

Minutes of the Guilsborough Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Guilsborough, on Tuesday, 6th January, 2009, at 7.15p.m.

Present: Miss S Jaggard(Chairman), Mrs P Townsend, Mr P Hubbard, Mr M Brennan, Mr M Revitt-Smith, Mr A Hart.

Apologies for absence were received from, Mr A Tebbutt, Mrs J Moorhead and Mrs C Staley, Headteacher, Guilsborough School

113/09 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations made.

114/09 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held 20th November, 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated, were read, and signed subject to the addition of the wording under Ref.105/08, 'without headlights', after the words fog/mist. The total figures of the bank reconciliation were incorrectly shown and were appropriately altered.

115/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

116/09 MATTERS ARISING

(a) WINDFARM - Ref.92/08(b)

The Clerk laid on the table a Chronicle & Echo dated 11/12/08. The article reported that Mercedes-Benz had completely withdrawn its plan for two turbines at Brixworth. The protest group will now fight the proposed plan for the 7 turbines between Brixworth and Hanging Houghton on the western side of A508.

(b) BURIAL GROUND WALL – Ref.92/08(c)

Mr Hubbard informed the meeting he had spoken with Mr Sleight concerning the area of boundary wall that had required new mortar capping. Mr Sleight had confirmed in a letter dated 11th December, 2008, he would examine the condition of the wall when the danger of heavy frosts have gone in the Spring 2009. He has promised to undertake any repair work necessary, free of charge. – Noted.

(c) SECTION 106 – Ref.92/08(f)

The Chairman read to the meeting copies of an email from Mr Chris Millar to Mr Mick Tilley at the NCC. The email indicated the funds will not be used elsewhere in the village. This was noted. It was also noted agreement had been made with the doctors, on some essential works required around the access to the site, to include additional lengths of footway, dropped kerbs and signage. Noted there will not be a pedestrian crossing.

(d) PLANNING – Ref.94/08

The Clerk explained that following the meeting it was felt, in conjunction with the Chairman, that a courtesy letter should be sent to Mrs Stephens in Surrey. - Noted.

(e) HOLLOWELL ROAD FOOTPATH – Ref.103/08

The Chairman read to the meeting the response from MGWSP. It was noted the budget is limited for this type of work but they will try to get it done in this financial year. They will continue to monitor the condition of this path on their annual safety inspection. – Noted.

117/09 GUILSBOROUGH SCHOOL/VILLAGE MATTERS

Mrs Townsend mentioned the survey form had been showed to her and had now been returned to the School with a few recommendations. The leaflet distribution date had been put back as exams are currently in progress. Hopefully the leaflet and survey forms will go out together.

Mrs Townsend also mentioned there was the possibility of residents being invited for afternoon tea, provisionally to take place on 28th January, 2009. The suggested meeting with The Chairman of the Council, the Clerk and 6th Formers had still to be arranged. Following some discussion it was felt a period of twenty minutes would be long enough. Ideally questions should be prepared in advance of this get together.

118/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DA/2008/0817 Detached dwelling and garage (amendment to scheme already approved and under construction) at Land adjacent to Old Red Lion, Nortoft, Guilsborough.

The Council was informed that Reserved Matters have been approved in respect of the above details pursuant to the Grant of Outline Planning Permission subject to 7 conditions.

DA/2008/1232 Construct new link from Clementine to Old Bakery, modernise Clementine and install new roof velux windows to the rear. Alterations to existing rear dormers to provide bridge links to rear garden. Widening of existing vehicular access at Clementine, Nortoft, Guilsborough.

Observation submitted:- The Council supports the application in principle. However, our members would like to be informed of the colour and materials proposed to complete the work required at Clementine.

119/09 REGISTRATION OF THE GREEN

The Chairman informed the meeting the paperwork is still being processed and further details should be available soon. – Noted.

120/09 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Clerk mentioned to Mr Revitt-Smith the top 10 local priorities was still being pursued by MGWSP. Unfortunately the forwarding by email had not worked and the Clerk was asked to send it through again.

Mr Revitt-Smith reported some pot holes had been repaired. He also mentioned he was pursuing the damaged sign at Church Hill.

The Clerk had received the paperwork for the Annual Parish Survey and this was passed to Mr Revitt-Smith for completing and return. Mr Revitt-Smith reported he was still dealing with the bin liners required. At this point in the meeting Mr Revitt-Smith was asked to report the LED sign in Nortoft as it was not functioning properly.

Also he was asked to request that salting of Pells Close, up as far as the Fire Station, be included as a necessity when the weather requires precautions being taken.

At this point in the meeting the Chairman reported on her attendance at the DDC Parish and Town Council meeting held 8th December, 2008. It was noted mention had been made in respect of the Parishes street cleaning arrangements. The majority of the business at the meeting concerned Daventry matters.

121/09 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

Mr Hart had no items to bring to the attention of the Council. The Clerk referred to recent information received from Solutions 4 Playgrounds of Brafield-on-the Green, showing a comparison of prices against ROSPA inspection charges. Following discussion the Clerk was instructed to ask them for their assistance this summer. Also the Clerk was to inform ROSPA of the Council's decision.

122/09 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Mr Brennan and Mr Hubbard had perused the details supplied. RESOLVED that we are currently making the information available which is required by the Freedom of Information Act. We will continue to make the Agenda and Minutes available on the Village noticeboard and the Village Link Website. We will further make it known that "hard copies" are available by written request to the Clerk at a cost of 10p per sheet plus postage.

123/09 SKATEBOARD

Discussion took place on how best to proceed bearing in mind the existing skateboard ramp is not repairable again. It was agreed an entry be included in the next edition of the Village Link inviting the village youngsters to suggest suitable replacement equipment. In the meantime Mr Hart agreed to continue to make enquires in respect of a small concrete ramp as seen in Crick.

124/09 NCC CONFERENCE FOR PARISHES ON 18TH MARCH,2009

Miss Jaggard informed the meeting she would represent the Council. – Noted.

125/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

ORDERED that payment of the undermentioned accounts be approved:-

100994	F R Clarke (Annual Hedge Trimming)	£146.88
5	E.On (Lighting Energy December Qtr.)	£216.68
6	Mr P Winterburn (Clerk) (Salary & Expenses for the period 01/01/09 to 31/03/09 £962.50 plus agreed quarterly phone contribution of £50)	£20.94 £1,012.50

At this point in the meeting the Clerk explained no street lighting energy invoice had been received for the quarters ending during 2008 for June, September and December. This was despite telephone calls to try and sort out the matter, Following discussion it was agreed it is not our responsibility to take any further action. All that is required is to be aware we already owe at least £564.39.

126/09 BANK RECONCILIATION

The Clerk laid on the table the following bank statement reconciliation.

Deposit a/c	£5,924.31	
Current a/c	£4,048.41	
Cash in hand	£122.81	
sub total		£10,095.53
Less cheques outstanding		
100995	£216.68	
6	£1,012.50	
D/D	£14.99	
		£1,244.17
Total Balance		<u>£8,851.36</u>

127/09 CHANGE OF PROVISIONAL MEETING DUE TO BE HELD ON 23rd JUNE, 2009

The Council agreed to move from this date to Thursday, 2nd July, 2009.

128/09 CORRESPONDENCE

Details had been circulated of the paperwork received. (A copy is included in the Minute book.)

129/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk mentioned the email received from Mrs Moorhead reported she is awaiting confirmation but has been advised that the West Haddon quarry site will not be going ahead. Mr Hart informed the meeting he too had heard this was the position.

The Chairman reported she had recently heard the church floodlights had been damaged, so she will be speaking to the grasscutters, and then the Churchwarden, and report back to the meeting.

130/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Council be held on 24th March, 2009 at 7.00p.m. to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting to commence at 8.15p.m.