

Present: Councillors: K Fenwick (Chairman)
B Haycock (Past-Chairman)
J Sharp
I Dykehoff
Clerk: B Carter

1. APOLOGIES

A written apology was received from Cllr M Hulbert. Cllr W Kendall was also unable to attend due to long term illness. Both apologies were accepted.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Council adopted the minutes of 10th August 2009 with the following change:-
Para 3.15 (unfinished sentence) should read "The Clerk will arrange".

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Minute Book

The previous minute books have been deposited with the County archives and a receipt obtained

Comp

3.2 Bridleway Signs Brackley Lane, Withimer Lane RA46, RA4 and RA27

These have been reported. – Ongoing – This item was first reported in September 2008? Colin Wicks, MGWSP, 01604 883400, is the contact. The Clerk has spoken with Michelle Taylor who will chase Colin.

Clerk

3.3 Seat on the Green

The two sealed bids received (from Max Kellner & Nick Duffy) were considered by the Chairman and Clerk. Contract was awarded to Nick Duffy & bench has now been installed. It was noted that the original bench appears to have been treated by a "benefactor". It was hoped that this would help preserve the bench.

Comp.

3.4 Footpath – Brackley Lane to White Cottage

Issue ongoing – This item was first raised in July 2008 with NCC. It appears that Helen Howard (01604 654334) – Highways Manager is dealing. At an earlier site meeting, the feasibility of extending the paving further down Wappenham Road was considered and a Crossing suggested. Further signage was also considered. The Clerk is to chase.

Clerk

3.5 Site of Old Pump (North Entrance to Church)

This project has been ongoing for a number of months. It was reported that on an old map, this was the site of a well, not a pump. The Green/Blue bricks are still required to repair the existing brickwork, and a water pedestal/spout similar to the existing one on the Green is being sought by Cllr D Cambrey. **Ongoing**

DC

3.6 Registration of the Green

As requested, the Clerk asked SNC for a better, (bigger and clearer) map of the area. The map received was exactly the same as the previous map supplied. It was agreed to accept the registration as it stood.

Comp.

3.7 Neighbourhood Watch

It was agreed to call a public meeting to attempt to "revitalise" Neighbourhood Watch after the "holiday period" in September/ October. Cllr Fenwick will look into a meeting. This item is ongoing.

KF

3.8 Maintenance of Telephone Kiosk

The Clerk has been approached by two other Parish Councils seeking info and action about the purchase and maintenance of the Kiosk. The Clerk was given permission to pass on details as required.

Cllr Dykhoff asked about repainting the kiosk and replacing the “glass” panels. It was thought that this could take three days to complete due to the preparation of the bars and small panels. Cllr Dykehoff agreed to obtain a written quote from Mr John Underwood. The Clerk agreed to obtain a second quote.

ID
Clerk

3.9 Ditch – Stanhill Row

The Clerk had chased Dean Babbington, Building Works Manager, South Northants Homes, for a response. Mr Babbington reported that under the recent changes within South Northants Homes, the issue was now with Chris Cockraham – Grounds Maintenance. Duncan Wigley to provide ownership details. It appears that the original issue was flooding

Clerk

3.10 Investment Bond

It was agreed to continue to investigate an higher interest accounts. - Ongoing

Clerk

3.11 Clerk’s Contract

The Clerk will arrange for the contract to be signed

Clerk

3.12 Parish Enhancement Gang

There appears to have been little progress from the Parish Enhancement Gang as yet. The issues reported were:-

- 1) Bluebell Hill – there appears to be a blocked grip.
- 2) The 30mph sign as you approach the village from Wappenham requires the bushes trimmed to provide clear line of site.

Clerk

The footpath (behind Leeson House) used by numerous hiker, has a broken/dangerous style. This has now been repaired by Cllr B Haycock

4.0 FINANCE

4.1 Financial Balances

Business Investment Account as 30th July 2009 £10,935.06

Treasurer Account as at 30th July 2009 £671.99

Outstanding Cheques:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amnt.</u>	<u>Chq No:</u>
BT Kiosk Purchase	30/10/08	£1.00	274
		£1.00	

New payments for approval:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amnt.</u>	<u>Chq No:</u>
K Fenwick Mower petrol	04/09/09	£9.01	
E-on Electricity bill	08/09/09	£74.31	
		£83.32	

Treasurers Account less outstanding cheques £587.67

Payments rec'd £0.00

Treasurers Account including recent payments £587.67

**Petty
Cash**

Cash in hand (10/08/09)		£11.91
Coleman's Folders	£5.98	
Cash in hand (21/09/09)		£5.98
Stamps: 3 x 1 st Class		

4.2 Payments

The following were put forward for payment:

K Fenwick	Mower petrol	04/09/09	£9.01
E-on	Electricity bill	08/09/09	£74.31
Total:			£83.32
Predicted Balance in Treasurers Acct			£587.67

The Council agreed these payments.

6. PLANNING

5.1 Application

There was one planning applications received by the Clerk on Saturday, 19th September.

**5.1.1. S/2009/0651/P Alterations and extension of existing outbuilding to form two storey extensions.
– The Old Bakehouse, The Green, Abthorpe.**

This was discussed. It was agreed that it needs to be advertised on the Village Notice board to enable comments to be made by Parishioners. The Clerk to put up a notice for comments to be made by 30th September 2009. **Clerk**

5.2 Update

**5.2.1. S/2009/0651/P Conversion of stable building to form self-contained annexe.
– The Grange, Hayes Farm, Abthorpe Road, Silverstone.**

This has now been approved by SNC.

**5.2.2. S/2009/0657/P Three mobile homes and a toilet block (retrospective)
– Mini Farm, Blakesley Road, Abthorpe.**

This is sill pending with SNC

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was raised but not distributed.

6.1 West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Consultation

6.2 BT Payphones – Adopt a Kiosk

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Cllr J Sharp reported that as she passed Mini Farm, there was an obnoxious odour appearing to come from the toilet block. There also appears to be a build up of rubbish within the yard. She also stated that the residence of Foscode had made comment on a “yapping dog”.
The Clerk to report these issues to Paul Secklington. **Clerk**
- 7.2 Cllr Fenwick reported that the Dog Fouling notices had been removed from Brackley Lane. The Clerk will identify where the signs are obtained from. **Clerk**
- 7.3 The hedge on unoccupied land, (opposite 2, 4, 6 & 8) in Brackley Lane needs cutting back. Ownership uncertain. Cllr B Haycock agreed to cut. **BH**
- 7.4 The “lilac” bush outside Thorpe End, (Wappenham Road side) need cutting back. The Clerk to approach the property owner. **Clerk**
- 7.5 It was reported that the cars parked along Main Street were causing limited access along the road. Cllr Fenwick to try to identify “culprit” and talk to them. **KF**

There being not other business the meeting closed at 8:30pm.

*Please note: The next regular **Parish Council Meeting** is to be held on Monday 2nd November 2009 in the Old School, Abthorpe.*

*Future Meetings:
Monday, 14th December 2009*

Change Control

Issue No	Date	Changes
Draft	23/09/09	
Issue 1	24/09/09	Minor changes by Chairman.