

# NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 MAY 2006

**PRESENT: Councillors:** P Cook (Chair), C Thornton, S Bolton, J Cooper, M Griffith,  
C Butterworth  
**District Councillors:** R Wright, A Macaulay, D Close  
**County Councillors:** A Macaulay

and 3 members of the public.

### **1. Public participation**

A resident requested an update as to the concerns over Middle Cottage.

### **2. Declaration of Interest**

There were no interests declared in items on the agenda.

### **3. Apologies for absences**

Apologies received from Mrs Hilary Ledbrooke.

### **4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006 were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings following the manual amendments of items 12.c which should read 'kerb' rather than 'curb'.

### **5. Matter arising from previous minutes**

#### **a. Cricket field update**

Cllr Cook informed the Parish Council that the Cricket Club had held a meeting with Mr Darling and Ms Bowen. It had appeared that an agreement had been reached but the trustees of the Cricket Club are now refusing to sign the new lease as there are sections which they are not happy with. Cllr Griffith stated that Mark Freeman has had a subsequent meeting with Mr Darling but at this stage the outcome is unknown.

Cllr Macaulay informed the Parish Council that she is still pushing for answers from County Council on the questions about the fencing that the Darlings have erected on their land. Cllr Cook showed a photo from the village design statement which pictured how the area looked prior to the fencing. Cllr Butterworth also pointed out that part of the land is within a conservation area. Cllr Wright stated that he had been unable to arrange a site visit with Gary Fisher over the matter however when he spoke to Roger Thatcher, another enforcement officer who has also not visited the site, Cllr Wright was told that the fencing was within the permitted heights. Cllr Wright is disputing this statement as he has himself measured the fencing at between 1.8- 2.15m, with the permitted height being 1.8m. Cllr Wright also feels that the fencing is inappropriate as it is adjacent to a specified landscape area and has therefore lodged a formal complaint against the enforcement officer. Cllr Wright requested that the Parish Council lodge a complaint regarding the treatment the village has received in this matter. This was agreed. Cllr Cook also suggested contacting the Council for the protection of rural England about the fencing.

Cllr Macaulay also updated the Parish Council over the signage on the footpaths and has stated that the footpaths are ok but the signage on the bridge must be removed.

**b. Allotment fencing**

Cllr Griffith and Cllr Butterworth along with the help of Mr Woodfin have now finished erecting the new fences around the allotments with the exception of some gates which need installing. Cllr Cook thanked them for their hard work and proposed that the previously approved grant be paid. This was agreed.

**c. State of footpaths**

Cllr Macaulay informed the Parish Council that the County Council have agreed to look at the state of the Holloway within the next 12 months and make repairs where necessary.

Cllr Bolton made the point that the footpath which runs over Mrs Little's land is particularly muddy. Cllr Cook said that she would look into this. Cllr Cook also requested that the Clerk speak to Moreton Morrell Parish Council about a broken stile on the path which comes out at Little Morrell. Cllr Macaulay informed that Parish Council that, with regards to a question asked in a previous meeting, a footpath can only be disrupted for ploughing for 21 days otherwise a licence is needed.

**d. Hedges on the Newbold Pacey to Moreton Morrell road.**

Cllr Cook informed the Parish Council that the landowner of the farm where the hedges are located has not been available to date.

**e. Millennium Oak and Time Capsule**

Cllr Cook informed the Parish Council that the issue of the Time Capsule is being dealt with by the Millennium committee. It was also felt that should the oak be moved now, it would not survive. Cllr Wright stated that he had been unable to speak to Gary Fisher about the issue as yet.

**6. Planning**

**a. New Applications**

- i. 06/00649/FUL- Variation of condition 1 of present planning permission. Appletree Cottage, Ashorne. No representations sent.
- ii. 06/00782/FUL- Erection of building for parking and storage of vehicles and trailers. The American Barns, Ashorne. No representations sent.
- iii. 06/00793/AGNOT- Erection of agricultural building. Ashorne Hill Farm, Ashorne. No representations sent.

**b. Decisions out of committee**

None

**c. District Decisions**

- i. 06/00259/FUL- Proposed single storey extension to residential care home to form additional bedrooms and associated day space and parking. Bromson Hill Nursing Home, Ashorne. Application withdrawn.
- ii. 06/00319.FUL- Two storey extension on west side of house comprising family room, utility room and boot room with ensuite bedroom over. Mill Farm, Ashorne. Granted. Decision noted.
- iii. 05/03834/FUL and 05/03835/LBC- Alterations to include swimming pool. The Old Farmhouse, Ashorne. Granted. Decision noted.
- iv. 06/00793/AGNOT- Erection of agricultural building. Ashorne Hill Farm, Ashorne. Granted. Decision noted.
- v. 06/00649/FUL- Variation of condition 1 of present planning permission. Appletree Cottage, Ashorne. Granted. Decision noted

## **7. Finance**

### **a. Approval of payments**

The Parish Council agreed to following payments:

1.	3/5/06	E Spencer - Expenses	£59.53
2.	3/5/06	WALC - Remainder training expense	£20.00
3.	3/5/06	Allianz Cornhill Insurance 06-07	£318.15
4.	3/5/06	WALC - Annual Subscriptions	£75.00
5.	3/5/06	Allotment fencing grant - M Griffith	£150.00

It was also agreed to pay the Clerk's salary for March and April in accordance with the amount budgeted in the 2005/06 precept. The April salary reflected the increased salary as budgeted in the 06/07 precept.

The Clerk also informed the Parish Council of the following receipts:

1.	Allotment rent	£432.00
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## **8. District Councillor's report**

District Cllr Wright reported the following:

Concerns have been raised following an inspection of the enforcement department. The main concerns are with the lack of capacity to complete the work, the lack of engagement with the public and the time it takes to complete each file.

Cllr Macaulay stated that she was the Chair of the Audit Committee at District Council and they are about to receive and comment on the annual letter from the audit commission but it would appear that the progress of the District Council is positive.

## **9. County Councillor's report**

County Cllr Macaulay reported the following:

There is to be an Acute Services review with a consultation starting in mid-June. This will also investigate the impact of the new University Hospital of Coventry and Warwickshire.

There is to be a special panel set up to look at the changes in dentistry with the introduction of new contracts. There is concern that there will be a poor provision of NHS dentists in the South Warwickshire area. A new special needs dentistry unit will be open at Stratford Hospital from June and the Rehabilitation Hospital in Leamington Spa to deal with further special needs cases.

With regards to road surfacing the funding looks more positive for the coming year and any holes are now always given a permanent fix rather than a temporary one. Cllr Macaulay reminded the Parish Council that if a vehicle is damaged by a pot-hole more than 3 inches deep the County Council is liable for the vehicle repairs.

## **10. Police report**

There were no police officers present therefore there is no report under this item.

## **11. Correspondence**

A list of correspondence was produced and dealt with.

Cllr Cook queried a letter she had been sent about a proposed incinerator in Southam. Cllr Macaulay assured the Parish Council that there are no plans to put an incinerator in Southam as the Coventry incinerator currently used has adequate capacity.

## **12. Matters of interest**

### **a. Clerk's holiday**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that she would be away from 20<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June inclusive and would arrange for the plans to be sent to Cllr Cook during that time.

### **b. House move**

Cllr Griffith informed the Parish Council the he is looking at moving to another property within Ashorne and not to panic if the 'for sale' signs go up outside his current property!

### **c. Middle Cottage**

Cllr Wright informed the Parish Council that he had been unable to get an update on this issue so far.

### **d. Neighbourhood policing**

Cllr Macaulay informed the Parish Council that there is to be an action group formed in Wellesbourne to look at the above and there will be a community day to launch it at Wellesbourne Primary School on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1-4pm.

## **13. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is to be held in the Newbold Pacey and Ashorne Village Hall on Wednesday 5th July 2006 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.