

Present: Councillors: K Fenwick (Chairman)
B Haycock
I Dykehoff
M Hulbert

Clerk: B Carter

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies from Cllr W Kendall and Cllr J Sharpe were accepted. Cllr D Cambrey had sent his apologies to the Clerk by e-mail.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

As requested at the meeting on 14th December 2009, the minutes from the 2nd November 2009 had been redistributed. These were accepted without change.

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 14th December 2009 were accepted with the following changes:-

Page 1, Section 2, 3rd paragraph – *Had there been any further decision made about the demolition of the garages in Brackley Lane and the utilisation of this land and an adjacent “allotment” to build further housing?* **ADDED: Laura Welsh was unaware of any plans.** She had **ADDED : also** looked back over previous planning applications **ADDED: for the site in question** and she found an application dated 1974 to build four dwellings, but this had been refused permission.

Page 2 , Section 2, Comments 3 - correct typo (f) to read If the ground

Page 2, Section 2, further comments 1 – remove typo (ad) from last sentence.

Page 2, Section 2, further comments 4 – correct typo (e) to readbe designed

Page 2, Section 2, further comments 5 – correct typo (impetuity) to readin perpetuity

Page 2, Section 2, further comments 5 – remove brackets from “older peoples”

Page 3, Section 4, Matters Arising.- Make new section 4.10 re MacDonalds roundabout.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Please note – In order to keep an audit trail on actions, the Clerk has started to number each action. In future, reference will only be made to the reference number and descriptor, with details of any updates and the current statue of the action.

3.1 Jan 2010/001 - Bridleway Signs Brackley Lane, Withimer Lane RA46, RA4 and RA27

Clerk has been told that this work is now completed.

Following discussion it was reported that further issues still exist. See A.O.B.

Completed
(See new
action under
AOB).

3.2 Jan 2010 – 002 - Footpath – Brackley Lane to White Cottage

First raised in July 2008. Action now with Helen Howard (01604 654334) – Highways Manager. Work is in stack but no date scheduled.

Clerk

3.3 Jan 2010/003 - Site of Old Pump (North Entrance to Church)

Cllr D Cambrey is looking for a pump similar to the one on Village Green. The Green/Blue bricks are still required to repair the existing brickwork.

DC
Ongoing

3.4 Jan 2010/004 - Neighbourhood Watch

Meeting to be called during lighter evenings, possibly as part of the Parish Annual Meeting in May.

KF
Ongoing

3.5 Jan 2010/005 - Maintenance of Telephone Kiosk

It was agreed to accept the quote from J Underwood subject to Clerk obtaining proof of public liability insurance and producing a written spec.

**Clerk
Ongoing**

3.6 Jan 2010/006 - Ditch – Stanhill Row

First raised in 2008. Ditch apparently requires clearing. Action now with Chris Cockerham of South Northants Homes (08454 606888), - Grounds Maintenance.

**Clerk
Ongoing**

Chased. Still awaiting call back. It was reported that further problems are being caused by the bushes damaging the garage roof. Letter to be written to Senior Manager I no response received.

3.7 2010/007 - 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 actioned.](#)
- 2) The 30mph sign as you approach the village from Wappenham requires the bushes trimmed to provide clear line of site.

**Clerk
Ongoing**

Clerk has spoken to Leo Plant, the manager. Told to write letter.

3.8 2010/008 – Dog Fouling Signs, Brackley Lane.

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.

Dropped

A/W SNC to order new signs

3.9 2010/009 - White lines at the MacDonald's 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 A43 from Silverstone

**Clerk
Ongoing**

[Reported to NCC Highways Agents A1 Plus](#)

3.10 2010/010 - The Crossroads.

Still awaiting legal outcome from the accident

Ongoing

3.11 2010/011 - The TRO Sign at Brackley Lane/Withimer Lane has been knocked over

Clerk

Report to Max Lang

3.12 2010/012 - The NALC newsletter was missing from the last distribution folder. Distributed in December circulation

Completed

3.13 2010/013 - There appears to have been vehicles driven over the village green. It was reported that this was probably due to the inconsiderate parking by visitors to the Nurseries Nativity Play in the Old School. Letter written

Completed

3.14 2010/14 - There was a complaint about cars parking on the pavement in Wappenham Road, outside the four new houses and up to Main Street.

Completed

Letter written to householders.

3.15 A further observation of a car parking on the corner of Main Street / Wappenham Road was also raised.

**KF
Ongoing**

KF still to speak to owner of car

3.16 The Clerk reported a meeting with the NALC Auditor. He had reminded the Clerk of the need for a Risk Assessment. He gave a copy of another village Risk Assessment for use as a template. The Clerk and Chairman had edited this document to reflect Abthorpe's issues.

Completed

3.17 A list of dates for future meetings was raised. Distributed

Completed

3.18 Draft budget for 2010/2011

**Completed
See 4.2**

4.0 FINANCE

4.1 Financial Balances

<u>Business Investment Account as 9th November 2009</u>	£10,936.41	
Interest 9 th December 2009	£0.45	
<u>Business Investment Account as 9th December 2009</u>	£10,936.86	
<u>Treasurer Account as at 13th November 2009</u>	£1,648.17	Chq No
05/11/09 SNVB – Abtalk printing	£44.80	308
09/11/09 Clerks expenses	£29.38	309
02/12/09 Eon – Maintenance Bill quarter ending Dec 2009	£74.31	310
<u>Treasurer Account as at 24th December 2009</u>	£1,499.68	
<u>Outstanding Cheques</u>		
30/10/08 BT - Kiosk Purchase	£1.00	274
 <u>New Payments for Approval</u>		
Eon – Maintenance Bill quarter ending Dec 2009	£95.50	311
 <u>Income</u>	£0.00	
 <u>Treasurers Account including recent payments</u>	£1,403.18	
 <u>Petty Cash</u>		
Cash in hand (02/11/09)	£5.98	
Cash in hand (14/12/09)	£5.98	
Stamps: 14 x 1 st Class		
12 x 2 nd Class		
Power Cards x 10		

The Council agreed the new payment. The Council agreed to write off the un-presented cheque written to BT for the purchase of the kiosk as it was now way out of date for presentation.

4.2 Precept for 2010/2011

Following debate it was agreed to raise the precept to £3,250.00.

5. Planning Applications

5.1 There was one new application presented.

Application No.: A/2009/1285/FUL
 Proposal: Two storey rear and single storey side/rear extensions
 Location: Willow Tree Cottage, Silver Street, Abthorpe.

Following discussion there were no objections raised.

5.2 Updates

5.2.1 Application No: S/2009/1190/FUL
 Proposal: Erection of 6 stables, tack room, feed store and general store plus ménage. To include change of use of adjoining land for equestrian use.
 Location: Silverthorpe, Abthorpe Road, Silverstone

There was no further information available for this application.

5.2.2. Application No: S/2009/0926/FUL & S/2009/0925/LBC
 Location: Cedar Cottage, Main Street, Abthorpe

These applications have now been formally agreed by SNC.

5.2.3. Application No S/2009/0657/P
 Location: Mini Farm, Blakesley Road, Abthorpe

This application is still with the legal department at SNC.

6. Correspondence

- 6.1 Draft West Northamptonshire Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.** A letter explaining the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment was discussed. This followed a local newspaper report intimating that Abthorpe had been identified as having land to build 21 dwellings. The letter pointed out that this site was only “technically available”. It asked that any technical points relating to the site be raised now. The Council knew of no technical reasons and agreed to await further information.
- 6.2 Letter from SNC re Standards Committee findings** – Letter placed in circulation folder.
- 6.3 New Compost Bin Scheme** – Clerk to put leaflet on the notice board.
- 6.4 Sustainable Rural Communities Forum** – Details of the December meeting to be circulated.
- 6.5 Network 50+** - Newsletter to be circulated
- 6.6 New Fire and Rescue Centre for East Midlands** – Details to be circulated.

7. Specific Items for Discussion.

- 7.1 Potential affordable housing for Abthorpe.** There was no further information available at present. The comments made to Laura Welsh and Joanna Richardson at the December meeting are being considered by the developer. Laura Welsh has suggested another meeting with just a few Councillors and perhaps SNC Planning Department representatives on Friday, 12th February 2010. **Agreed, Clerk to arrange**
- 7.2 Registration of the Green with Land Registry.** Following discussion it was agreed to seek further details about the cost of registration. If under £100, proceed with registration. **Clerk to progress**
- 7.3 Review Financial Control and Risk Assessment Document.** This document was accepted. A copy is to be dated, signed and filed. The Asset Register, listed in the document was discussed and agreed. **Clerk to file**

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1 Jan 2010/019** In the circulation folder last month was a letter from Eon. It was understood by a Councillor that the Council would be responsible for purchasing new lampposts and lamps. **The Clerk is to check the letter and report back.**
- 8.2 Jan 2010/020** It was reported that Lamppost No 17 outside Stable Cottage has a large rust hole approx 2 ft from the ground. It was considered dangerous. **The Clerk to report it to Eon.**
- 8.3. Jan 2010/021** During discussions on the Asset Register, it was agreed to seek a price for insuring the new bench on the Green. **The Clerk to enquire**
- 8.4 Jan 2010/022** One of the three cottages in Main Street, (Church View, Middle Cottage or other) is leaving their wheelie bin on the pavement for several days blocking the path. **It was agreed to keep a watching brief to try to identify the culprit. No further action at this time.**
- 8.5 Jan 2010/023** In the last Nalc Newsletter, mention was made of three new books for Parish Clerks. **The Clerk was asked to investigate and find the cost.**
- 8.6 Jan 0201/024** It was pointed out that the WEB site needed updating with the dates of future meetings. **Clerk to ensure that minutes are uploaded along with future meeting dates.**
- 8.7 Future meetings** – as 31st May is a Bank Holiday, it was agreed that the Parish Annual Meeting be two weeks earlier, ie on 17th May. **Clerk to update meeting list.**

There being not other business the meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Please note: The next regular Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Monday 8th March 2010 in the Old School, Abthorpe.

Change Control

Issue No	Date	Changes
Draft	22/01/10	