

MINUTE 149

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 7.30PM**

The following councillors attended:

Miss Nora Swinford, Mrs Sue Wingrave, Mr Jonathan Hanslip, Mr Mike Lewis, Mr Michael Thomas, 2 parishioners and County Councillor Steve Osborne were in attendance.

	<p>PARISHIONERS FORUM</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator (Ros Gardner) reported that Sarah Gray has been off sick since July. She is now back at work but not mobile so there are no Surgeries organised in the near future.</p>	
1.	<p>RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>It was resolved to accept apologies for absence from Ken Bowers (Church Warden's Meeting). Apologies were also received from District Councillor Wendy Amos and PCSO Sarah Gray.</p>	
2.	<p>MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA</p> <p>No declarations were made.</p>	
3.	<p>RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETINGS DATED 8 SEPTEMBER 2010</p> <p>The council resolved to approve and signed the minutes of 8 September 2010.</p>	
4.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <p>a. The Village Green – the adoption has been accepted in principle. Various solicitors are to be approached for quotes for Access agreements etc. E.ON has been contacted. Mr Lewis is to contact Sunita Makh to make known that the PC wants to proceed.</p> <p>b. Allotments – separate item</p> <p>c. Drainage – separate item</p>	ML
5.	<p>LIAISON WITH DDC</p> <p>No report from District Councillor Wendy Amos was available</p> <p><u>Information received:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative to stand on Members Code of Conduct Standards Committee – discuss whether a councillor is interested in serving • Christmas Tree Recycling – community collection point – to be notified by 12 November 2010 • Electoral Review of Daventry • Parish & Town Councils' Meeting - 16 December 2010 • Awards for All • Wind Turbines • Connaught Administration • Daventry Job Club 	AN
6.	<p>LAISON WITH NCC</p> <p>Report of County Councillor Steve Osborne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Flore bypass is being relooked at. ○ Daventry District Council refuse collection is likely to be privatised. Change the number of wards and councillors in Daventry. ○ The DDC full review may ○ DDH has been granted leave to appeal. 	

- Parking is to be decriminalised.
- The police speeding van is being used.
- The NCC is operating on the money available.
- Whilton is encouraged to vote in the super fast broadband BT competition.
- The Empowering Councillors and Communities Fund grant is more likely to be given if the bid includes children or young people. About £1,000 is available. Clerk to contact CC Osborne for forms.

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Information received:

- Definitive Map and Statement for Northamptonshire – request for maps and licences of use
- Northampton Area Action Plan – Pre-submission Draft Publication
- Community Panels to Joint Action Group- Community Safety Partnership
- Views on concessionary Travel
- Timetable Leaflets –have been put on noticeboards
- Waste Transfer Station – SITA Response

7. LIAISON WITH POLICE

Written report and update for Police Community Support Officer Sarah Gray.

November 2009 - November 2010

Crime figures for the month of June for the village – Including crime figures for the entire Crick Beat as a comparison for you,

The villages I am referring to are, Long Buckby, West Haddon, Yelvertoft, Lilborne, Whilton, Clay Coton, and Stanford on Avon, Watford, Elkington and Winwick during October.

November 2009 – November 2010

Whilton Village		Whilton Locks	
Burglary Dwelling	0	Burglary Dwelling	
Burglary Non Dwelling	1	Burglary Non Dwelling	2
Vehicle Interference	0	Vehicle Interference	
Theft	0	Theft	1
Theft from a Vehicle	0	Theft from a Vehicle	
Theft of Motor Vehicle (Tractor)	1	Theft of Motor Vehicle	
Drugs Offences	0	Drugs Offences	
Criminal Damage	0	Criminal Damage	1

As an SCT do not deal with the violent crime or Robbery and Deception/ Fraud. That is CID (Criminal Investigation Department) or IRT (Immediate Response Team)

News

The 2 Rural beats south and north are becoming 1 beat area for Daventry, this is a change for the better, as far as the communities go there will be little to no change but you may well see new faces on foot patrol so please welcome them as I know you will into your communities as they are there to support you.

Local Identified Priorities regarding Anti Social Behaviour in Long Buckby, which we have been closely monitoring and policed by the local officers, I am pleased to report that we are on track and the Anti Social Behaviour and it continues to reduce **significantly**.

OP Broadside

Police have said they saw a reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour in Long Buckby and Braunston, over the Summer Holiday period

Daventry Rural South Safer Community Team ran Operation Broadside over the summer holiday period (26th July 2010 to 5th September 2010) aimed at increasing visibility, reassurance and tackling reports of Anti-social behaviour, which historically sees a rise during the school summer holidays

Operation Broadside saw over 150 hours of extra dedicated Police foot patrolling around the villages - the extra patrols were provided by funding through the Police Authority aimed at reducing Anti-social behaviour.

Overall, Anti-social behaviour reduced by 50%, compared to the same Holiday period last year with just 12 incidents in Braunston and 27 in Long Buckby.

Crime also reduced by over 40% during the same period with 13 crimes being recorded in Braunston and 18 in Long Buckby

Sgt Paul Valentine said "the villages have been noticeably quieter, compared to previous years - I have spoken to a number of residents and businesses who say the same in both villages - I am pleased with the results of Op Broadside and aim to continue the good work"

Claire Smith of Daventry District Council Community Safety have said "we are pleased with the reduction of Anti-Social behaviour and will continue to work with Police and our partners to tackle anti social behaviour and quality of life issues"

Op Engage –

The operation has been running throughout the Halloween and Bonfire period where we have been visiting schools and educating the young people of the dangers of fireworks. We have given out various posters that state, "no trick or treats" shops have had "Don't sell eggs" in the windows. We had extra foot and mobile patrols in the villages where it was need the most, E.G High Anti Social Behaviour.

The Mobile Police Station has been to many villages manned by local officer that have answered local concerns.

The results for this have not yet been published but residents have been very pleased with the extra presence and the recorded incidents were very low.

Farm watch

Farms have been hit recently in our surrounding areas, If anyone is interested in joining Farm Watch I will email the relevant forms to any interested parties or find the following attachment for the application form. *(available from the Clerk).*

Speeding;

We are Speed reinforcement trained so if there is a need in the village please let me know and I'll happily come along and catch the people responsible! We have been so busy with various things that speeding reinforcement has yet to happen however we have several locations and you never know when or where so watch out!

Drugs;

These figures are not always reflective of drugs in a village, teenagers will get stop checked or cars parked up in isolated places and we discover drugs, such as cannabis this then will get confiscated and a warning will be given, if the teenager gets caught again a more formal approach will be offered as the drug is class B. So don't think this is around your village (it may be, but not reported to us) but if you smell smoke that is not tobacco! Please let us know. We have had recently very successful drug warrants carried out on our beat; we are after catching the dealers.

So it's always a positive result when we find drugs of any nature.

However there have been no drugs found this month throughout the villages so this is good news.

Surgery dates,

These have been cancelled where my colleagues have not managed to attend due to my absence. The next dates will be arranged when I am able to attend.

Community Panel Meetings

It was agreed at the meeting held on 2nd November 2010 that the LIP's for the Crick beat are

1. Speeding through the main "red" route, Long Buckby e.g. Cotton End, East Street, High Street and Station Road.

Next meeting date

Tuesday 25th January, 7.30pm - Community centre, Long Buckby

Information Received:

- Regular updates

8. ... FINANCE**a) Financial statement at 29th October 2010**

Current account: £4095.56

Reserve account: £5645.43

Resolution to confirm and approve income and expenditure**Income:**

Bank Interest:	current account	£0.02
	Reserve account	£0.71
Precept:	second part	£3300.00

Expenditure:

SO **Maurice Clements** **£0.05**

Cheque No.				VAT to reclaim
756	E.ON	Maintenance	£49.39	£7.36
757	E.ON	Repairs	£27.58	£4.11
758	E.ON	Electricity	£126.86	
759	Orchard Print Services	Newsletter	£39.00	
760	Mrs A Nicoll	Expenses	£70.41	
761	BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	Audit Fees	£170.38	
762	Roy Haynes	Petrol for Churchyard mowers	37.00	6.47

b) Annual Audit 2009/10

The Annual Audit Report was accepted.

BDO didn't reply to the letter sent re sharing the cost of errors. The Parish Council would send another letter to the senior partner but pay the bill.

c) Review Clerk's Salary

The clerk reported that she worked on average 6 hours a week on Parish Council matters. It was agreed to increase the clerk's salary to £2100 per annum from the next quarter. The clerk also requested that her salary be paid bi-monthly rather than

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	quarterly, this was also agreed.	
9. ALLOTMENTS	A joint meeting of the Parish Council and Allotment Holders is to be arranged for early 2011.	ML
10. UPDATE ON DRAINAGE IN BRINGTON LANE	A letter has been sent to Heather Smith at NCC requesting urgent action.	
11. WINTER GRITTING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The salt bins have been refilled ready for the winter. • It was confirmed that the Nobottle Road is a red route and will be gritted. 	
12. PARISH WALK	The Parish walk for the councillors has been arranged for Saturday 27 th November 2010.	
13. NOTICE BOARD	A reminder was given that the left hand side of the notice board on The Green is for Parish Council and other official notices, the right is for everything else.	
14. NOISE FROM WHILTON MILL	There has been a problem with the noise from Whilton Mill. An official letter from the Council is to be written.	ML
15. PLANNING	<p>West Northants Joint Planning Unit & WNDC</p> <p><u>Information received:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Northants Joint Core Strategy- Briefings for Councillors and Local Reps • Papers for Forum Meeting – 21/9/10 & 2/11/10 • Strategic Grant Funding Programme 	
16. NORTHANTS NCALC	<p><u>Information received:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update – Jonathan Hanslip enquired as to why there is so much information. He is to make enquiries. • Training guide • Planning Applications course postponed • Grant funding seminar • Precept 2011/12 – the cap does not apply to Parish Councils but they are urged not to put up precept, it is to be seen as value for money. There is no agreement of clerks salary scales to date. 	JH
17. OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spending review 2010 for the East Midlands • Northants Touring Arts Autumn/Winter 2010/11 Programme • Clerks & Councils Direct • Open space Magazine • Nab mobile Unit • Glasdon Catalogues* • Wickstead Playscapes* • Chris Heaton MP contact cards – put on noticeboards • CCL security systems* 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dura-sport leaflet* • Came& Co Parish Council Insurance Newsletter • RBS Software Solutions Ltd info* • Hinterland Updates • Rural Service Community Focus • CWU – Impact on the community to privatise Royal Mail papers • Daventry & District Over Fifties Forum - 11 November 2010 • Open Space Magazine <p style="text-align: center;">(* available from the Clerk)</p>	
18.	<p>MATTERS TO RAISE ON NEXT AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rose Cottage • Local Council Documents and Policies • Precept 	
19.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING –WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2011	

The meeting closed at 9.30pm