

**MINUTE 148**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 7.30PM**

The following councillors attended:

Mr Ken Bowers, Miss Nora Swinford, Mrs Sue Wingrave, Mr Jonathan Hanslip.

5 parishioners and County Councillor Steve Osborne were in attendance.

	<p><b>PARISHIONERS FORUM</b> Hedge between Brington Road and Whilton needs cutting. A letter is to be written to the Althorpe Estate requesting this.</p>	AN
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</b> As the Chairman was on holiday, it was proposed by Mr Michael Thomas and seconded by Mrs Sue Wingrave that Mr Ken Bowers should chair this meeting, whereupon he took the chair.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> It was resolved to accept apologies for absence from Mike Lewis (on holiday). Apologies were also received from District Councillor Wendy Amos.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA</b> No declarations were made.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETINGS DATED 14 JULY AND 25 AUGUST 2010</b> The council resolved to approve and signed the minutes of 14 July 2010 and 25 August 2010.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village Green – the adoption is proceeding.</li> <li>• Overhanging shrubbery between Holly House and Wadd Lane – this has been cut back.</li> <li>• Enquiries were made and it was established that District Councillor Wendy Amos is seldom available on a Wednesday evening. She has submitted a report.</li> <li>• Enquiries were made and it was established that County Councillor Steve Osborne is not often available on a Wednesday evening because of Planning Meetings every 3 weeks, other Parish Council Meetings and family ill health. He doesn't give written reports</li> <li>• Rose Cottage – the Clerk has made further enquiries, DDC are looking into it.</li> </ul>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>LIAISON WITH DDC</b> <b>Written report of District Councillor Wendy Amos</b> "Just one or two points for your meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new electoral register comes into force on Dec 1st, so responses to DDC are needed before then.</li> <li>• The deadline for Daventry Sports Awards nominations is Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a very worthwhile event, and you may well have persons within your village who could be nominated. The range of categories is very varied, and a full list can be obtained from DDC.</li> <li>• The Boundary Commission is investigating changing some areas of Councillor representation, and this has just been out for public consultation. I think the general consensus would seem to be that there are better ways at present for public monies to be spent, particularly bearing in mind that there is a National Census due next year.</li> <li>• There are some issues with incorrect waste being placed in the recycling boxes - dog mess has been found in some, not very pleasant for the staff!</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My apologies for not being present at your meeting. If there is anything you wish clarifying please let me know.”</li> </ul> <p><u>Information received:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Referendums to veto excessive council tax increases - a consultation paper</li> <li>• House to House and Taxi Criminal Record Consultations</li> <li>• Daventry Town/ Parish Council Forum</li> <li>• Daventry District Electoral Review</li> <li>• Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy - In Consultation Letter</li> <li>• Parish and Town Councils’ Meeting</li> <li>• Long Buckby Health Road Show – 10/9/10</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>LAISON WITH NCC</b> Report of County Councillor Steve Osborne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CC Steve Osborne apologised for not attending previous meetings. This is due to planning meetings every 3 weeks and so far this year his wife has been in hospital for 22 weeks.</li> <li>• At present we are waiting for the government spending cuts. It is thought that there will not be such a large cut as originally expected this year but a larger cut next year. £100million needs to be saved. These will be made in such services as meals on wheels, there will be an increase in the price for those already receiving them and any new clients will pay full price and disability benefits will be cut.</li> <li>• There is NCC Empowering Councillors and Communities Fund grants available again. Councillor Osborne suggested the Parish Council explored as to whether there was anything they would want to bid for.</li> <li>• There are 700 children in care in the county.</li> <li>• WNDC will be ending and decisions will go back to a local level.</li> <li>• DDH are going to appeal at the High Court over the money the Housing Association put in the pension scheme.</li> </ul> <p><u>Information received:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cotswold Tree Warden Conference</li> <li>• Tree Council Tree Warden Update</li> <li>• A45 Northampton to Daventry Study</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>LIAISON WITH POLICE</b> Report and update for Police Community Support Officer Sarah Gray No report was available.</p> <p><u>Information Received:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular updates</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>ALLOTMENTS</b> The chairman closed the meeting at this point and invited discussion from the floor. Main points raised –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No structures are allowed on the allotments</li> <li>• The Parish Council subsidise the plots</li> <li>• The allotments are rented from DDC on a 10 year lease (in 1946 it was to be used for council housing but DDC ran out of money)</li> <li>• The rubbish has built up over the years by past tenants</li> <li>• It is in the interest of the village to keep the allotments looking nice</li> </ul> <p>The allotments holders are to approach the Parish council to arrange a meeting.</p>	

	The Parish Council meeting was then re-opened.																
<b>10. UPDATE ON DRAINAGE IN BRINGTON LANE</b>	A letter has been sent to Heather Smith at NCC requesting urgent action.																
<b>11. FINANCE</b>	<p><b>Financial statement</b> Current account at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010: £1,342.15</p> <p><b>Resolution to confirm and approve income and expenditure</b> <b>Expenditure:</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No.</th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th>VAT to reclaim</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>754</td> <td>EON</td> <td>Maintenance</td> <td>£7.36</td> <td>£7.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>755</td> <td>Mrs Alison Nicoll</td> <td>Clerk's Salary 8/6/10- 7/9/10</td> <td>£450.00</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cheque No.				VAT to reclaim	754	EON	Maintenance	£7.36	£7.36	755	Mrs Alison Nicoll	Clerk's Salary 8/6/10- 7/9/10	£450.00		
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<b>12. PLANNING</b>	<p>West Northants Joint Planning Unit &amp; WNDC <u>Information received:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation: WNDC Code Of Practice</li> <li>• Daventry Town/ Parish Council Forum: 3rd August 2010 Daventry master plan</li> </ul>																
<b>13. NORTHANTS NCALC</b>	<p><u>Information received:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Right to Build</li> <li>• Veto of Excessive Council Tax Rises</li> <li>• NALC Events Bulletin</li> <li>• Northants CALC AGM</li> <li>• CALC UPDATE</li> <li>• Northants CALC- Training Events</li> <li>• Local Government Boundary Commission for England, Daventry Review: Response from Welton Parish Council</li> </ul>																
<b>14. OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latest Weekly Rural Focus</li> <li>• DOF August's Newsletter</li> <li>• Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service</li> <li>• Alzheimer's Society*</li> <li>• Phoenix Surfacing*</li> </ul> <p>(* available from the Clerk)</p>																
<b>15. MATTERS TO RAISE ON NEXT AGENDA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on drainage</li> <li>• Winter Road Gritting</li> <li>• Money from NCC</li> </ul>																
<b>16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2010</b>																	

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.