

COTTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Action

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 6th October 2010 at the Village Hall Annexe, Berryfield Road, Cottingham, commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT – Cllrs Bowman [Chairman], Davies, Davison,, Muir, Hudson, Swallow, Mrs. Pam Moore, Ashworth, Rutt (CBC), P T Taylor (Clerk), Mr. Mike Curtis, PC 328 Nichola Murray..

1. **Apologies for Absence and Acceptance** were received from Cllrs Mrs. Irene Beadsworth and were accepted.
2. **Declaration of Acceptance for Items on Agenda** were received from Cllrs Mrs. Pam Moore and Muir in respect of Item 11.
3. **To Approve and Sign Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 1st September 2010** – Cllr Moore stated that she had declared an interest in Item 11. Subject to this amendment it was proposed by Cllr Moore and seconded by Cllr Davison that the minutes be accepted as a true record.

14. **Constabulary Matters** – The Chairman welcomed PC Nichola Murray to the meeting. The Officer reported on action being taken to combat speeding, vehicle related crimes and the opportunity for residents to discuss their priorities at a meeting at Pen Green on 14th October 2010. The Council identified parking at the Spread Eagle PH and referred to the accident at the junction of Corby Road and High Street.

The Chairman drew attention to the letter from Mrs. Diana Sharvill which highlighted the acute problems caused by construction traffic in School Lane. The police agreed to follow this up.

The parking on verges was discussed with particular reference to Berryfield Road and Rockingham Road.

PC Murray was thanked for her attendance and her report would be circulated to councillors.

4. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (Information Only)** - The Clerk referred to Action Sheet 4 which indicated that all items were currently being actioned or were completed.

5. **Public Participation** –

At this point the Chairman opened the meeting for public participation

Mr. Mike Curtis reported on the Speed Watch campaign carried out with PCSO Mark Tooley and to the problems on Corby Road with speeding motorists. Cllr Bob Rutt discussed the legal implications and history of the Berryfield Road parking issues. The councillor was thanked for his contribution.

At this point the Chairman closed the meeting for public participation

6. **Youth Matters/Youth Club** – Cllr Swallow reported on the completion of the erection of safety netting and goal posts, the signing of the Licence and the additional accommodation

6. **Youth Matters/Youth Club** (continued)

acquired by the Youth Club.

7. **Planning** –

a) **Reports from Planning Committee Meetings** –

i) 22nd Sept 2010 – Time Limit Extension @ 13 Bancroft Road (10/00337/TLE)
The Council agreed to support the application.

ii) 6th Oct 2010 – New Build 3 bed property @ 18 Ripley Road (10/335/DPA) –
The Council failed to support the application on the grounds of –

- a) Inadequate dimensions on plans.
- b) No proper pedestrian access to property.
- c) Inadequate parking provision.
- d) Site lower than adjacent property.
- e) Out of character with surrounding properties.
- f) Misleading answers on application (re hedges).

b) Conservation Area Review – No report.

c) Rockingham Road Development – Cllr Davies reported on his discussions with Mrs. Diane Newbold (Enforcement). The occupiers have now six months to remove the fence and mobile homes and one year to restore the site to its original state.

d) “Garden Grabbing” – Cllr Hudson reminded the Council of the importance of legislation drawn up to deal with this issue.

8. **Highways, Footpaths, Road Safety & Transport** –

a) Report from Cllr Davies - The Councillor presented his comprehensive report which covered his recommended speed reduction measures and associated information from the County Council. The councillor was thanked for the effort put into the exercise and the councillors were asked to consider the report for the November 2010 meeting.

b) Concessionary Travel – The Clerk referred to correspondence from NCC regarding the proposed transfer to the County Council of the legal responsibility for concessionary travel (wef 1st April 2011). The option being considered was one which –

- i) Does not offer concession to companions of passholders.
- ii) Does not offer concession before 9.30 am (Mon-Fri).
- iii) Does not provide token alternative.

The Council failed to support any of the above.

8. **Highways, Footpaths, Road Safety & Transport (continued)**

- c) Report from MGWSP – The Clerk referred to an e-mail from Mrs. Sarah Barnwell confirming the items below were now “in hand” –
 - i) Barriers @ School.
 - ii) Barrier in Corby Road
 - iii) “No Through Road” sign – Church Street

9. **Representational Matters –**

- a) Quality Council Status – meeting to pursue being arranged. Clerk
- b) Village Plan Monitoring – No report.
- c) Welcome Pack – No report.
- d) Rural Area Forum (16th Sept) – The Clerk reported on his attendance and on his opportunity to raise –
 - i) Possibility of Lengthsman Scheme.
 - ii) Progress of Northants Charter.
 - iii) Village Plan Completion.
 - iv) Need to review purpose of Forum.
- e) Village Princess – referred to Newsletter editor.
- f) Referendum Response - Minute Sept 2010 (9e) - done.
- g) Sale of Land rear Council Owned Garage - nothing to report.
- h) “Stand and Deliver” Event – The Clerk reported on his attendance at Litchborough on 30th September 2010. The event emphasised the need for councils to prepare fully for the local elections to be held on 5th May 2011.
- i) Cllr Irene Beadsworth – The Council agreed that flowers, card and best wishes be sent. Clerk
- j) Earl Haigh Appeal – The Council resolved to donate £25.00 for the purchase of a wreath. Clerk
- k) Distribution of Newsletter – The Chairman informed the Council that Mrs. Anne Davison no longer wished to carry out this service. The Council expressed its appreciation to Anne for her commitment and now sought a replacement.

10. **Village Maintenance**

- a) Schedule of Work 2010 – The Clerk reported on the progress of work identified on

10. **Village Maintenance (continued)**

the Village Walk (7th Mar 2010).

b) Responsibility of Corby Borough Council – The Clerk referred to the Borough Council, through Mrs. Suzanne Preston and the resultant progress being made –

- i) Trees in Bancroft Road
- ii) Garage Forecourts in Berryfield Road
- iii) Litter bin in Rockingham Road.

c) Wall – Stonepit Drive/Corby Road – A quote in the sum of £280.00 to replace/repoint stonework was received and accepted.

d) Dog Fouling in Churchyard – The Chairman referred to reports of fouling and asked for a report to be sent to the Neighbourhood Warden (CBC).

Clerk

11. **Finance –**

a) To pass a resolution to approve payments to be made as per Schedule circulated

<u>No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount(£)</u>
969	Steve Morphy	Village Maint	225.00
970	Cott/Mid VHMC	Hall Hire (4/8/10)	11.00
971	Anglian Water	Trough – The Dale	42.24
972	LE16	Newsletter (Mar/May/Aug)	216.00
973	Desboro Baptist Church	Photocopying	9.09

The Council resolved that the above payments be made.

b) Balances were given as –

(Gratuity) Alliance & Leicester Account	£18,942.83
90 Day Account	£370.60
Investment Account	£10,537.44
Current Account	£732.24

c) Avoidance of Overdraft – The Clerk informed the Council of the insufficient transfer of funds in September and his banking of £100.00 from personal funds to avoid charges.

d) Income Details – None.

e) PWLB Loan Repayment – The sum of £355.36 was paid by direct debit on 1st Oct 2010.

f) External Audit 2009/10 – The Clerk advised the Council of the satisfactory audit by

11. **Finance (continued)**

BDO Stoy Hayward who raised again the issue of the level of Fidelity Guarantee.

12. **Recreation Field** – None.

13. **The Dale** –

- a) Tree Work (Incl Replanting) & Survey – Cllr Davison agreed to pursue with the Tree Warden. OD
- b) Meeting with Wildlife Trust (27th Sept) – The Clerk commented on the meeting of Mr. Matt Johnson (Wildlife Trust) and Rose Little (Pocket Parks Officer) with councillors. The Trust was pleased with the style and standard of management and its comments would be circulated. Clerk

15. **Correspondence Received and Comments Raised** –

- Village Viewpoint (Summer 2010)
- Clerks & Councils Direct (Summer 2010)
- Alzheimer’s Society Leaflet
- Crime Report (April-August 2010)
- Northants Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Core Strategy (CGW)
- Minutes – East Carlton Parish Council (5th July 2010)
- Minutes – Weldon Parish Council (6th September 2010)
- Minutes – Middleton Parish Council (16th June 2010) Rec’d 29th Sept.
- Minutes – Middleton Parish Council (21st July 2010) Rec’d 29th September
- Update from Rural Area Forum re Corby Rural SCT
- Crime Report (Dated 4th October 2010)
- “Pocketeer” Publication
- Update (Sept/Oct 2010)
- Parish Matters (Insurance Co.)
- Definitive Map Statement
- NCALC Training Details

Applications Granted –

- Extension @ 15 Stonepit Drive

16. **Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 3rd November 2010.

Signed a true record –

_____ (Chairman)

_____ (Clerk)

_____ (Date)

