

Present: Councillors: B Haycock (Chairman)
K Fenwick
M Hulbert
I Dyckhoff
J Sharp
D Cambray (arrived at 8.05pm)

Clerk: G Coombs

1. APOLOGIES

An Apology was received from Cllr Kendall who is unable to attend due to illness. This was accepted.

1.1 Acceptance of Apologies

The Council discussed the points raised in the last update regarding the acceptance of apologies and agreed the following:

- Apologies would be received with a reason.
- The Council would discuss the apologies on an individual basis and only accepted if agreed for a valid reason.
- If either the Clerk or a member of the Council have not received any apologies with a reason then apologies would not be recorded or accepted.

These were agreed and would be reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of 23rd February 2009

Item 3.6 a line should be added: "Repairs are being carried out in the Council houses.

Item 3.9 remove "work that is being carried out in Council homes." and add "y" to the to make "they" and "were looking at the development of affordable housing."

Item 3.10 remove "5220" and change to "two"

Item 6.2 add "y" to Part to create "Party"

Item 7.6 change the line to "The Clerk has been requested to ask for the top of Brackley Lane to have the holes filled in with type 1 and tarmac the rest of the lane."

After these amendments were made the Council adopted these minutes.

Minutes of 23rd March 2009

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

The seat has been purchased and prior to this meeting, The Clerk, Cllr's Fenwick and Haycock had a site meeting and agreed the position to site the bench. The Bench is to be seated to the right of the current bench facing the Church, (just beside a large patch of pothole filling). Cllr Fenwick agreed to look into the fixing of the bench and will obtain 2 quotations.

3.5 Footpath – Brackley Lane to White Cottage

The Clerk has a site meeting with Helen Howard of NCC regarding the Council's proposal for the extension of the footpath for 2 pm on 8th April. Councillors are welcome to attend.

3.6 Site of Old Pump (North Entrance to Church)

This is a project in progress. Green/Blue bricks are required and a water pedestal/spout similar to the existing one on the Green.

3.7 Registration of The Green

A reply has been received from NCC stating that the area registered reflects the area which was applied for back in 1969. The Council discussed this and did not feel this was the case. However, the part may not be part of the registration because of the creation of additional parking. The Council asked The Clerk to look through their records and verify what was applied for. (The section of grass in question is in front of 2 and 3 The Green.)

3.8 Mini Farm

The Clerk has written to Patrick Burke, Planning Enforcement Team leader regarding the issues raised at the last meeting and is awaiting a reply.

3.9 Queen's Royal Garden Party

An email has been received from Danny Moody (NCALC) regarding the Royal Garden Party on Tuesday 21st July unfortunately our nomination was not successful. However, they were impressed with the quality of nominations and are therefore looking at an opportunity to celebrate the contributions people make to their communities.

3.10 Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Tomalin, received a quantity of information regarding Neighbourhood Watch, and filters it to find which ones are applicable to Abthorpe. Most is not applicable. This information is then put on the website.

3.11 Clerk

The position for a Clerk is still vacant and the Council agreed to make every effort to find a new Clerk.

4.0 FINANCE

4.1 Financial Balances

Business Investment Account as 30 th March 2009:	£10,932.21	
Treasurer Account as at 30th March 2009	£2,652.12	
Outstanding Cheques:		
	BT	£1.00 Chq 274
	Towcester Area Door to Door	£ <u>50.00</u> Chq 282
		£51.00
	Balance	£ <u>2,601.12</u>

4.2 Payments

The following were put forward for payment:

Mrs C G Coombs (Clerks Salary)	£750.00	Chq 283
E.On UK Energy Services Ltd	£74.31	Chq 284
K Fenwick (Mower)	£10.30	Chq 285
Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd	£918.16	Chq 286
Briar Hill Engineering	£268.74	Chq 287
SNVB	£ <u>33.60</u>	Chq 288
	£2,055.11	
Balance:	£546.01	

The Council agreed these payments.

4.3 Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2009

The Clerk gave each member of the Council a copy of the Summary Receipt and Payments Account and Councillor Fenwick was given £1.97 being the difference between cheque 269, and the amount claimed. The Council also received a Bank Reconciliation sheet. The Council discussed the accounts and agreed unanimously with these.

4.3.1 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2009

The Clerk also put forward the Annual Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2009. The Council had the opportunity to view these accounts and approved them.

The Council then discussed and agreed Section 2 – Annual Governance Statement. Items 1 to 8 the Council stated “Yes” and 9 is not applicable.

The Council agreed to continue with the year on year 25% depreciation of their assets. The Council agreed that they are still holding £8,000.00 in the Business Investment Account for the purchase of a new burial ground should a more suitable location be found.

5. PLANNING

5.1 Application

5.2 Update

5.2.1 S/2008/1628/P Two storey rear extension, two storey side extension and porch extension. Hayes Farmhouse, Abthorpe Road, Silverstone

5.2.2 S/2009/0123/P Two storey side extension. 10 Wappenham Road, Abthorpe, Towcester.

5.2.3 S/2009/187/P Demolition of lean to outhouse attached to front of building, erection of two storey side extension on north side of house, conservatory to rear and garage to front. Cedar Cottage, Main Street, Abthorpe.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Policy Liaison Meeting

Cllr Fenwick gave a brief synopsis of the meeting held on 10th March 2009. Greens Norton has withdrawn from Speedwatch as they received too much abuse from drivers. Bradden would like to reduce their speed limit through their village to 30mph. But the most important need for all the villages was police visibility. The next meeting will be held on 2nd June 2009, Cllr Fenwick is hoping to attend again.

6.2 CPRE – Planning Road Show

A road show is being held on Tuesday 21st April 6.00 pm for a 6.30 pm start. This was put into circulation.

6.3 Electricity Supply to Telephone Kiosk

The Clerk has received an email from Ryan, Unmetered Supplies Co-Ordinator, E.On Central Network regarding the electricity supply to the Telephone box on the Green. The Clerk has replied to this already stating the Council wishes to electricity supply to continue.

6.4 Rotary Clubs

We have been asked to put up posters regarding their 10K Children and Fun Day in aid of Macmillan and the May Day Fayre. The Clerk was asked to put these on the noticeboard.

6.5 Bus Timetable

We have received a new timetable for the Thursday service to Banbury – There is no change.

6.6 South Northants Homes

Internal modernisation is taking place in the homes within Abthorpe.

6.7 New Laws of Dog Homes

The Clerk has been asked to display the notice on the noticeboard.

6.8 Affordable Housing Needs

A letter has been received from Nadeem Khan stating that he is leaving and Laura Welch will be continuing with his work.

6.9 MGWSP

A letter has been received from MGWSP asking the Council if they know of any local farmers who may be able to assist with snowploughs should we have adverse weather in the future. The Council is not aware of any farmers who have snowploughs but do have those with material handlers. The Clerk was asked to write stating this.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Minutes of Previous Meetings

Cllr Hulbert has noted that the minutes on the website are not up to date. The Clerk was asked to forward all minutes from September 2008 so that they can be put on the web.

7.2 Ditch – Stanhill Row

All the private owners have cleared the ditch. The clerk was asked to contact South Northants Homes to get the ditch at the back of their houses cleared as well.

7.3 TADD

Subscription is due the 1st April. Cllr Fenwick asked if this could be put onto the agenda for May's meeting.

7.4 Telephone Box

The Clerk was asked to find the information for the rules and regulations for upkeeping the phone box. The Council would like to paint it.

7.5 Clerk Payment

The Council agreed that the Clerk would be paid monthly until a new Clerk could be found.

There being not other business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

*Please note: The next regular **Parish Council Meeting** is to be held on Monday 11th May 2008 in the Old School, Abthorpe.*

Dates of Future Meetings:

Annual General Meeting Monday 11th May 2009

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 18th May 2009