

Present: Councillors: B Haycock (Chairman)
M Hulbert
D Cambray
I Dyckhoff

Clerk: G Coombs

1. APOLOGIES

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

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The following changes were made to the minutes of meeting 8th September 2008:
Item 3.10 change "Yew" to "Elm".

After this correction was made the Council adopted these minutes.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Home Farm

The Council are monitoring.

3.2 Minute Book

The binding and archiving still needs to be actioned.

3.3 Bridleway Signs Brackley Lane

The Bridleway has been reported and has been advised that this is a job that will be completed when there is a slot and it is on the list to be completed.

3.4 Seat on the Green

The Clerk has received an application form from CC Smith, which will be completed and returned shortly.

3.5 Footpath – Brackley Lane to White Cottage

No reply has been received to date the Clerk has been asked to obtain a reply before the next meeting.

3.6 Trees – Cadogan Place

The Clerk has contacted Rights of Way, who are following this up.

3.7 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.

3.8 Registration of The Green

The Clerk has contact NCC and is awaiting a reply. (The Council believed the grass area in front of 2 and 3 The Green should be included also.)

3.9 Street Light - Four New House, Wappenham Road

Cllr Fenwick has been liaising with both Eon and Mr Dyckhoff regarding the re-siting of the light pole. Cllr Fenwick agreed position of the pole and has agreed with Mr Dyckhoff for this to go ahead. The Clerk has been asked to follow this up.

3.10 Affordable Housing Needs

The Clerk has not received a reply regarding the Tree Preservation Order of the Elm Tree. However the Clerk needs to contact them stating it is an Elm tree not a Yew tree.

3.11 Towcester Rural Community - Police

Cllr Haycock attended this meeting. A flyer has been produced which the Clerk has put on the noticeboard.

3.12 Hourly Bus Service

The clerk was asked to follow up regarding the service offered by Towcester Taxi's Jason. No reply has been received regarding the new hourly bus service.

3.13 Withimer Lane RA46, RA4 meet RA27

This has been reported and the Clerk has not received any information to date. One of the Councillors saw Colin Wicks investigating this during the week.

4.0 FINANCE

4.1 Financial Balances

Business Investment Account as 30 th September 2008:	£10,878.75	
Treasurer Account as at 30 th September 2008	£2,946.04	
Includes 2 nd precept instalment of £1,500		
Outstanding Cheques: The Old School	<u>£80.00</u>	Chq 268
Total Balance	<u>£2,866.04</u>	

4.2 Payments

The following invoices were put forward for payment:

Eon (Electricity Supply)	£85.98	Chq 270
SNVB (AbTalk photocopying)	£33.60	Chq 271
Eon UK Energy Service Ltd) (maintenance)	£75.93	Chq 272
Mr Salmon (See item 4.4)	£20.00	Chq 273
BT (See item 5.2.2 dated 30 th October 2008)	£1.00	Chq 274

The above payments were approved.

4.3 Documentation

4.3.1 Internal Audit Terms of Reference.

The Clerk has to type these still.

4.4 Section 137 Payment – Reimbursement of membership to TADD

Cllr Hulbert declared an interest, as she is a member of TADD.

The Council agreed to reimburse Mr and Mrs Salmon their TADD membership of a total of £20.00.

4.5 Budget

In the Constitution/Standing Orders the Council agreed to review the budget every 6 months.

The clerk produced a budget of spend to date against proposed and included future spending.

5. PLANNING

5.1 Application

5.2 Update

5.2.1 S/2008/1196/P Single Storey Side Extension 54 Wappenham Road, Abthorpe Permitted

5.2.2 S/2008/0541/TR Removal of Public Payphone, Kiosk 857335, The Green, Abthorpe, Towcester SNC are objecting to the proposed plans.

Since the last meeting a letter has been received from SNC, dated 26th September 2008, stating that BT would not be accepting their recommendation. However, SNC are in consultation with English Heritage. SNC also advised the Council of the 2 routes they are able to take either Adopt a Kiosk for £1.00 and the Council will then take full responsibility for the kiosk. There are 3 issues with this route a) power supply, transfer billing but if decide to will need to confirm disconnection charge; b) authority will need to obtain permission off NCC (if NCC Land) to retain telephone box; and c) cost of ownership. The other option is to sponsor the Kiosk for £500.00 per annum.

The Council discussed these options and agreed the following in response to the issues:

- The Clerk would look into the cost of the supply is at present and the cost of disconnection.
- The kiosk is on the Council land and therefore does not permission from NCC.
- The costs involved in the upkeep of the kiosk.

The proposal for sponsoring the kiosk was dismissed, as the kiosk does not get the use.

Cllr Cambray proposed that the Council adopt the Kiosk for £1.00 depending on the outcome of the electricity supply. Cllr Dyckhoff agreed. The Council agreed unanimously. The Clerk would investigate and advise Cllr Haycock.

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. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 East Midlands Regional Plan and Strategy

This was put into circulation for all to see.

6.2 SNC – Local Development Framework

SNC are discussing whether to keep the village confines. Village applications are considered on its merits. Cllr Haycock has replied and agreed to support the continuance of the village confines.

6.3 Transport and Highways Top 10 local Priorities

Cllr Haycock read the email and the Council agreed the following:

Towcester Taxi Service – Fridays to Towcester a local market town and amenities.

Jason

Regular service to Northampton and Banbury

Pot holes

Hedge trimming so signs visible.

Clear Grips and Ditches

Salt Bins

The Clerk was asked to reply.

6.4 SNC – Development Implementation Service Discussion Forum

A meeting is being held on the 27th October 2008 to identify areas of improvement.

Unfortunately no councillors are able to make this meeting but would like to register the build of traffic on the A43 from the A5/A43 roundabout leads to traffic blocking the roundabout at MacDonalds, leading to traffic coming from Towcester and Abthorpe, Greens Norton not able to pull out.

6.5 Standards Committee Appointment

Are looking to appoint a 3rd investigator.

6.6 Greens Norton Medical Centre

The medical centre has written to the Council asking for the council's support in its application for a Pharmacy. The Clerk has been asked to write to agree with this application.

6.7 Flood Fair

A meeting is being held on 29th October 2008, 9.00am to 6.00 pm at The Great Hall, Northampton Borough Council, Guildhall Offices.

7.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Overgrown Shrubs

The shrubs adjacent to The Cottage, Church Lane are now encroaching onto the footpath so that pedestrians are unable to walk on the path. Cllr Haycock agreed to talk to the owner.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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

Dates of Future Meetings

Monday 12th January 2009

Monday 6th April 2009

Monday 23rd February 2009

Monday 11th May 2009

Annual General Meeting Monday 11th May 2009

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 18th May 2009