

**Present:** Councillors: B Haycock (Chairman)  
K Fenwick  
M Hulbert  
D Cambray

Clerk: G Coombs

## **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr's Kendall, Sharp and Dyckhoff. These were accepted.

## **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The following changes were made to the minutes of meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008:

Item 5.1.1 3<sup>rd</sup> line "to be left" added after phone so the line reads "The Council does not require the phone to be left."

Item 6.4 change "updated" to "provided"

After these corrections were made the Council adopted these minutes.

## **3. MATTERS ARISING**

### **3.1 Home Farm**

The Council are monitoring.

### **3.2 Minute Book**

This still needs to be actioned.

### **3.3 Footpath RA8/Bridleway Signs Brackley Lane**

RA8 has been completed.

The Clerk clarified the location of the missing Bridleway sign. It is where Whythimer Lane and Brackley Lane meet (2<sup>nd</sup> lane on right).

### **3.4 Seat on the Green**

The Clerk was asked to write the Cllr Ben Smith to see if his funding could contribute towards a new seat.

### **3.5 Manhole Cover Brackley Lane**

This has been repaired.

### **3.6 Footpath – Brackley Lane to White Cottage**

The owner of Stocking Frame contacted the Clerk with concerns regarding the proposal of the new footpath. The owners concern is for the safety of users on the footpath. While cutting his hedge he has to move several times because vehicles no longer give way at this section of the road and he questions how safe it would be for users to stand and wait to cross. The Council listened to these concerns and is waiting to hear from NCC.

### **3.7 Trees – Cadogan Place**

A reply has been received from SNC. The Leylandii trees in question are owned by Home Farm who did agree that they had planted them and agreed for the trees to be cut to the level they have been cut to. They advised that they were unable to take this any further. The Council requested the Clerk to write to Colin Wicks asking for his assistance in getting the trees removed.

### **3.8 Site of Old Pump (North Entrance to Church)**

This is an ongoing project with the Council looking for a water pedestal/spout similar to the existing water pedestal/spout on the Green and Blue Bricks.

### **3.9 Bucknall Woods**

Silverstone PC letter was read and agreed that any further action would be fruitless. However, the Council did agree that when details are sent through regarding Opening Up the Countryside we should write to the Forestry Commission.

### 3.10 Registration of The Green

The Clerk contacted the Land Registry who advised that she must contact the County Council to verify this. The Clerk has been able to establish that The Parish Council owns 5 areas of the Green. This land was registered on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 1979 with the Commons Commissioner and put in the registration on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1980. The map will clarify which areas of land.

### 3.11 Public Payphone

Removal of Public Payphone, Kiosk 857335, The Green, Abthorpe, Towcester S/2008/0541/TR

A letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> June has been received from BT regarding the proposal of removing the phone kiosk stating we should write to the Chief Planning Officer.

### 3.12 SNC – Road Closure Village Fun Day 6<sup>th</sup> September 2008

A letter has been received from SNC confirming the road closure for the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

### 3.13 Street Light - Four New House, Wappenham Road

The Clerk has been asked to contact the owners of Hillside to let them know of the proposals to move the posts.

## 4.0 FINANCE

### 4.1 Financial Balances

Business Investment Account as 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2008:		£10,807.77	
Treasurer Account as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2008		£1,891.99	
Outstanding Cheque:	Petty Cash	30.00	Chq 258
	Photocopying	10.19	Chq 261
	ABB	<u>75.93</u>	Chq 262
		116.12	
	Total Balance	<u>£1,775.87</u>	

### 4.2 Payments

The following invoices were put forward for payment:

Eon	£82.54	Chq 264
BDO Stoy Haywood LLP	£58.75	Chq 265
Briar Hill Engineering	£161.71	Chq 266
K Fenwick (petrol mower)	£13.95	Chq 267

The above payments were approved.

### 4.3 Documentation

#### 4.3.1 Standing Orders

The Council have had the opportunity to review these and agreed the following: Finances would be reviewed 6 monthly.

Cllr Fenwick proposed adopting these, Cllr Haycock seconded. There being no objections, these were adopted.

#### 4.3.2 Power and Constitution of Local Councils

The Council have had the opportunity to review these and Cllr Fenwick proposed the adoption of these and Cllr Haycock seconded. There being no objections these were adopted.

#### 4.3.3 Internal Audit Terms of Reference.

The Clerk has to type these still.

### 4.4 Audit Report for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008

The Accounts have been Audited and have been approved.

However the following points were raised:

Fidelity Guarantee – the auditors feel the guarantee should be higher. The council discussed this and feel it is sufficient to cover their spending.

Asset Register, VAT reclaiming and Lack of Employment Contract, these were all raised by the Internal Auditor and have been addressed by the Council.

The Clerk was asked to complete the notification forms as required.

## **5. PLANNING**

### **5.1 Application**

**5.1.1 S/2008/0864/P** Two Storey extension, 10 Wappenham Road, Abthorpe

The Council had no objections to this application.

### **5.2 Update**

**5.2.1 S/2008/0634/P** Single Storey Side Extension. 35 Wappenham Road, Abthorpe.

Permitted

**5.2.2 S/2008/0541/TR** Removal of Public Payphone, Kiosk 857335, The Green, Abthorpe, Towcester

**5.2.3 S/2008/0248/P** Conversion of stable building to form self contained single storey annex. The Grange, Hayes Farm, Abthorpe Road, Silverstone.

## **6. AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS**

An e-mail from Natalie Westland, Rural Housing Enabler, NACRE stating that discussions have been held with a land owner off Brackley Lane, Abthorpe and Bromford Housing regarding architect drawings for some houses. A letter from Nadeem Khan has also been received asking if we had any concerns regarding this project. The Council requested the following to be clarified:

- Will Abthorpe residents have priority?
- Restatement of the terms of the letting;
- How will the utilities be able to cope with 10 new units. Further development of Brackley Lane was refused some years ago because the sewerage system would be unable to cope. What improvements have been made to the sewer system since?

The clerk was asked to contact Mr Khan.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **7.1 NCALC AGM**

This will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> at Billing. This information was put into circulation.

### **7.2 SNC Forum**

The Voluntary and Community Forum are having a meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September, in Syresham. This will be put into Abtalk.

### **7.3 Transport and Highways**

The Clerk was asked to complete the brief questionnaire about communicating with Customers.

### **7.4 Cobbler**

A new pack was being produced for new residents who had ticket vouchers for Cobblers. This information will be put into Abtalk.

### **7.6 Eon**

Eon have asked the council to complete a brief questionnaire regarding their lighting. The Clerk was asked to complete this.

## **8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Road Sign**

There has been considerable growth on the roadside hedges, which are now obscuring the road signs.

The signs in question are:

Bend Sign at Garblands

Towcester Direction sign and roundabout instructions.

The clerk was asked to contact highways and get the hedges trimmed back.

### **8.2 Clerk**

The Clerk advised the Council that she will be going to college in September and therefore this will be her last year as Clerk. The Clerk will finish on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 but agreed to complete the year end accounts. The Council agreed to start recruitment in December. The Council thanked the Clerk for her work.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

*Please note: The next regular **Parish Council Meeting** is to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008 in the Old School, Abthorpe.*

Dates of Future Meetings

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Annual General Meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009