discuss at next meeting.

Manor Works site is eyesore. Information to be gathered and discussion on possible action next Parish Council meeting.

#### **i) Pocket Park**

- ❖ Open day on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March between 1-4pm. Food, quiz, bird boxes, colouring competition etc.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

##### **Letters Received:**

1. Northants Borough Council – Register of our complaint Billing Waste Works.
2. AH Contracts – 2% rise in April
3. NCC: MWDF – consultation comments by 1<sup>st</sup> May – E-MAILED to TB,GC,SH & KE
4. SNC: Observations on Ennstone Johnson Gravel Extraction Application
5. SNC –Litter bin to be replaced Station Road/Glebe Road.
6. NCC: Ennstone Johnson Planning Application to be heard 11<sup>th</sup> March – INFORMED ALL
7. NCC: Minutes of Bozeat & Earls Barton Liaison Group
8. SNC: Form requesting frequency of Affordable Housing updates
9. NCALC: Confirmation of Clerk Training Course
10. Northants Youth Council: Launch of Youth Opportunity Fund – give to Lisa Scotford
11. Northants ACRE: Invitation to Green Space Toolkit launch on 16<sup>th</sup> March – Circ Folder
12. SNC: Climate Friendly Communities Project – Circ Folder
13. Northants ACRE : Quality Standard Review
14. SNC: Naming of new Road – Francis Jackson Site. – circulation folder

##### **Letters Sent:**

1. NCALC- Clerk Training Course Application
2. Richard Woodhouse, KF26, KF18, Whiston Fingerpost & Whiston Hill Rd Surface
3. Communities.Gov – response comments on document
4. 3 York Avenue – parking on pavement
5. SNC – Litter Bin, Glebe Road

