

Ashton under Hill Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 July 2010 at 7.30pm in The Green Room.

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Present

Cllr Barnett	Chairman	GB
Cllr Satchell	Vice Chairman	RS
Cllr Mrs Cope		DC
Cllr Fletcher		JF
Cllr Hague		SH
Cllr Sanger-Davies		AS-D
Cllr Williams		EW
In attendance		
Mrs Jane Hopkins	Clerk	JH
3 members of the public		

Action

1	Apologies. None.	
2	Declaration of interest. None declared.	
3	Minutes. The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 11 May 2010 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	

Public question Time.
There were no questions.

4	District Councillor's report. None available.	
5	County Councillor's report. None available.	
6	<p>Planning Applications considered</p> <p>6.1 a) W/10/01594/PP – Camley Cottage, Chandlers End. Alterations to dormer window and first floor extension over garage and extension to the front of the property. No objection.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) W/10/01584/PP – Little Owl Farm, Bakers Lane. Proposed loft and garage extension. No objection.</p> <p>6.2 Application received after publication of the agenda.</p> <p>W/10/01557/PP – Elmwick, Elmley Road. Proposed ground floor and first floor extension to house plus some internal alterations. No objection.</p> <p>6.3 Applications considered out of meeting.</p> <p>W/10/01517/CU – Willow Cottage, Elmley Road. Use of land for the provision of three gypsy/traveller family pitches. (temporary planning permission sought for 10 year period.)</p> <p>The PC objected strongly to the application because:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JH</p>

The site, being in the centre of the village and its conservation area, which lies in an AONB, is completely inappropriate for this type of scheme.

There already exists a Touring Caravan Park to the north of the village and a touring and mobile home park on the A46.

There is concern that the proposed use would have an adverse affect on the public house opposite the site in a time when rural inns are fighting for survival.

EW proposed to ask a WDC officer to attend a PC meeting to discuss the favoured development for the site. It was agreed that the invitation would go ahead should the current planning application be refused.

W/10/02507/PP – 10 Gorse Hill. Replacement of existing garage. No objection.

W/10/01483/PN – Land, The Groaten. Proposed building for storage of wood sawing and splitting equipment, machinery for land management, drainage equipment and items associated with the farming of the applicants land. No objection.

6.4 Decisions.

Approvals

W/1000862/CA – Star Inn, Elmley Road. Replacement, after demolition, of timber building , providing, as existing, kitchen and dining facilities. Also provision of external patio area.

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W10/00597/PP – 27 Gorse Hill. Proposed two storey side extension.

Refusal

W/10/00774/PP – The Coppice, Cottons Lane. Alteration to existing, modern, outshot extension to provide further 1st floor accommodation.

W/10/00773/LB – The Coppice, Cottons Lane. Alteration to existing, modern, outshot extension to provide further 1st floor accommodation.

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7 Progress reports

7.1 Social Centre.

DC reported that:

- there had been a meeting with the head of the First School to discuss the problems with the hall floor.
- At some point it was hoped to extend and refurbish the kitchen.
- Drainage of the football pitch was ongoing as was the tidying of the path behind Mr Deparis' house which will be gravelled.
- ASC requested a letter of support from PC to include with grant applications.

JF asked the cost of the new equipment proposed for the playing field. DC said that the 3 quotes all varied but it would be in the region of £8,000 for 4 pieces of equipment.

JF asked what was happening to the tennis courts. DC reported that there was a problem finding a volunteer to run the Tennis Club.

7.2 Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

GB reported that:

- **There had been 2 meetings of the group since the last PC meeting. These were concerned with the swjcs which, since the general**

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	<p>election, was now in the melting pot. The BHCG had opposed the categorisation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group had opposed the proposed wind farms at Strensham and Lenchwick. • The next meeting would be in early September. <p>7.3 Policing matters. EW reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He had attended a PACT meeting in Beckford. • Beckford Road would be closed in August to enable the replacement of the culvert at the Grafton turning. • Smart water signs had been broken. EW to replace. • Speed analysis for the Groaten to be chased up. • There had been a problem with rogue traders/cold callers. • There was to be a message in Ashton News about PACT. <p>7.4 Lengthsman. JH to ask the Lengthsman to look at the footway in The Groaten to see if he thinks it suitable for him to tackle.</p> <p>JF reported that the 2 trees in Gorse Hill needed lopping in October/November.</p> <p>JF asked about the replacement litter bin for the bus shelter. JH to order one with a lid. DC asked if the old waste bin by the Groaten bus stop could be put in the playing field.</p> <p>GB reported that he spoken to the Church Warden about a possible recipient from the Jane Dunn Charity. GB to check on progress.</p>	<p>EW EW</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>GB</p>
8	<p>Finance copy of the current financial report attached.</p> <p>8.1 Payments. All payments, totalling £945.37, were agreed.</p> <p>8.2 Bank balances. These were accepted.</p> <p>8.3 Rural Rate Relief. It was agreed by a majority of 5 to 2 to support the application from The Star Inn for Rural Rate Relief at a cost the the PC of £181.13. JH to inform WDC.</p> <p>8.4 Millennium notice board. It was agreed to purchase new surfacing for the notice board. JH to contact contractor to fit it. JF volunteered to refurbish the wooden surround.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>JH JF</p>
9	<p>Winter Services 2010/2011. It was agreed that JH would complete the questionnaire and liaise with the Flood Warden if necessary.</p>	JH
10	<p>Parish Council notice board outside the Green Room. It was agreed to have a shared notice board outside the First School. If it became apparent that the present one was inadequate the ASC would be approached to have a larger one. JH contact ASC.</p>	JH
11	<p>Grass area outside the Green Room. It was asked who owned the land. It was thought that it probably belonged to ASC. JH to write to the First School Governors and ask if the school owns the land and ask the school to negotiate with ASC.</p>	JH
12	<p>Allotments. It was agreed to attempt to identify a suitable site for allotments before the next PC meeting.</p>	ALL

13	Digester plant. Further information was received but no further action necessary.	
14	Carrant Brook status. JH to acknowledge the letter from Tina Brown and ask if her group has any suggestions. It was agreed to consider supporting any proposals.	JH
15	Correspondence. An email had been received thanking those who had voluntarily removed graffiti from the boarding at Willow Cottage. JH to send a letter of thanks to those involved. All other correspondence had been circulated as recorded on file.	JH
16	Councillors' reports and items for future agenda. None.	
17	Date of next meeting. 14 September 2010.	

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.