

**Present:** Councillors: B Haycock (Chairman)  
M Hulbert  
K Fenwick  
I Dyckhoff  
J Sharp  
D Cambray

Clerk: G Coombs

## **1. APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Cllr Kendall. This was accepted.

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

The following changes were made to the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008:

Item 3.11, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence, 2<sup>nd</sup> “as” to be changed to “has”, so the sentence now reads “... Clerk has put on the noticeboard.”

Item 5.2.2, remove the 2<sup>nd</sup> permission and change to telephone box so the sentence reads “b) authority will need to obtain permission off NCC (if NCC Land) to retain the telephone box.”

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**

The binding and archiving still needs to be actioned.

### **3.3 Bridleway Signs Brackley Lane, Withimer Lane RA46, RA4 and RA27**

These have been reported.

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

Cllr Fenwick has found information regarding the Hardwood seating. The council wishes to have an Oak bench. Cllr Fenwick will look into this further.

### **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 contacted 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**

A quotation has been received from Eon and forwarded to Cllr Dyckhoff. He will liase with Eon and it's contractors.

### **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 Hourly Bus Service**

This service is currently on hold.

### **3.13 Overgrown Shrubs**

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

#### **4.0 FINANCE**

##### **4.1 Financial Balances**

|   |                  |                       |
|---|------------------|-----------------------|
| Business Investment Account as 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2008: | £10,923.98       |                       |
| Treasurer Account as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2008         | £2,730.53        |                       |
| Outstanding Cheques:  |                  |                       |
|   | BT               | £1.00 Chq 274         |
|   | The Old School   | <u>£80.00</u> Chq 268 |
| Total Balance   | <u>£2,649.53</u> |                       |

##### **4.2 Payments**

The following invoices were put forward for payment:

|                                      |         |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| SNVB (AbTalk photocopying)           | £33.60  | Chq 275 |
| Cash – TADD membership reimbursement | £145.00 | Chq 276 |

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 and did not participate in the discussion.

The Council agreed to reimburse the TADD membership to the 15 Abthorpe parishioners.

#### **5. PLANNING**

##### **5.1 Application**

###### **5.1.1 S/2008/1500/P** Attached dwelling Adjacent to 1 Stanhill Row, Abthorpe

The Council was unable to comment as it is unclear as to what the changes are and therefore SNC should reject this application.

A letter received from a member of the parish raised concerns with this build, the grey waste going into the ditch at the back and the gas tank being installed underground. The clerk was asked to raise these issues with SNC.

A Cllr will also speak to the builders asking them to clear the section of the ditch at the back of the property.

##### **5.2 Update**

**5.2.1 S/2008/0541/TR** Removal of Public Payphone, Kiosk 857335, The Green, Abthorpe, Towcester  
The paper work has been completed and the cheque for £1.00 has been raised and forwarded to BT. The cost of disconnecting the electricity would be between £159 and £258.00 depending on the siting of the lines.

SNC have also applied to English Heritage to list this telephone box.

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

Application withdrawn.

#### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **6.1 New Address**

Notification has been received confirming the addresses of the New House at Hayes Farm.

##### **6.2 SNVB**

A reminder has been received advising of a meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> November. The Clerk advertised this on the noticeboard.

### **6.3 SNC – Steven Shuttleworth**

A letter has been received from Steven Shuttleworth outlining the outcomes from the discussion forum. The five issues identified are: Communications, Enforcement, Lack of consistency, Not listening to Parish Council views, Time for Parish Councils to respond to planning consultations.

### **6.4 Police – Community Beat**

A letter has been received from the Community Panel Meeting reminding the Council of the meeting dates, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 15<sup>th</sup> September and 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009, at 7.30 pm at the Greens Norton Community Centre. The 3 priorities are: Speeding in particular locations, Increase Police Visibility and Promotion of Crime Prevention.

### **6.5 Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance**

This information was forwarded to Abtalk.

### **6.6 SNC – South Northamptonshire Council Development**

A letter has been received from Steve Shuttleworth replying to the Council's letter of 9<sup>th</sup> November regarding the volume of traffic on the A43 and how it blocks the entrance/exit to Abthorpe Road at the MacDonalds roundabout. SNC will forward our concerns to WNDS and the Highways Agency.

### **6.7 Planning Application Consultations**

A letter from Sarah Loveridge advises that consults will be sent out daily and the list as usual at the end of the week. The Clerk advised that she has not received a weekly list for some time now.

### **6.8 Dog Control Orders**

This letter was passed around and those Councillors who wished to make comments could do so directly.

### **6.9 Meet the Directors – Brackley Town Hall**

SNC have invited the Council to attend a meeting to meet the Directors of SNC. This meeting was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, both the Chairman and Clerk were unable to make this meeting.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Vintage Cars**

Cllr Hulbert asked if permission had been given by the Council for the Vintage Cars to use the village green? Cllr Fenwick agreed to speak to the co-ordinators of this.

### **7.2 Changes to Freedom of Information**

Cllr Hulbert read in circulation that the Council need to adopt the above by the end of the year. Cllr Fenwick agreed to obtain this information off the Internet and review with Cllr Haycock. If straightforward the Council agreed that Cllr's Haycock and Fenwick could adopt on the Council's behalf as it needs to be agreed by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008.

### **7.3 Mower Service**

The Mower needs to be serviced as it is not cutting evenly.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

*Please note: The next regular **Parish Council Meeting** is to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008 in the Old School, Abthorpe.*

### Dates of Future Meetings

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

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 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