

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Ecton held in The Village Hall,
High Street, Ecton on Tuesday 19th January 2010 at 7.00p.m.

Mr. D. Dicks - Chairman

PRESENT: Mr. W. Brophy, Mr. D. Dicks, Mrs. K. Humphreys, Mr. T. Moffett and Mr. A. Stones

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. J. Bass, Borough Councillor

01/10 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON FOR MEETING

RESOLVED that Mr. D. Dicks be appointed Chairman for this meeting only due to the absence of Chair and Vice Chair

02/10 APOLOGIES for non attendance were received from Mrs. A. Nicholson

03/10 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk advised that Mr. J. Crabtree had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council effective immediately

Members RESOLVED to record there thanks to Mr. Crabtree for all his services over the years not only to his membership of the Parish Council but for all his help and involvement in the parish as a whole.

Clerk will undertake proceedings to fill the vacancy

04/10 MINUTES of the meeting held on 17th November 2009 as previously circulated, were read, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

05/10 SYWELL AERODROME

Mr. Dicks and Mr. Moffett attended the Parish Focus Group which consisted of representatives of parishes affected by the proposed development at the aerodrome. Any matters of concern to be reported back to the respective Parish Council and Mr. Jim Bass Borough Councillor.

Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. Moffett and Mr Dicks attended the JCC meeting held in November 2009, minutes of which are still awaited, however they expressed their concerns that the Chairman of the JCC should be totally independent person. It has come to note that the appointed Chairman has a business association with Sywell Aerodrome and therefore his appointment is in contradiction with the constitution.

After discussion it was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Secretary of the JCC advising of the situation asking that the present Chairman resigns and that the next Agenda includes "Appointment of Independent Chairman"

Concerns were also expressed that under Agenda item 10 of the November meeting no mention was made of the submitted planning application WP/2009/0510/F and ask for an explanation as to why not.

Further RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Chief Executive of WBC advising her of the situation and requesting the WBC withdraws their support of the presently appointed Chairman

06/10 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Clerk reported that the following works would be carried out during the present financial year

- Marker posts to be installed on bend just before bridge south of High Street
- A no through road sign to be erected at the entrance to Church Way

Members agreed to undertake a pot holes patrol and reported any findings to the NCC

07/10 VILLAGE VERGES AND PLAYING FIELD MOWING CONTRACT 2010/11

Agreed to accept Hayeswood quote of £164.45 + VAT per cut for the village and playing field mowing

Any additional cuts needed to the playing field at a cost of £55 + VAT per cut

08/10 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

WP/2009/0392/LB: The Old Barn, The Courtyard, 15 Church Way
Single storey extension APPROVED

Mr. Dicks and Mr. Stones declared an interest on the following and took no part in the discussion

West Northants Development Corporation in their report had identified parcels of land within Ecton parish for development.

Mr. Bass and the Clerk advised that WNDC have been advised that Ecton is outside their remit.

Mr. Bass also reported that WNDC are to review the housing strategy for their area of responsibility

09/10 PRECEPT FOR 2010/11

RESOLVED that the precept for 2010/11 to remain at £11,000.00

10/10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk presented a balance sheet as at 31st December 2009 showing a carried forward figure of £16,658.59

Income for the period 17th November to 31st December 2009

Bank interest £1.58 Precept £4,400.00

RESOLVED that the balances as presented be accepted .

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid.

150	J. Wilson	(17.11.09 – 18.01.10)		
		Salary	31.75hrs	378.22
		Expenses		69.70
		Postage		3.51
		Travelling		00.00

				451.43
151	E.ON			
		Street Lighting - Energy		215.19
152	E ON			
		Street Lighting - Maintenance		140.55
		Repairs to light No 18		24.31

				164.86
153	A. Stones			
		Repairs to playing field wall		138.00

11/10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Tuesday 16th March 2010 at 7.00pm.