

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

Clerk: B Carter

### **1. APOLOGIES**

An Apology was received from Cllr Kendall who is unable to attend due to illness. This was accepted. (Note. I Dyckhoff & J Sharp had sent apologies to the new Clerk's answer phone that these were not picked up until his return home.)

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

The Council adopted the minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

#### **3.1 Home Farm**

It was agreed to drop from the agenda, as this was considered the responsibility of the District Council. It was agreed to monitor the rubbish situation.

#### **3.2 Minute Book**

Once found the book needs to be given to Cllr M Hulbert who will arrange deliver to the County Archives.

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

These have been reported. - Ongoing

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

One sealed quote has been received. The new clerk will obtain a second. Cllr D Cambrey agreed to obtain a third.

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

Issue ongoing

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

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

#### **3.7 Registration of the Green**

The previous Clerk to provide an update.

#### **3.8 Mini Farm**

Awaiting District Council response.

#### **3.9 Neighbourhood Watch**

Neighbourhood Watch was still in existence in Abthorpe. R Tomalin currently puts relevant information on the WEB. It was questioned how the scheme is revived. Cllr K Fenwick agreed to put an article in the next issue of Abtalk.

#### **3.10 Policy Liaison Meeting**

The meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009, Cllr Fenwick reported that Crime statistics for the Village showed a rise in reported crime.

Mrs G Coombs has agreed to continue as the Community Speed Watch liaison.

Cllr K Fenwick reported that Abthorpe was due to be loaned the speed camera in August / September.

#### **3.11 Electricity Supply to Telephone Kiosk**

Mrs G Coombs to be asked for a report on how the kiosk should be maintained.

#### **3.12 Ditch – Stanhill Row**

A further letter from Dean Babbington, Building Works Manager, South Northants Homes, is awaited to identify ownership of this ditch.

#### **3.13 Clerk**

Bob Carter has now taken the position of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Abthorpe Parish Council. Cllr Keith Fenwick and the new Clerk are looking at the wording of the NCALC Contract.

## 4.0 FINANCE

### 4.1 Financial Balances

**Business Investment Account as 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009** £10,933.65

**Treasurer Account as at 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009** £2085.75

Outstanding Cheques:

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amnt.</u>	<u>Chq No:</u>
	BT	30/10/08	£1.00	274
	Eon	11/05/09	£95.50	289
	Eon UK Energy Services Ltd	11/05/09	62.95	290
	Cash	11/05/09	£156.00	291
	K Fenwick	11/05/09	£11.26	292
	Aon Ltd	11/05/09	£438.64	293
	Northants CALC	11/05/09	£173.67	294
			£939.02	
	Treasurers Account less outstanding cheques		£1146.73	
	Payments received			
	HM Revenue & Customs		£219.61	
	Treasurers Account including recent payments		£1366.34	

#### **Petty Cash**

Cash in hand	£11.91
Stamps: 7 x 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	

### 4.2 Payments

The following were put forward for payment:

Briar Hill Engineering (Mower repairs)	£196.33	Chq 295
SNVB (Abtalk printing)	£33.60	Chq 296
Mrs C G Coombs (Salary Apr, May, Jun)	£187.50	Chq 297
Mrs C G Coombs (Photocopying)	£13.93	Chq 298
Eon Energy Services (Lighting)	£74.31	Chq 299
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£505.67</b>	
<b>Predicted Balance in Treasurers Acct</b>	<b>£860.67</b>	

The Council agreed these payments.

The Clerk asked about obtaining electronic access to the banking account, (without transaction capacity) to enable download of statements. It was agreed to allow the Clerk to look into this.

The Clerk reported £38.20 worth of "Bus Tokens". It was thought that these tokens were now worthless, but the Clerk agreed to investigate with SNC.

The Clerk also reported holding an account for the "Abthorpe Under 5's Club". It was recorded that on 13 Dec 2007 there was £418.23 in the account. Following discussion it was agreed that this account required updating, with the latest balance and possible change of signatories and account address. The views of Mrs Alison Symmers and Dr Mike Greenhalgh were to be sought regarding this account.

## **5. PLANNING**

### **5.1 Application**

There were no new planning applications

### **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. Clerk to check progress.

**5.2.2 S/2009/0123/P** Two storey side extension. 10 Wappenham Road, Abthorpe, Towcester. This Application has received planning permission.

Cllr Fenwick reported seeking Council comment on Application No: S/2009/0401/P. This application sought retrospective approval for a change rainwater gutters from "Cast Iron" to Plastic. Plastic gutters were already fitted. Those Councillors whose opinion was sought made no objections. Cllr Hulbert thought that a special meeting should have been called. The decision of the meeting was that the Chairman had the right not to call a meeting for such an application. Subsequent approval was granted by SNC.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1** Volunteer Co-ordinator has changed. [What is this? ]

### **6.2 Highways Representative**

Abthorpe has no nominated Highways Representative. The Clerk is to take on this as a contact.

### **6.3 Abbey Building Society**

Notification of two "new" Abbey Building Society accounts was given:

Fixed Business Bonds

Business Reward Saver Account

Both gave better interest rates than the current Business Investment Account. Following debate it was agreed to open a Fixed Business Bond and transfer £8000.00 over. After one year, the money would be transferred back into the Lloyds account.

### **6.4 Lloyds Bank Interest Rates**

Information was given. The Clerk to file for future reference.

### **6.5 South Northants Voice Forum**

Notification of the S.N. Voice Forum at Deanshanger on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June was given for information.

### **6.6 EMDA News**

Information put before the Council

### **6.7 Northamptonshire Association for the Blind**

Request for donations towards the cost of the Mobile Information Unit was sought. It was thought inappropriate to make a donation. Information circulated.

### **6.8 Northamptonshire County Council / May Gurney**

Notification of the introduction of Parish Enhancement Gangs was given. Information circulated for submission at next meeting.

### **6.9 Yelvertoft Village Oil Purchase Scheme.**

Information given. Information to be place on Village Noticeboard.

### **6.10 Towcester Master Plan Consultation**

Draft approval was given on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Consultation will continue until 7<sup>th</sup> August. Information circulated

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**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no Other Business

There being not other business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

*Please note: The next regular **Parish Council Meeting** is to be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2009 in the Old School, Abthorpe.*

*Future Meetings:*

*Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009*

*Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009*

*Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009*

**Change Control**

Issue No	Date	Changes
Draft	30/06/09	
Issue 1	02/07/09	Slight amendments by Chairman in 3.2, 3.9, 3.10, 3.11, and typo's