

Minutes of the Guilsborough Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Guilsborough, on Tuesday, 17th November, 2009, at 7.15p.m.

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

Also present was Mrs Liz Redding, Deputy Headteacher, Guilsborough School and Mr Steve Mills, Daventry Express newspaper.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs P Townsend and Mr A Tebbutt.

Mr C Millar attended towards the end of our meeting.

The Chairman suggested that the agenda order be revised to allow the school representative to leave the meeting earlier. This was agreed by the members present.

78/09 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest declared.

79/09 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held 22nd September, 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated, were read, and signed subject to the deletion of the word "than" under item 63/09(e).

80/09 GUILSBOROUGH SCHOOL/VILLAGE MATTERS

The Chairman reported that Mrs Townsend had visited the school to explain the role of the Parish Council to the new sixth formers. Some of them had expressed a wish to hold a coffee morning for residents of the village and also to undertake work to help the community. Mrs Redding confirmed that the school would like to be informed of any suitable projects.

It was reported the new school coach park appeared to be working well, and is much safer for the students, who use the buses. A lot of parents are now parking on the school forecourt and not on the highway.

The Clerk reminded the members that the school would like to be informed of any problem relating to students who use scooters and motor-bikes. It is essential to give the school the licence number of the offending machine, and the time, place and date when a matter wants reporting.

Mr Revitt-Smith brought to the attention of the meeting that the bus shelter inside bottom back wall is in need of some attention. The wall requires re-rendering and then repainting. A quotation had been received from Mr David Kemp who would carry out the work for £120 plus VAT. The Council authorised Mr Revitt-Smith to accept the quotation.

81/09 MATTERS ARISING

(a) HOLLOWELL RESERVOIR NEW GATE – Ref.63/09(a)

Mr Hubbard reported the matter was still in hand. – Noted.

(b) CEMETERY WALL - Ref.63/09(d)

Mr Hubbard informed the meeting all the repair work had now been carried out by Mr Sleight. – Noted.

At this point in the meeting the Chairman informed the meeting a letter received from English Heritage indicated the wall would not be "Listed". – Noted.

(c) VITALISE QUESTION TO THE VILLAGE SURGERY – Ref.63/09(h)

The Clerk reported there had been no response to letters sent to the surgery nor any contact following a visit to them. The Chairman added that she had spoken to the practice manager's assistant who had told her that they had no knowledge of the number of carers in the village, nor did they know if they were aware of Vitalise. The Clerk was asked to see if Vitalise have any posters for display, or separate leaflets, on their work.

(d) LAND IN FRONT OF THE ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION – Ref.63/09(i)

The Clerk informed the meeting he was awaiting contact from Mr Nick Gore of the NCC who intended visiting the site, as a map he had seen was inconclusive as to whom was responsible.

(e) PROPOSED POSSIBLE WINDFARM VISIT – Ref.66/09

The Clerk reported there had been no contact regarding the possible windfarm visit.

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Following discussion the Clerk was asked to pursue.

(f) PROPOSED SIGN FOR THE COB-BARN - Ref.71/09

The Chairman expressed her view against the possible freestanding sign and suggested the oval boards (similar to the blue ones seen on buildings in London), that could be placed on the barn doors. The Council agreed the Chairman pursues this matter bearing in mind planning permission must be obtained as the building is "LISTED".

(g) RED TELEPHONE KIOSK - Ref.72/09

The Clerk explained the action taken by 31st October, 2009, for opting to retain the telephone kiosk. This had been notified to DDC in order that they can present a report to Strategy Group covering all the parishes concerned.

In correspondence received from Central Networks a decision had to be made whether to keep the electricity supply on for in the region of £20 per annum, or to ask for the removal of the supply at a charge of around £258 plus VAT.

On behalf of the Council the Chairman instructed the Clerk to accept the first option. The Council approved of the action taken. A signed contract had been sent to E.on Central Networks. The Clerk had been asked to submit a MPAN number. (Meter Point Administrator Number) This had been obtained and an unmetered Supply Certificate had now been received from E.on.

An email received from Payphones dated 12th November, 2009, reported the DDC consultation response had not yet been received.

(h) SCHOOL MATTERS RELATING TO SCOOTER RIDERS,PILLION PASSENGERS
AND LACK OF HELMETS BEING WORN – Ref.76/09

The Clerk explained a letter had not been sent to the school as the details were very vague. However, contact had been made with the Community Police Officer, and he reported a notice had been placed on the 6th Form noticeboard regarding expected standards of driving. If there are any further problems please telephone the Police on 03000 111222, with the appropriate details.

82/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

83/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council was informed that P.P. for the following 2 applications was Granted.

DA/2009/0599 Rear Conservatory at 3 West Haddon Road, Guilsborough.

DA/2009/0607 Single storey extension to existing surgery to provide dental surgery and additional consulting rooms at The Surgery, West Haddon Road, Guilsborough.

GUILSBOROUGH SCHOOL NEW COACH PARK

The Chairman informed the meeting the conditions approved had now been received and the details were noted.

WINDFARMS

DA/2009/0620 Construction of a Windfarm, comprising 5 No.wind turbines (up to 125m), access track, 5 No. transformer units, control building/sub-station, underground cabling, metrological mast (70m) and crane hardstanding areas on Land adj. to Watford Lodge Farm, West Haddon Road, Watford.

It was agreed that further discussion on this matter be delayed until Mr Chris Millar was present, as expected to occur later in the evening.

DA/2009/0748 Application for a temporary 60m anemometry mast for 24 months at Winwick Warren Farm.

The Chairman informed the meeting that DDC had approved this application.

84/09 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Mr Revitt-Smith informed the meeting that signs in respect of heavy goods vehicles entering the village were currently displayed. However, it was noted there are still offending vehicles.

The Clerk mentioned that there was a pot-hole in the Coton Road close to the property Oaklands. The Clerk was asked to pursue this and to also check with Mr Nick Gore the progress of the kerbing near the cemetery, and the possible new footpath requested along the Coton Road.

Mr Revitt-Smith informed the meeting details were now to hand for the purchase of four inner liners required for some of the litterbins. The total cost is £140.19 including VAT. The Council approved of this expenditure.

Mention was also made of vehicles parking in the High Street near the village shop and blocking entrances of nearby residents. The Chairman informed the meeting this was not the responsibility of the Parish Council and this point was noted for further action.

At this point in the meeting Mr Revitt-Smith reported that a Village Festival will take place on 11th, 12th and 13th June, 2010. It is proposed that action will be taken to close the roads around the centre of the village. The Clerk was instructed to check whether the Council has insurance cover of 5 million pounds for public liability.

85/09 REPAIRS TO CLATTERBRIDGE

The Clerk informed the meeting that R H Fencing had now decided they could not carry out the necessary repair work. As a result the Chairman had contacted Warner & Sons who had inspected the equipment, and will carry out the repair for £225.00. As this was a safety issue the work had been ordered and the Council agreed to the action taken.

86/09 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

Mr Hart reported the wobble board had a broken metal plate. The Chairman agreed to contact Warner & Sons to see if they could carry out the welding repair work necessary.

87/09 NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

Mrs Moorhead laid before the meeting details of a Challenge Trail (Potomac Trim Trail) for an anticipated expenditure of £8,000.00 plus VAT. Mr Hart laid before the meeting details of a Zip Wire for an anticipated expenditure of £6,500.00 plus VAT.

Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that funding be sought to purchase both pieces of equipment.

88/09 REQUEST FOR A DONATION FROM GUILSBOROUGH CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Chairman read to the meeting a letter requesting funding for the appropriate licences and scripts for the Christmas plays they will be getting the school children to perform. It was noted this was the first time our Primary school had asked for a donation. Following discussion the Council agreed to pay the cost, as requested, of £71.00.

89/09 TRAFFIC PROBLEM

The Clerk had been asked to report the speed of traffic using the Coton Road. Our Road Safety representative took note of the complaint.

90/09 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Northamptonshire Rural Housing Assoc. Ltd. presented an Information Pack. Following discussion the Council agreed to take no action on this matter.

91/09 COMMUNITY PANEL MEETING IN OUR VILLAGE HALL 20TH JANUARY, 2010

Laid on the table were the Minutes of the last meeting held on 19th October, 2009. The Chairman pointed out the meeting is Police managed and attended by representatives of neighbouring villages. A request has been made for the next meeting, due to be held on 20th January, 2010, to take place at the Guilsborough Village Hall and our Council to pay for the use of the room. The Council agreed to pay the hire charge.

92/09 CLERK'S PRINTER

The Clerk explained there was a problem with the current laser printer. This had involved following instructions over the telephone from Brother service team. As this had not solved the problem the Clerk had needed to send to the manufacturer the drum and cartridge. When this had been returned and tried there was still the same problem. Mr Hart had kindly called to see if he could help, but there was nothing he could do to improve the printing. Following discussion the Council authorised the Clerk to purchase an inkjet printer, with the help of Mr Hart, to sort out a good deal. Mr Hart had printed off for the Clerk, the details required for this evenings meeting. The Clerk was grateful for this help.

93/09 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

ORDERED that payment of the undermentioned accounts be approved:-

101232 N'tonshire ACRE (Membership 2009/2010) - £34.00

101233 Mr P Winterburn (Clerk-Salary & Expenses for the period 1st October,2009 to 31st December, 2009, - £1,000.00 plus qrtly telephone £50.00

101234 Guilsborough Village Hall (Hire of room 6/1/09 to 17/11/09 - £93.00

101235 Mr M Revitt-Smith (Purchase of 4 inner liners for litter bins) - £140.19

101236 Guilsborough CEVA Primary School (Donation to pay for licences and scripts for the Christmas plays.) - £71.00

The Clerk reported Mr Hubbard had checked all the figures up to 30th September, 2009, and these were found to be in order. – Noted.

94/09 BANK RECONCILIATION

The Clerk laid on the table the following bank statements reconciliation:-

Deposit a/c	£10965.87
Current a/c	5968.79
Paid in	12.00
Cash in hand	<u>92.25</u>
Sub Total	£17038.91
Less chqs. outstanding	
101232	£34.00
33	1050.00
34	93.00
	<u>£1177.00</u>
Total Balance	<u>£15861.91</u>

The balance was further reduced by payment agreed earlier under Ref.93/09 and Ref.88/09 Namely cheque numbers 101235 and 101236.

95/09 PRECEPT 2010/2011

The Clerk presented to each member present the known budget details and the current income and expenditure, plus the further known items up to 31/3/2010. At this point Mr Brennan and Mr Hubbard reported further on their meeting with members of the GPFA. The Council noted the views expressed by the GPFA.

Following discussion it was agreed to give a donation to the GPFA of £2,500 with the same amount for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012. To follow would be a review of the financial situation existing at the GPFA, at that time.

As minuted under Ref.87/09 the Council agreed to precept £3,000 towards the anticipated expenditure on new children's play equipment.

Within the anticipated General Administration precept was a further £500 towards the Clerk's gratuity when it is required.

Following further discussion the Council was pleased to agree a precept for the next financial year of £20,000, the same figure as the present year.

On the arrival of Mr Chris Millar the first item raised was Windfarms. Mr Millar reported it was expected a planning application for Watford village would be discussed at a planning meeting early in the New Year. Mr Millar reported there is an application for Yelvertoft going to the planning committee very shortly and the recommendation from DDC is for Refusal.

The Chairman informed the meeting she had attended the exhibition held recently but there were many questions unanswered. Following discussion it was agreed to write to DDC and request that an Independent Structural Engineer carry out a survey of the properties in Nortoft. There was to be the request that Eon accept the financial position for this employment. Mr Millar pointed out that if the planning approval is granted there should clearly be some benefit to the village community under Section 106.

The Council would also like a meeting with representatives of Volkswind.

The Council members all agreed the residents of Nortoft should be contacted so that they are aware of what is proposed affecting our village with regard to the windfarm at Watford village. Mr Millar agreed to speak to the planning office in support of our request for the survey by an engineer.

The Chairman mentioned she had prepared an article for the next edition of Village Link.

The Chairman agreed to contact Watford Parish Council for discussion on this matter.

Mention was made by Mr Millar that there is community funding available from the WNDC. It was suggested the web-site at WJPU should be accessed for information.

It is known that housing growth area can occur but it is not yet known if it will involve our village.

96/09 CORRESPONDENCE

Details had been circulated on the paperwork received up to 11th Nov.2009.

A copy is included in the minute book. Recently received:-

CLERKS & COUNCILS DIRECT publication for September, 2009.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LINK - Invitation to get involved in promoting this organisation. Express your views on health and social care and works to help improve services. – Noted.

CLIVE HERBERT – Letter informing us the Guilsborough Book is still occasionally being sold. His record shows 498 copies have been sold, plus those sold by Mrs Burnett and Miss Jaggard. – Noted.

NCALC – Confirmation that Section 137 expenditure limit for 2010/2011 is £6.15 per elector. Details of the new “The Power of Wellbeing”, which was launched in February 2009, can be obtained from the NCALC office.

GUILSBOROUGH PRE-SCHOOL – Update received on the building work to which we had sent a donation. Letter came from the newly appointed Committee Secretary, Mrs Lynn Sleight.

NCC – Leaflets for Safer Driving 2009-2010. Copies to be placed at Seatons.

97/09 PROPOSED DATES OF FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council agreed provisionally the following dates of the Parish Council, to be held at the village hall Guilsborough, during 2010, on 18th May, 29th June, 3rd August, 28th September, 16th November and in 2011 on 4th January and 29th March.

98/09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Hubbard informed the meeting a letter had been received from a resident in respect of the number of trees on his property that are subject to a TPO, yet there are other residents having trees cut down. Following discussion the Council agreed a check of the current tree situation, within the village, should be carried out by our tree warden and report back to the next meeting.

99/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday, 5th January, 2010, at 7.15p.m.