

COGENHOE & WHISTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5th October 2009 at 7.30 pm, in Cogenhoe Village Hall.

PRESENT:

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

ATTENDING: Steven Hollowell, Carole Clarke

APOLOGIES: Michael Clarke

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

PUBLIC SESSION – Meeting closed for this item:

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Budgeting meetings are now taking place.

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

MATTERS FOR REPORT arising from the Minutes:

- ❖ Nene Rise Vacant Plot: Development is proceeding.
- ❖ Allotments – we have enough signatures to progress. It is statutory duty of Parish Council to find some land. Councillors will approach landowners in the village to see if they have any suitable land.
- ❖ Mary Padbury who is interested in becoming a Councillor is unable to attend this meeting but will be with us on 2nd November.

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS:

PARISH MATTERS:

- a) **Amenities:** All Councillors to look at aesthetic ways of improving village and report back at next meeting as we have budget to spend. One idea is to re-plant trees.
- b) **Minerals and Sewerage Plant:** Councillors attended Anglian Water Exhibitions, which were held at the Village Hall to ask questions regarding their plans. They were informed that they will be using the existing high-sided bunkers and not the “open windrow” method of working, which will not release organisms or odours into the atmosphere. New workings will result in 10 more vehicle movements per week. Methane produced by plant will be used to power site. Land could be sub-let through holding company but we are not sure for what purpose. New generator is noisy and causing discomfort to travellers on site.

c) Highways & Transport:

- ❖ Flooding at Cotton Farm – work has been done and appears to be dry now.
- ❖ Litter Pick to be organised – Jean Grubb liaising with School.
- ❖ Snow Warden. Elizabeth Packer to speak to Philip Hollowell.
- ❖ Concerns have been shown regarding the speed of traffic entering Whiston from Castle Ashby. Helen Howard and James Biggs met and agreed that Junction warning signs to be erected either side of the Upper Whiston turning and to have “SLOW” markings added to road surface. Too much red tape to change speed limit. This work should be completed by end of this year.
- ❖ Beech Hedge – Station Road – arrangements have been made to cut back. Clerk has contacted MGWSP regarding the puddles in kerb by hedge.
- ❖ Slab retaining wall – 99 Station Road – this is not highway responsibility. Clerk to ask them to send letter to householder. Clerk to ask MGWSP as Highway contractors placed these slabs here.
- ❖ We have received a complaint regarding the ditch adjacent to the footpath along York Avenue. Apparently it is constantly littered and used for fly tipping. Both ditch and footpath are overgrown with stinging nettles and briars. Clerk to report.
- ❖ Football Lights. Football Club have requested copies of correspondence, Clerk to deliver.
- ❖ Footpaths: Clerk to report KF12 & TE10 as being overgrown.

d) Crime & Disorder:

- ❖ Graffiti at Skateboard Park has been obliterated, damaged middle section to be removed.

e) Finance:	Bank Balances:	a) Current a/c	£ 2,119.47
		b) Deposit a/c	£31,545.33

We have received the second half of our precept - £10,000.

It was agreed to fix the price of our dog bin collections at present rate until 2012.

It was proposed by Jean Grubb, seconded by Albert Stanton and unanimously agreed that the following accounts be paid:

1302	E-on	Lighting Maintenance	£	461.41
1303	Mick George	Skip Hire	£	143.75
1304	Shire Lumsden	Printing Leaflets	£	87.00
1305	A H Contracts	Dog Bins	£	91.31
1306	Heather McNicol	Wages & expenses	£	475.39
1307	C&W Playing Field	Meeting room hire	£	56.00
1308	R. J. Taylor	New lock	£	40.00

£97.86 which was a donation from Nene Valley Action Group will be held under Amenities budget to be used at a later date.

We have received a bill for 2 x Flying Start courses but are waiting for Kate Houlihan to come back to us re claiming bursary. Clerk continues to chase.

Clerk investigated legal requirements regarding storage of minutes. “The Local Council Clerk’s Guide” which states” the law requires the minutes are recorded in a book kept for that purpose, or on separate pages in loose-leaf form”. It also says that where the Council has old documents and records, often obtained by inheritance from authorities which they superseded when local

councils were first established in 1894, as they may be of historical value, it would be wise to consider depositing such material in the local county record office on loan. It was proposed by Karen Gerrard and seconded by Roger Brown for Elizabeth Packer to bid on e-bay on our behalf to purchase locking binders for archiving our completed minute books.

Audit Matters : Aubrey Carter has basic template of Clerks contract from NALC and is liaising with Albert Stanton on how best to tailor it to meet our needs. Clerk received call from BDO (Auditors), saying they are happy with all final figures submitted. However they have not sent out letter confirming this – hence notice stating this on noticeboard.

f) Lighting : Clerk has reported light in Telephone Kiosk in Whiston as out of order, also lights Nos. 25 and 44.

g) Playing Field & Village Hall: Letter received requesting names and addresses of 4 representatives from Parish Council to serve on their Management Committee – Clerk to reply.

h) Planning:

S090286/PT	1 Watts Close	Crown reduction	PC No object	
S090327/P	Rear 76 Stn Rd	Detached Dwelling	PC Object	SNC Permit
S090577/P	3 Sharman's Close	Raise Garage roof	PC no object	SNC Permit
TPO 4/2009	43,53,49,51 &55 Church Street –	Lime Trees Preservation Order	PC no object	SNC Permit
S090692/FUL	20 Glebe Road	2 storey side & single Storey rear extension	PC no object	SNC Permit
S090704/FUL	50 York Avenue	2 Dormer windows to front & 2 storey extn. to side.	PC no object	
S090737/LBC	49 Church Street	Demolish lean-to & Construct 1.5 storey extn to side & detached garage to front	PC no object	
S090849/FUL	Adj.37 Station Rd	Detached dwelling	PC no object	
S090932/FUL	10 Glebe Way	1 st floor extn over garage		

Letter from concerned Parishioner regarding inappropriate use of adjoining land. Clerk to contact Ken Vaughan at SNC for him to investigate. Ken Vaughan will keep us posted but feels it isn't a S215 case but he is trying to make contact with site owners and Steven Hollowell is assisting him with this. Elizabeth Packer has sent him some other information to help – ongoing.

Ken Vaughan is also looking into the possible requirement for residential moorings on the river. It seems to be determined that it would be required if it could be proved that this is the owners sole residence – i.e. mail being delivered, on electoral register etc. Any info would be helpful.

Received call from Ken Vaughan regarding Football Club Lights. Advised him that we had received notification that work had been done and we would report back to him on success and if any further action would be required.

WNJPU PLANNING APPLICATION:

This application is for the building of some 18,000 homes in South East Northamptonshire before 2031. This would effectively destroy several picturesque nearby villages and come right up to Cogenhoe & Whiston borders.

Cogenhoe & Whiston Parish Council sent their objection at the demonstration and by e-mail.

Very good response to demonstration, which was well supported. Message to remove Northamptonshire off “dumping ground list” is getting through to all – from Politicians down. Brian Binley and shadow minister to work on our behalf but changes are not guaranteed if there is a change of Government.

Small Parishes have done very well in making their voices heard.

Cogenhoe & Whiston need to form an Action Group. 3/4 people have contacted Geoff Carverhill concerning this. We are waiting until cabinet meeting at County Council on 13th October has taken place, and a decision taken before forming Action Group, as objectives will be clearer. Group will be independent but report to Parish Council and will join in with other Action Groups. Geoff will contact all interested and arrange a meeting to discuss.

Parish Council will send representation to all upcoming meetings regarding this issue.

County Council voted unanimously to reject the plan on 1st October.

Clerk has received confirmation of 65 letters of objection sent from Cogenhoe & Whiston.

Wheels are in motion to erect signs at village entrances.

i) Pocket Park: All welcome to join in work day on Saturday October 10th. Committee to take up insurance issue with Compton Estates.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters Received:

1. SNC – Planning
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4. A.H. Contracts – invoice & letter
5. SNC – Electors Register
6. E-on – lighting maintenance
7. Barclays Bank – statements
8. Shire Lumsden – printing leaflets
9. Mick George Invoice for skip
10. C&W Playing Field Comm. – invoice
11. C&W Playing Field Comm.– reps on committee
12. R J Taylor – invoice
13. NCC – Adult learning project
14. Parishioner – re ditch, York Avenue
15. D. Wright – Cogenhoe Football Club Lights
16. SNC – precept
17. Anglian Water – update
18. SNC – planning
19. BDO – audit information
20. NALC
21. Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd
22. Mary Padbury
23. Information Commissioners Office – renewal Data Protection
24. WNDC – Planning Consultation
25. South Northants Homes – briefing paper – in circ. folder

