

Present: Councillors: K Fenwick (Chairman)
B Haycock
J Sharpe
M Hulbert

Clerk: B Carter

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr W Kendall who is off sick. Cllrs I Dyckhoff and D Cambrey also apologised both being away on business. All apologies were accepted.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting on 25th January 2010, having been previously distributed, were accepted and signed by the Chairman. There was only one change made: - Item 3.9 should be A43 not A42.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 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. **No date for completion of this work is known. Clerk to chase.**

Clerk
Ongoing

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

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

DC
Ongoing

3.3 Jan 2010/004 - Neighbourhood Watch

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

KF
Ongoing

3.4 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. **Mr Underwood has provided proof of insurance, and will start work this summer when the weather improves.**

Clerk
Ongoing

3.5 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 nearby garage roof. Letter to be written to Senior Manager if no response received.

A further problem was reported by Cllr Sharpe. The ditch now contains numerous discarded lager cans. Cllr Sharpe to monitor the situation.

3.6 Jan 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 on the approach to the village from Wappenham requires the bushes trimmed to provide clear line of site.

Clerk
Chase again.

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

The Clerk reported that this had been resolved. The Chairman stated that there was still an problem on the left hand side of the entrance to the village with the hedge between the “Abthorpe” sign and the “30mph” sign over grown.

- 3.7 Jan 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 Reported to NCC Highways Agents A1 Plus. **Clerk to chase.** Clerk Ongoing
- 3.8 Jan 2010/010 - The Abthorpe/Silverstone Crossroads.** Still awaiting legal outcome from the accident **Since the fatal accident there has been several other incidents, one attend by the police. Cllr Sharpe reported a "near miss" involving her vehicle, and stated that a friend had made comment that they had also had a near miss. Cllr Sharpe was advised to report the incidents to the police. It was questioned whether the wooden fence was impeding vision at the crossroad.** Ongoing
- 3.9 Jan 2010/011 - The TRO sign at Brackley Lane/Withimer Lane has been knocked over** Report to Max Lang. **Cllr Hulbert stated that there was a Byway sign missing, and no sign to Withimer lane as well as the toppled TRO sign** Clerk Ongoing
- 3.10 Jan 2010/025 A further concern was raised over a car parking on the corner of Main Street / Wappenham Road.** KF still to speak to owner of car. **KF has spoken to the owner, (this person is moving house soon!).** Completed
- 3.11 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. **Clerk has reported it to Eon who are looking to replace the pole soon.** Clerk Ongoing
- 3.12 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** Clerk Ongoing
- 3.13 Jan 2010/022** One of the three cottages in Main Street, (Church View, Middle Cottage or other) is blocking the path by leaving their wheelie bin on the pavement for several days. **KF to speak to householder** KF Ongoing
- 3.14 Jan 2010/023** In the last NCALC Newsletter, mention was made of three new books for Parish Clerks. It was agreed to purchase "The Local Council Clerks Guide" by Paul Claydon Cost £12.95 (There is a new edition to be published on 31st March 2010). **The Clerk to order** Clerk
- 3.15 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. **The Clerk reported that the Parish Path Warden, (Mr David Robbins) had asked if the names of the various Wardens should be put on the Abthorpe WEB site. Discussion showed that Abthorpe does not currently have a Tree Warden. Mrs Gail Coombs has expressed her interest in remaining as the Highways Representative.** It was agreed to put Mr Robbins name on the WEB. Clerk WEB Updated Completed.
- 3.16 Jan 2010/026** Future meetings – as 31st May is a Bank Holiday, it was agreed that the Parish Annual Meeting be two weeks earlier, i.e. on 17th May. **Clerk to update meeting list.** Ongoing re Wardens Completed

4.0 FINANCE

4.1 Financial Balances

<u>Business Investment Account as 9th November 2009</u>	£10,936.86
Interest 11 th January 2010	£0.49
Interest 9 th February 2010	£0.43
<u>Business Investment Account as 9th February 2010</u>	£10,937.78

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Treasurer Account as at 24th December 2009	£1,499.98	
02/12/09 Eon – Electricity Bill quarter ending Dec 2009	£95.50	311
Treasurer Account as at 9th February 2010	£1,404.18	
<u>New Payments for Approval</u>		
SNVB - Abtalk Feb 2010	£48.00	312
Clerks Expenses	£11.97	313
Briar Hill Engineering - Mower Repairs	£179.64	314
Clerks Salary June 09 – April 10	£625.00	315
<u>Income</u>	£0.00	
<u>Treasurers Account including recent payments</u>	£539.57	
<u>Petty Cash</u>		
Cash in hand (02/11/09)	£5.93	
Cash in hand (14/12/09)	£5.93	
Stamps: 13 x 1 st Class 12 x 2 nd Class		
Power Cards x 7		

The Council agreed the new payment.

5. Planning Applications

5.1 There were no new applications presented.

5.2 Updates

5.2.1 Application No: S/2009/0657/P
Proposal: Three mobile homes and a toilet block (retrospective)
Location: Mini Farm, Blakesley Road, Abthorpe

This application is still with the legal department at SNC.

5.2.2 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/2009/1285/FUL
Proposal: Two storey rear and single storey side/rear extensions
Location: Willow Tree Cottage, Silver Street, Abthorpe

There was no further information available for this application.

6. Correspondence

6.1 **South Northants Homes – Major Works Briefing Paper January 2010** - circulation folder

6.2 **NCALC Update** – circulation folder.

6.3 **Housing 4U** – circulation folder.

6.4 **My County Council Newsletter** – circulation folder.

6.5 **Message from Tim Boswell** - circulation folder.

6.6 **South Northamptonshire Economic Development Strategy** – Minutes of meeting placed in circulation folder.

6.7 **Clerks & Council Direct** - circulation folder

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7. Specific Items for Discussion.

7.1 Potential affordable housing for Abthorpe. KF reported on a meeting held on 12th

February 2010 with Laura Welch, SNC Affordable Housing, and representatives from the Developers and SNC Planning Department. Both Cllr Fenwick & Sharpe attended. Cllr Fenwick had previously distributed a copy of the notes taken during the meeting. KF produced a copy of the latest plan, (version 4). This still shows the entrance opposite the first two houses in Brackley Lane, as preferred by the Developer and SNC Planning Department. The Parish Councils comment about existing residents parking was noted and it was suggested that it may be possible to widen the road and provide a lay-by/parking. The suggested play area has now been dropped as the existing owner is no longer prepared to release the land.

The tentative timescales given were:-

Submission of Planning Application – June/July 2010.

Planning decision Sept/Oct 2010

Construction 12 months

All of this will be explained in detail at the Public Consultation to be held on Thursday, 25th March between 3:30 and 7:00 in the Old School.

There was great concern over the apparent refusal to consider the request by the Parish Council to move the entrance opposite the existing garages in Brackley Lane. There was further concern regarding the removal of the grass verge to construct the parking bay.

Mar 2010/001 Clerk to write to Laura Welch with the following concerns:-

Originally Abthorpe Parish Council was asked for its input; there is disappointment that this is being ignored as the Parish Council's suggestion to move the entrance has been rejected.

The Developer seems to be reluctant to cut back or relay the hedge along Brackley Lane. Parish Council opposes the removal of the grass verge.

7.2 Registration of the Green with Land Registry. The registration forms are now with the Clerk. From conversations with the Land Registry representative, the evidence for ownership appears to be the Commons Commissioners decision to grant ownership to the Village in 1979. It may be a requirement for Land Registry's legal department to investigate this. The charge for registering the land should be £40.00.

Mar 2010/002 Clerk to submit registration forms.

7.3 Acceptance of Petty Cash receipts. The Chairman signed the Petty Cash Vouchers.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Mar 2010/003 Cllr Fenwick reported the lamp post 15 O/S Spring Meadow Farm, The Green out of order. **Clerk to report**

8.2 Mar 2010/004 Cllr Hulbert reported that Mrs Balderstone had offered the Parish Council a fold-up wheelchair. Following discussion, it was suggested that Mr & Mrs Riches, the Village Aged UK representatives may be interested. **The Clerk to contact Mr & Mrs Riches re wheelchair.**

8.3. Mar 2010/005 Cllr Hulbert asked whether any further action had been taken with regard to putting details relating to the "Freedom of Information Act" on the WEB site. Abthorpe Parish Council accepted the model proposed in 2008. **The Clerk to place info on WEB**

8.4 Mar 2010/006 Cllr Sharpe reported that there were a number of discarded lager cans littering the ditch at Stanhill Row. Cllr Sharpe to monitor the situation. **Clerk to report to South Northants Homes.**

8.5 Mar 2010/007 Cllr Fenwick reported on the recent Police Liaison Meeting. It appears that crime in Abthorpe increased from 10 reports to 12, this included one drug offence. Cllr Fenwick had asked the police to provide "No Cold Calling" notices for villagers to place on front doors.

8.6 Mar 2010/008 The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Ashley Warren and Cllr Ben Smith inviting them to attend the Annual Village Meeting.

8.7 Mar 2010/009 The Clerk reported that he had received an invoice from EON, (sent to Mrs Coombs in error) He had cased EON, and been informed that due to an internal delay, the Audit taken in May 2009 had only just been noted. This shows that the Village is now using more power than before, (possibly the Kiosk). This has resulted in an increase of approx £5.00 per quarter. The deficit will show on the April 2010 invoice.

8.7 Mar 2010/010 The Clerk was asked to place "Donations" on the next Agenda to discuss potential donations to the Church, TADD & Air Ambulance. **Clerk to place items on Agenda.**

There being not other business the meeting closed at 8:50pm.

*Please note: The next regular **Parish Council Meeting** is to be held on Monday 19th April 2010 in the Old School, Abthorpe.*

*Future meetings are planned as follows:
Monday 17th May 2010 Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 24th May 2010 AGM
Monday 12th June 2010 Council Meeting*

Change Control

Issue No	Date	Changes
Draft	09/03/10	
Issue 1	10/03/10	Typos corrected by KF