

**BRAFIELD ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009**  
**Sargeant Memorial Hall, 7.30pm**

Public Enquiries. NONE

<p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Mrs G Morgan          Mrs G Ager          Mr D Clayson          Mrs H Barnell          Mr K Ward          Mrs R Kentigern-Fox          Mrs D Allingham          Mrs C Clarke – SNC Cllr          Mr Steve Hollowell – SNC Cllr          Mr T Barnell – website organiser</p> <p><b><u>2009/42. Apologies</u></b> – Michael Clarke, new NCC Councillor</p> <p><b><u>2009/ 43. Minutes of the previous Meeting (19.5.09)</u></b>          These having previously been circulated and signed the Councillors duly adopted them as a true record.</p> <p><b><u>2009/44. Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>2009/18/vi – The Car Supermarket Parking – Still an issue          Gill Morgan still to write a strong letter.</p> <p>2009/38 – Cow parsley on East side of Billing Road – Clerk reported and it has been cut</p> <p>2009/42 (i) – Village Booklet – A few amendments to be made. Gill Ager suggested that copyright be put on it due to the work put into it. This was felt unnecessary. Helen Barnell will attempt to improve lay out by next meeting and</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p><b>GM</b></p> <p><b>HB</b></p>
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quotes will be obtained ready for issue in January 2010.

2009/42 (iv) – Unpaid workers – Helen Barnell had received details and been in touch with the ‘Community Pay back Scheme’ who are happy to carry out some tasks in the village. The workers will be supervised and need the hall for supervised lunch and toilet breaks. Parish Council to provide tea and coffee. A discussion followed about the use of the hall. If necessary Kevin Ward will ‘hold the fort’ (band practice!) for a couple of hours and Helen Barnell and Dawn Allingham will also do about an hour. Helen Barnell will check with the hall committee to see what arrangements over the key they would prefer. If this project goes well the PC may consider recommending them to other village organizations and may well use them again.

**HB**

Ruth Kentigern-Fox agreed to ask Mark Arrowsmith if he would be willing to remove the debris from the work done.

**RK-F**

#### **2009/45. Rights of Way**

Three people had come forward, interested in the post of Footpath Warden. It was agreed that they would share the work and will meet with Kevin Ward. The names are John Campion, Jo Stevenson and Richard and Jean Sheward.

**KW**

KC2 – Church Path – Clerk had reported to R of W at NCC that the newly planted laurel hedge is encroaching on the footpath and is outside the residential boundary wall. She had received a response from Jim Cosford who has written to the owners asking him to remove the hedge in the Autumn. Kevin Ward stated that there were errors in the statutory widths mentioned in the letter and he will write accordingly.

#### **2009/46. Police Matters**

There has been an attempted break-in in Bedford Road and some car crime. PCSO Charlotte Pearson who took over from Richard Markham had called on Gill Morgan to introduce herself.

#### **2009/47. District Council Matters** **See Strategic Planning**

#### **2009/48. Correspondence**

##### **Out**

- i. Brenda McMahon – request for cigarette bin at WMC – Gill Morgan reported that there has been one in place for 18 months!
- ii. Katie Brown, NCC regarding laurel hedge on KC2 +

<p>response – see footpaths – 2009/45</p> <p><b>In</b></p> <p>iii. West Northants Joint Planning Unit – Planning Briefing</p> <p>iv. West Northants Joint Planning Unit – consultation from 16.7.09 – 27.8.09</p> <p>v. Empowering Councillors and Communities – form to complete</p> <p>vi. NCC – Volunteer coordinator for Footpath, Highway and Tree Reps</p> <p>vii. South Northants Homes – Estate Walkabout report 14.5.09 – Gill Morgan will ask them to be informed of any future walkabouts so that the PC could have some input.</p> <p>viii. Land Registry – re land for play area – notice to PC as adjoining owner</p> <p>ix. Nick Hale – re burger van on recently landscaped lay-by – Clerk had spoken to SNC requesting that they consult with the shop and Little Houghton PC before giving him license.</p> <p>x. Regional Plan Partial Review Options Consultation</p> <p>xi. SNYC – Road Casualties posters – one to be put up.</p> <p>xii. South Northants Homes – newsletter</p> <p>xiii. NCALC Update</p> <p>xiv. National Association for the Blind – request for newsletter details</p> <p>xv. SNC – Temporary Event Notices for licensable Events – notice up</p> <p>xvi. Clerks and Council Direct</p> <p>xvii. MGWSP/NCC – new Parish Enhancement Gangs. It</p>	<p><b>GM</b></p> <p><b>GA</b></p>
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<p>was suggested that they put in a dropped kerb in Horton Road and treated the bus shelters and seats with preservative.</p>	
<p><b><u>2009/49. Highway and Transport Issues –</u></b> The hedge next to 52 Billing Road is overgrown. Gill Ager will contact NCC again about this.</p>	GA
<p><b><u>2009/50. Strategic Planning – this item was discussed in detail-</u></b> <b><u>West Northants Joint Planning Unit - proposed new 'town' in Little and Great Houghton with 18,000 homes</u></b> Steve Hollowell gave some background to the strategic plan for West Northants under which all applications will be considered. Over the last couple of weeks there have been numerous meetings and he feels angry about the process. By 2026 Central Government will determine that 42000 houses will be built in Northants.</p>	KW
<p>It seems that the newly formed JPU does not have access to the research carried out by West Northants Development Corporation.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kevin Ward will circulate a summary document with these main points and put a short piece in the newsletter.</li> </ul>	KW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Parish Council must produce a credible argument against the proposed planning – they cannot simply act as 'NIMBYs'.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The consultation process was flawed due to the omission of the Houghtons area in the original 18 month 'Issues and Options' consultation.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There was no information about why the other areas were now not being considered. This was re-iterated by Dawn Allingham.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The present brief summer consultation from 16.7.09 until 27.8.09 is unacceptable.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The complaints procedure should be explored.</li> </ul>	DA/KW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning Elements must be considered – the effect of the Wellingborough traffic flows to Milton Keynes as the movement of Junction 15 on the M1 would cause</li> </ul>	DA

<p>problems for other roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the distinctiveness of the landscape – the area includes prime agricultural land, flood plains – the river Nene would be costly to bridge and the natural topography must be considered.</li> <li>○ Decisions must be taken as to whether a formal complaint should be made or a planning objection. It may be preferable to contact MPs.</li> <li>○ Dawn Allingham and Kevin Ward will attend a ‘Affected Parishes’ meeting on 9.7.09 at Great Houghton Village Hall.</li> <li>○ Dawn Allingham agreed to research SNC and other council policies in a bid to damage their credibility when so often they claim to be contrary to this type of development.</li> <li>○ The suggested transport effects would not fit with ‘green’ policies.</li> <li>○ Kevin Ward will circulate a summary report to Councillors and put a short piece in the newsletter.</li> <li>○ Terry Barnell will add a ‘latest news’ information to the Website.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DA/KW</b></p> <p><b>DA</b></p> <p><b>KW</b></p> <p><b>TB</b></p>
<p><u>2009/51 – Local Planning</u> Nothing to report</p>	
<p><b><u>2009/52. Parish Website Development</u></b> Terry Barnell reported that he had recently been on a walk around the Yardley Chase Military Base. It was now 30 years since the protest against the building of the airport – the slogan ‘Yardley Chase is not the place’ was used. Castle Ashby Fayre had been set up as a consequence of this. He will set up a link for people to add more information about this.</p>	
<p><u>2009/53 Accounts</u></p> <p><b>Cheques for Payment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chq 600 - Gill Morgan – cleaning materials for shelters - £86.82</li> <li>• Chq 601 - E-on – maintenance £ 250 .83</li> </ul>	<p><b>VH</b></p>

- Chq 602 - Allianz – Insurance of play equipment  
Feb – May - £102.34
- Chq 603 - Brown and Barden – grass - £373.75
- Chq 604 - V Hartley – petty cash - £27.85
- Chq 605 – cancelled
- Chq 606 – Roade School – printing £
- Chq 607 – Gill Ager – flowers for Richard Mackaness  
Sec 137)
- Chq 608 – SLCC membership (50% to be paid by Gayton  
Parish Council) - £94.00

Rick Thake's NCALC Audit report was read to the Parish Council. The Parish Council has reviewed its Internal Audit procedure and agreed that it is satisfactory. They will also sign cheque stubs in future as recommended.

The Chairman and Councillors felt that grass cutting of the Green was becoming expensive. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotes for the next meeting from 'Two Shires Landscapes' (01604 590375) and the contractors used by the Red Lion. They will be asked to quote for the same specification as carried out by Brown and Barden. Clerk to obtain their schedule.

#### **2009/54. Councillor Comments**

Dawn Allingham reported that the street light attached to cottage at the bottom of Chapel Lane was making a humming noise and upsetting the resident. Clerk to report. Also PL 42 is out.

#### **2009/55. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS** **AT 7.30**

Tuesday 15.9.09, Tuesday 24.11.09

Meeting closed at 10.30pm.

**VH**