

Present: Councillors: K Fenwick (Chairman)
 B Haycock
 J Sharp
 I Dykehoff
 M Hulbert
 D Cambrey

Clerk: B Carter

Invited Laura Welch Strategic Housing Officer
 Jacqueline Brooks Principle Strategic
 Housing Officer

There was one member of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology fro Cllr W Kendall was accepted due to long term illness.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Council adopted the minutes of 21st September 2009.

3 Potential Affordable Housing for Abthorpe.

Laura Welch, Strategic Housing Officer and Jacqueline Brooks, Principle Strategic Housing Officer presented a paper showing a time line between August 2005 and September 2009. This gave details of correspondence, meetings, and surveys carried out relating to the need for affordable housing in Abthorpe, Slapton, Braden & Wappenham. They explained the reason for including the four villages in a “Cluster” arrangement, and the decision to select Abthorpe as a possible location.

They also presented a map of the village showing two potential sites and an initial sketch showing a layout of 10 houses.

They explained that it was initially hoped to build 10 units – 4 x 2 bed flats, 3 x 2 bed houses, 2 x 2bed bungalows, and 1 x 3 bed bungalow. There will be parking spaces for two vehicles per home. It was pointed out that the type of units could change to meet current requirements.

The homes will be owned by Northants Rural Housing Association and will be held as affordable housing in perpetuity. [Part-ownership will be possible, but any sale could only be back to the Housing Association.](#) SNC will allocate the homes.

During discussion the following issues were raised:-

Will preference be given to Abthorpe people?	This was confirmed
Will it be possible to obtain a “play area” for local children?	It was agreed to take away and investigate
The hedge that “hides” the houses from Brackley Road. Will it remain?	This was uncertain. Planning was suggesting that it stayed. It was agreed to ask that it go back to its original state.
Will it increase parking in Brackley Lane or cause additional problems at the junction of Wappenham Road?	It was agreed to seek solution to these problems, perhaps with traffic control.

Both agreed to return when a more detailed plan was presented, (prior to planning) and seek the Parish Councils views. If appropriate it would seek the view of the village with a public consultation.

There was a question from the floor asking whether any further decision had been made about the demolition of the garages in Brackley Lane and the utilisation of this land and an adjacent “allotment” to build further housing? There was no known intention to do this.

Laura and Jacqueline left at 8:45.

4 MATTERS ARISING

<p>4.1 Bridleway Signs Brackley Lane, Withimer Lane RA46, RA4 and RA27 These have been reported. – Ongoing – Colin Wicks is now on long term sick leave. Max Lang is now dealing. Max has sent a letter giving details of intended of intended changes to signs.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>4.2 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. Further signage is proposed. The Clerk is to chase.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>4.3 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</p>	<p>DC</p>
<p>4.4 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.</p>	<p>KF</p>
<p>4.5 Maintenance of Telephone Kiosk Cllr Dykehoff presented a written quote from Mr John Underwood. The Clerk agreed to obtain a second quote.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>4.6 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</p>	<p>Chased, but Chris Cockraham 0845 460688) is on leave. Clerk</p>
<p>4.7 Investment Bond It was agreed to continue to investigate an higher interest accounts. – Ongoing</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>4.8 Clerk’s Contract The contract has been signed.</p>	<p>Comp</p>
<p>4.9 Parish Enhancement Gang The issues reported were:- 1) Bluebell Hill – there appears to be a blocked grip. Mark Gatland requested location of Bluebell Hill – this has been provided. 2) The 30mph sign as you approach the village from Wappenham requires the bushes trimmed to provide clear line of site.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>4.10 The Dog Fouling signs were removed from BT poles to avoid paying £120 per sign. When new signs available, should be fixed to lamp posts .</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>4.11 The hedge on unoccupied land, (opposite 2, 4, 6 & 8) in Brackley Lane needs cutting back. Ownership uncertain. Cllr B Haycock agreed to cut.</p>	<p>Dropped</p>

4.12	The "lilac" bush outside Thorpe End, (Wappenham Road side) need cutting back. The Clerk to approach the property owner.	Comp
4.13	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.	Dropped
4.14	The Clerk to put up a notice regarding Planning Application for comments to be made by 30 th September 2009.	Comp

4.0 FINANCE

4.1 Financial Balances

Business Investment Account as 28th August 2009	£10,935.05
Gross credit interest	£0.45
Business Investment Account as 30th Sept 2009	£10,935.50
Treasurer Account as at 28th Aug 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

Payments:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amnt.</u>	<u>Chq No:</u>
K Fenwick Mower petrol	04/09/09	£9.01	303
E-on Electricity bill	08/09/09	£74.31	304
			£83.32

Treasurers Account less outstanding cheques £587.67

Payments rec'd
Sth Nthnts CCL Precept £1500.00

Treasurers Account including recent payments £2087.67

Petty Cash

Cash in hand (21/0/09) £5.98
£0.00
Cash in hand (2/11/09) £5.98
Stamps: 2 x 1st Class

4.2 Payments

The following were put forward for payment:

BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	Audit	2/11/09	£57.50
Eon	Electricity bill	2/11/09	£95.50
Mr N Duffy	Bench installation	2/11/09	£287.50
			£440.50

Predicted Balance in Treasurers Acct £1647.17

The Council agreed these payments.

6. PLANNING

5.1 Application

There had been no new Planning Applications received since the meeting called on 13th October to consider two applications. Even though the meeting was not quorate, it was agreed to submit comments on the applications back to SNC.

Applications considered:-

S/2009/0872/LBC & S/2009/0910/FUL

S/2009/0925/LBC & S/2009/0926/FUL

5.2 Update

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

This is still pending with SNC. Cllr Sharp repeated that the smell from the site is still prevalent.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was raised and distributed.

6.1 "The Bus"

6.2 Northants 50+ Network

6.3 Recession Impact Advice Pack

6.4 SNC's Parish Council Newsletter

6.5 Northamptonshire's Pocket Parks Information Pack

6.6 South Northamptonshire – State of District's Economy 2009

6.7 Rural Bus Link Service

6.8 SNVB Link Up

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Agency regarding the disappearance of the white lines at the MacDonalds Roundabout. It was also suggested that a "Keep Clear" box be added to aid traffic flow out of the Abthorpe Road when traffic is heavy on the A42 from Silverstone	Clerk
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There being not other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

*Please note: The next regular **Parish Council Meeting** is to be held on Monday 14th December 2009 in the Old School, Abthorpe.*

Change Control

Issue No	Date	Changes
Draft	04/11/09	
Issue 1	16/11/09	Small changes by KF.