

COGENHOE & WHISTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st March 2010 at 7.30 pm, in Cogenhoe Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Mrs. E. Packer	Mr A Stanton	
Mr Aubrey Carter	Mrs Karen Gerrard	Mrs Jean Grubb
Mr Roger Brown	Mr James Biggs	Mr David Murray

ATTENDING: Mr Michael Clarke, Mrs Carole Clarke, Mr Steven Hollowell

APOLOGIES: Mr Geoff Carverhill, Mr Malcolm Scott, Michael Clarke

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT: Steven Hollowell forwarded a letter to all Councillors regarding possible Parking Restrictions in the village. After discussion, it was decided that no parking restriction orders be requested.

Steven Hollowell confirmed that he has had confirmation from SNC that they will maintain the hedge in Station Road.

Working with Ken Vaughan at SNC regarding the possible boundary changes at Mill Lane caravan park. A meeting is to be organised for interested parties to meet to discuss various issues concerning the caravan park.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

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

MATTERS FOR REPORT arising from the Minutes:

We 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.

Councillor vacancy - Clerk asked if Outlook Magazine would put an advert in next edition.

APM – all village organisations to be asked if they would like to speak at the APM which will take place on 21st April.

It was agreed that we will continue to have our meetings on 1st Monday of every month going forward to 2011, with the exception of January and May 2011 – these will be one week later, 10th Jan & May 9th to avoid Bank Holiday.

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS:

PARISH MATTERS:

a) Amenities:

- (i) Planting and maintenance options. Three competitive quotes were obtained. It was proposed by Roger Brown, seconded by Aubrey Carter and unanimously agreed that we ask Urban Planters to provide the troughs and Simon Andrews to plant and maintain them.
- (ii) Allotments - Conversations are still on-going but nothing to report.

b) Minerals and Sewerage Plant:

- (i) People are urged to report the recent bad smell from the sewerage works to Anglian Water.

c) Highways & Transport:

- ❖ Litter Pick –CPRE confirmed litter pick date of 29th March and will supply high-vis jackets. Clerk has sent letter to Cogenhoe School confirming their involvement. All will meet at Village Hall at 10.30am on 29th March. Jean Grubb, Elizabeth Packer and one parishioner are confirmed to assist.
- ❖ We have received a letter from a concerned parishioner regarding litter. Clerk to inform of litter pick.
- ❖ Snow Warden. This vacancy is still open and we need to find a volunteer.
- ❖ Football Lights – Clerk to ask Ken Vaughan to continue his investigations as reports have been received that the lights continue to blind drivers.
- ❖ Caravan Park – working group consisting of Albert Stanton, Elizabeth Packer and Roger Brown to be formed to deal with on-going situation at Caravan site. New developments/over development of the site and the new owners' plans seem out of kilter with the well being of the village and surrounding area. Boats which were moored on the fields being managed by Fisher German have been moved on.
- ❖ Elizabeth met with Helen Howarth regarding Highways issues. The large puddle, which has appeared outside 35 Orchard Way is being investigated, it is thought the subsidence problem may be causing this. Whalley Grove/Station Road gap is also being investigated to stop vehicles cutting through. It was originally left as an emergency exit and solutions are being sought which will allow this still to happen if necessary.
- ❖ Police have been advised of parking obstructions in the village.
- ❖ Clerk has reported pot holes in Bramley Close, Church Street and Station Road.
- ❖ Subsidised Bus Service Contract Review, clerk to respond and also request low floor buses be introduced.

d) Crime & Disorder:

- ❖ Burglary occurred in Orchard Way.
- ❖ Speed watch starts 5th April.

e) Finance:	Bank Balances:	a) Current a/c	£ 2,318.02
		b) Deposit a/c	£24,449.06

It was proposed by Roger Brown seconded by Karen Gerrard and unanimously agreed that the following accounts be paid:

1330	A H Contracts	Dog bins	£	74.64
1331	St. Peters Centre	Meeting Room	£	16.25
1332	Heather McNicol	Wages & expenses	£	489.24

1333	E-on	Lighting Maintenance	£	195.05
1334	Greenscene	Path clearance	£	52.88

Standing Orders new guidelines have been published. Meeting to discuss to take place in May.

f) Lighting:

- ❖ Lamp in The Piece has been hit but made safe and awaiting re-erection. We have received a bill to make the damaged lamppost safe in The Piece and a quotation to replace – cost £735.00 plus VAT. Clerk to contact insurance company.

g) Playing Field & Village Hall:

- ❖ Clerk has written asking if they will discuss the suggestions regarding the locking of car park in evenings at their next meeting.
- ❖ Arts Activities – Parish Council to spread word and ask for suggestions for activities for children in the summer to SNC. Jean Grubb to speak to Elaine Goldswain from Cogenhoe school.
- ❖ Malcolm Scott has obtained and passed on quotes for ditch work. One quote was agreed on and Clerk to apply for grant from Michael Clarke’s NCC fund.

h) Planning:

S091251/FUL	53 Church Street	Flat roof & single extn	PC no object	SNC Permit
S2010/0031/FUL	Crossing Cottage	Singe storey extn	PC object	
S2010/0060/OUT	Rear 24 Brafield Rd	Dwelling in rear gdn	PC no object	Withdrawn
S2010/0153/FUL	3 Mill Lane	2 storey rear extn.	PC no object	
S/2010/0152/FUL	Rear, 24 Brafield Rd	Dwelling in rear gdn		

WNJPU EMERGENT CORE STRATEGY:

Albert Stanton attended meeting at Great Houghton on 8th February. Report in correspondence folder.

Village Design Statement. Geoff has invited Andy D’Arcy to attend our April 5th meeting to present to us.

We have also written to 3 main political parties to invite their representatives to attend a multi village meeting for them to air their views on the WNJPU. Geoff is waiting for responses and will then look at possible dates.

i) Pocket Park:

Trees arrived and have been planted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters Received:

1. SNC – Planning
2. SNC Planning
3. SNC Planning
4. A.H. Contracts – invoice

