

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Ecton held in The Village Hall, High Street, Ecton on Tuesday 17th March 2009 at 7.00p.m.

Mr. C. Petrie - Chairman

PRESENT: Mr. W. Brophy, Mr. J. Crabtree, Mr. D, Dicks, Mrs. K. Humphreys, Mr. T. Moffett, Mrs. A. Nicholson

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Mr. J. Bass
2 Parishioners

15/09 APOLOGIES for non attendance were received from Mrs. C. Montgomery and Mr. A. Stones

16/09 MINUTES of the meeting held on 20th January 2009 as previously circulated, were read, confirmed and with a few minor corrections were signed as a correct record.

17/09 MATTERS ARISING

Lower Ecton Lane

Reported that fly tipping continues at Anglian Waters pumping station but is cleared on a regular basis.

The re-alignment of the entrance is still awaited, Clerk asked to contact Anglian Water when work is expected to be completed

Communities in control real people power

Following the attendance at the last meeting of The Leader of the Borough Council Mr. J. Bailey and Mrs. Martin-Bennison, Chief Executive, the Clerk presented a letter from Mr. S. Wood, Head of Built Development in response to the various points raised.

The Parish Council noted the contents

Notice Board

The Parish Council considered a quote for a replacement notice board at a cost of £1,318.33 plus VAT.

Members considered the cost high and agreed to obtain a further quote.

The Council were reminded that funds were available from their County and Borough Councillor's

18/09 SYWELL AERODROME

Noted that a meeting between Sywell Aerodrome and the Department of Transport at which Sywell Aerodrome were informed that membership of the Joint Consultative Council is as laid down in the constitution and no one party can decide the make up of the Committee

Mr. Bass advised that he was still receiving complaints regarding Blades flying over villages either undertaking aerobatics or flying information.

A meeting is now to be arranged with Blades to discuss the problem, Mr. Petrie agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

Complaints are still being logged regarding the amount of mud being deposited on the highway, Mr. Bass had visited the site and found that there no wheel washing facilities and drivers were no aware of the need to clean their vehicles. Mr. Bass had asked the County Council to suspend any lorry movements until the proper cleaning equipment had been installed also the roads cleaned of all mud deposits.

19/09 PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk advised that he had contacted Wilby Trees on two or three occasions regarding arranging a new date for planting of the Walnut Tree.

Unfortunately he had not received a reply directly but understood Wilby Trees had contacted Jim Crabtree.

Agreed to hold the tree planting during the Easter Holidays and the Chairman agreed to liaise with the Youth to agree a date. Wilby trees again are asked to provide a quote for providing a guard for the tree

20/09 STREET LIGHTS

Light No 30, Church Way has been reported as damaged, unfortunately it is one of the ornate type and difficulties may be experienced in finding the necessary parts.

21/09 POLICE

Reported that the Police are undertaking a 12 week survey of speeding along the A4500.

To date 9 speeding incidents had been recorded but there had been no serious accidents

22/09 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Following discussions with the County Council regarding lack of directional signage to Ecton they have now agreed to the following additional signs

Sign 1 - Wilby Way Roundabout, Wellingborough - on the slitter island as you enter Wilby.

Sign 2 - Earls Barton - on the A4500 approach to Earls Barton crossroads.

Sign 3 - Great Billing Way - at the Ecton Brook roundabout.

Sign 4 - I will arrange for the local direction sign on the A45 slip road to be amended to indicate 'Ecton' to the left and for the existing 'Ecton' to the right to be plated over (this indicated the route via Lower Ecton Lane).

The County Council have advised that consideration for installing VAS signs on the A4500 will be considered under Phase 4 which will starts in the Autumn

Crash barriers adjacent to the bus stop on the A4500 have now been replaced.

All though reported that repairs had been undertaken to the footpath which runs from adjacent to 27 High Street to the Church, unfortunately the work has not been completed. Clerk to pursue.

Clerk to ask Wellingborough Borough Council to undertake a litter pick on the A4500 from the Northampton Borough boundary to Wilby roundabout

A village litter pick has been arranged for 19th March 2009

Problems still persisted in West Street with heavy and long vehicles entering and having to turn round, the latest was a County Council lorry.

Clerk to advise the monitoring officer for the County Council who is dealing with the problem

23/09 PLANNING

DA/2009/0026/LN: West Lodge, Sywell Road
Upgrade of communications station APPROVED

DA/2008/0511/F: 4, Barton Fields
Single and two storey extension APPROVED

24/09 MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Noted that representations have been made to the Programme Officer for the Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Core Strategy Independent Examination
RESOLVED that the balances as presented be accepted.

Agreed not to participate in the 2009 Village of the year competition

27/09. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Tuesday 19th May, 2009 at 7.00pm.