

TITCHMARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 October 2005 in the Clubroom

Councillors Present: Sylvia Prestwich (Chair) Michael Alderman (Vice Chair)
Julie Cheney Ian Curtis
Gina Gaskin John Greig
Janet Jones John Pridmore
David Walpole
In Attendance: Jane Teague (Clerk)

- 2005/10/1 Public Open Time**
There being no members of the public present at 7.30pm, the Chair deemed Public Open Time to be closed.
- 2007/10/2 Apologies For Absence: None**
- 2005/10/3 Declaration of Interests: None**
- 2005/10/4 Minutes of Last Meeting:**
All agreed minutes of the meeting held on 15.9.05 to be an accurate record. MA proposed and JP seconded that the Chair sign them.
- 2005/10/5 Matters Arising:**
- 2005/10/5.1 ENC Funding Day
PFC requested representation but event oversubscribed. Organiser Su Davies has offered to speak to village groups about specific funding requirements if required. All agreed this was a good idea and suggested a separate meeting. Clerk to book a date in November and invite village groups; TPC to pay for hire of Clubroom. **CLERK**
- 2005/10/5.2 Pound and Engine House update on claim to possessory title: £60 Land Registry fee due
Solicitors have prepared paperwork for SP to swear a Statutory Declaration. Application to Land Registry for possessory title will cost £60. JG proposed and MA seconded that payment be authorised. All agreed.
- 2005/10/5.3 Village sign – response from utility companies
Although evident that gas main runs under proposed site, NCC confirm this would not preclude permission being given to erect sign there. JG suggested a trial hole be dug by hand, and offered to do this. All agreed. GG to mark proposed position of sign. Deferred to November meeting. **GG/JG
November
meeting**
- 2005/10/5.4 PCSO scheme - response from Sue North
SN provided a copy of the July 2004 meeting minutes detailing the discussion between ENC members and Police representatives. Local authorities meeting expenditure for scheme was seen as paying twice for a Police service.
- 2005/10/5.4.1 Members discussed this, some in agreement with ENC and others prepared to pay more Council Tax to have a greater police presence. IC proposed and JG seconded that TPC does not sign the petition presented by Phil Hope MP to persuade ENC to support the scheme. All agreed.
- 2005/10/5.5 NALC Garden Party 2006 nominations
SP and MA received an equal number of votes from members. SP withdrew from the nomination to support MA. SP/MA/Clerk to write nomination entry for MA and submit to NALC. **SP/MA/Clerk**

2005/10/6	Finance		
2005/10/6.1	<u>Payments to authorise</u>		
	Sylvia Prestwich	Welcome Pack wallets/solicitors fees for Statutory Declaration re Pound & Engine House	£ 34.94
	Dudley Inkwell	Printer paper/cartridges	£105.11
	Vincent Sykes & Higham solicitors	Land Registry fee for Engine House & Pound	£ 60.00
	The Society of Merchant Venturers	Allotment rental due 2005/6 (20% retained by TPC)	£254.00
	Jane Teague	Clerk's September salary	£169.00
2005/10/6.1.1	MA proposed that all invoices be paid, seconded by GG. All in favour.		
2005/10/6.2	<u>Internal Audit</u>		
	Now submitted to BDL Stoy Hayward for external audit opinion.		
2005/10/6.3	<u>Review half-yearly expenditure against budget</u>		
	SP presented figures for the Parish Council and Playing Field Committee for review and discussion.		
2005/10/6.4	Consider purchase of village Christmas tree		
	MA proposed, GG seconded and all agreed that this tradition should be continued. GG to order tree.		GG
2005/10/6.5	<u>Review grass cutting contract for 2006</u>		
	All agreed to continue with current contractor through ENC. Suggested two cuts may be necessary in April. To be considered when renewal notice received.		
2005/10/7	Correspondence		
2005/10/7.1	<u>Phil Hope MP – petition for reinstatement of free green waste collection</u>		
	Copy of the petition to be given to each councillor to collect signatures and return to Clerk. TPC support for this scheme already put in writing to ENC Waste Management.		ALL/CLERK
2005/10/7.2	<u>Email from parishioner about lack of village facilities for young / elderly</u>		
	Parishioner finds it unsurprising that the village did not win the Village of the Year competition and cites the lack of provision for the young and elderly as issues raised by many parishioners on T Day. Clerk to respond advising that the Parish Plan is near completion and will be distributed shortly. As a number of key adult and youth volunteers will be needed to ensure the success of future projects, it is hoped that the parishioner concerned may be willing to assist in some way.		CLERK
2005/10/7.3	<u>Changes to bus services</u>		
	Stagecoach 42 is renumbered as 14 and while there are a reduced number of buses between Oundle and Peterborough, some buses are extended to run between Oundle and Thrapston via Titchmarsh. Stagecoach 784 running from Oundle to Thrapston to Corby (Asda) on Fridays will be withdrawn after 21 October 2005. Copies of timetables to be displayed on noticeboards.		CLERK
2005/10/7.4	<u>Advice of footpath closure</u>		
	Part of footpaths NZ13 and NZ25 will be closed from 17 October on the grounds of public safety and to allow construction work on a new bridge.		
2005/10/7.4.1	GG asked when an update was expected from the Parish Path Warden Team. Clerk to contact PPW.		CLERK/ Nov.Agenda
2005/10/7.5	<u>Members Register of Interests</u>		
	ENC requires annual confirmation that councillors' entries on the Register of Interests are up to date. Forms distributed to all for completion. Additions or alterations can be made at this time although councillors are reminded that the Code of Conduct requires them to notify any changes within 28 days. Clerk to return forms to ENC.		CLERK

2005/10/7.6	<u>NCC Comprehensive Performance Assessment system</u> Audit Commission undertaking a corporate assessment in autumn 2005 to look at the way in which NCC conducts its business, its ambition for the community, the way in which it works with partners, its capacity to improve, its leadership, how accessible it is, its effectiveness and its community leadership role. Response to on-line survey invited, closing date 11 November 2005. Suggested Clerk complete this.	CLERK
2005/10/7.7	<u>Corby Borough Council Local Development Framework</u> Issues & Options Paper produced. Comments invited to help decide which options should be looked at in more detail. Closing date 28.10.05. All agreed unnecessary to comment.	
2005/10/7.8	<u>Hunts District Council Draft Statement of Community Involvement</u> Town and Country Planning Regulations 2004 require that Hunts DC seeks views from all adjoining Parish Councils on its Draft Statement of Community Involvement. Clerk to print from website and circulate in float file.	CLERK
2005/10/7.9	<u>NALC advice of BTCV free trees scheme</u> – contact Rebecca Bishop on 01604 643653.	
2005/10/7.10	<u>North Northants JPU seminar</u> 18.11.05 - IC agreed to attend.	CLERK
2005/10/7.11	<u>North Northants JPU workshop</u> 26.9.05 - JG agreed to attend.	CLERK
2005/10/7.12	<u>NCC/Atkins carriageway resurfacing works</u> Work due to commence 14.11.05 to resurface all village roads except St Andrews Close, Abbotts Close, Tofts Close and Manor Farm Court. JJ commented that building work will have started at the school – Atkins advised so works do not clash.	
2005/10/7.13	<u>Village Footpath Map</u> SP trying to obtain these for Welcome Packs and general village use. In addition, NCC Rights of Way team has offered to provide a map of footpaths to be erected as a noticeboard/on a wall. This would be supplied and fitted free of charge, providing the request for it comes from the PC. MA proposed and JJ seconded agreement in principle. All in favour. SP to progress.	SP
2005/10/7.14	<u>ENC OWEN</u> (Older Wise East Northants) Clerk asked for minutes of a meeting held on 20 October to be forwarded as several agenda items could be of interest to parishioners: concessionary fares, community safety and green waste collection.	
2005/10/7.15	<u>EN CAB AGM</u> 2.11.05 – no one available to attend.	
2005/10/7.16	<u>NCC Local Transport Plan public workshop 4.10.05</u> SP/JG/Clerk attended this meeting. Information gathering exercise regarding a number of county roads, including A605. Workshop findings to be published.	
2005/10/7.17	<u>Letter from Allianz Cornhill re RoSPA report</u> Insurers require confirmation that all repairs to play area equipment at playing field have been completed, which should be done within 60 days of receipt of the inspection report. Clerk to contact PFC to confirm this.	CLERK
2005/10/7.18	All other items of correspondence to be circulated in the float file.	
2005/10/8	Planning	
	<u>Outcome of previous applications</u>	
2005/10/8.1	EN/05/01493/FUL Barn and Pasture adjacent 35 Polopit. Change of use and extension of barn to form self –contained two bedroom holiday apartment. Permission granted.	
	<u>New Applications</u>	
2005/10/8.2	None received.	
2005/10/9	Affordable Housing	
2005/10/9.1	Playing Field Committee has debated recommending the use of part of	

	the playing field beyond Park Road for an affordable housing development.	
2005/10/9.1.1	Terms of playing field lease require a village vote if the Committee proposes to give up some/all of the field.	
2005/10/9.1.2	A formal proposal to recommend using a portion of the playing field for affordable housing was rejected by the Committee. The decision was not taken lightly and only reached after a great deal of thought and discussion. It represents the Committee's remit and desire to protect the recreational sporting facilities of the village for current and future generations of the community.	CLERK
2005/10/9.1.3	JG proposed and JC seconded that ACRE be asked to assist in identifying a site meeting the criteria for an affordable housing development. Vote resulted in four in favour and two against with three abstentions. Clerk to put this request to ACRE.	CLERK
2005/10/10	HGVs turning around in Ranway	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start time at the gravel extraction works is 07.00 but at 06.45 one morning one lorry was observed waiting in the gateway with a further three queuing around the bend. • The left kerb at the entrance to the gravel works has been driven over by HGVs and all soil has been eroded from the back of the kerb making it dangerous to other vehicles. • Although the new multi-lingual sign outside Ikea is a good idea, it is too small and situated past the HGV entrance so many HGVs still end up in Ranway. 	
2005/10/10.1	SP proposed and MA seconded applying for a weight restriction beyond Ikea and writing to Ikea, Morrisons and Thrapston Town Council to elicit further assistance regarding signage. All agreed. Clerk to action.	CLERK
2005/10/11	Forthcoming meeting to discuss proposed cycle path on old railway line to Thrapston	
	JC/JG/IC to attend this on 1 November. Councillors agreed that any cycle pathway should ideally cross the A605 at the Titchmarsh turn and proceed along the railway line.	CLERK
2005/10/12	Report from Playing Field Committee	
	Matters raised under agenda item 9. Affordable Housing.	
2005/10/13	Report from Parish Plan working group	
	The group has met to review all points allocated to TPC in the Action Plan. Each issue broken down into several tasks, which may involve other people as well –TPC to give impetus to start. IC distributed a summary for which TPC agreement is sought. To be discussed at November meeting.	November Agenda
2005/10/14	Reports from Local Organisations	
2005/10/14.1	<u>Clubroom</u> : Paul Milner takes over as Chair, all other vacancies filled.	
2005/10/14.2	<u>School</u> : Building work starts 24 October.	
2005/10/15	Date of Next Meeting	
	Thursday 17 November 2005 at 7.30pm in the Clubroom.	
2005/10/16	Items for report only	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road sweeper requested to clear leaves in Chapel St before drains become blocked. • ACRE Social Exclusion conference attended by SP/JG/Clerk. 	

- Details from Involving Young People workshop to Sue Shapland.
- ENC Designs for the Future document Sept 2005 misquotes TPC response as that of an individual. Clerk to investigate.
 - Footpath around field from D&P to playing field restricted by overgrown hedge. Advise PPW team.
 - JC attended the Community Safety meeting and provided police contact information for the noticeboard.
 - Will BT duct being dug in Chapel St be finished prior to resurfacing works?
 - Dog mess noted in High Street.
 - Nene Valley News not being received in all part of the village.
 - Northants Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan – SP to respond.

CLERK

The Chair closed the meeting at 10.10.pm