

**ELMLEY CASTLE BRICKLEHAMPTON & NETHERTON PARISH
COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21st January 2010 at 7.30pm in Elmley
Castle Village Hall.**

Open Forum – issues raised were in relation to flooding & a request for information was made. The Chairman explained that following a meeting with Mr Tony Jones WDC, in September of last year, at which Nick Haycock had discussed his plans for the flood alleviation work no further contact had been made by Mr Haycock although telephone calls, emails & letters had been sent to his office. The clerk had written on 5th December 2009 & had tried to speak with Mr Haycock during the week but was told he was off sick but would be able to produce a fee proposal when he returned on Monday 25th January. Mr Ballard offered help with the supervision of the project. The proposal mentioned in May of last year would not be considered further – very expensive in the region of £100,000. It was agreed that when further information was available about the current project an open meeting would be held to inform residents of the proposals.

Present: Mr Mackison, Mr Ballard, Mr Moss, Mr Shaw Mr Stephens, Professor Walton & Mr Whitcombe. Several members of the public were also present. Councillors Mrs Mackison & Tom McDonald arrived in time to deliver their reports.

1. Apologies – Mr Hickey & Mr Wilkes

2. Declarations of Interest – none made

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 5th November 2009 – Mr Ballard proposed & Mr Shaw seconded a proposition that the minutes be approved, all in favour

Reports

a) Playground & Playing Field – RoSPA had given notice of the forthcoming inspection in March. Mr Wilkes had expressed his thanks to whoever had cleared the playground; the clerk thought it would have been Andrew, the Lengthsman. He also wished the Council to consider how to progress the footpath work he had done. Mr Ballard offered to help Mr Wilkes & will make contact with him.

b) Village Hall – Professor Walton referred to the recent AGM at which the finances appeared to be in order & energy conservation had been discussed. A card of thanks to the Council for continued support of the village hall had been received from Mrs Smith. Mr Shaw proposed & Mr Moss seconded proposition that the Council pay the request for Rate Relief of £33.50 & it was agreed that paragraph A, the shop is of great value to the villages, should support the decision. Many residents had expressed their appreciation of the shop especially the fact that it had been open each day during the bad weather.

c) Bredon Hill Conservation Group – A meeting will be held soon, Mr Whitcombe requested a view from the Council to take to the meeting, with regard to the proposed wind turbines at Strensham – Councillors were in favour

d) County Councillor – was not present at the meeting but it was agreed that reference should be made to the large potholes in New Road, Bricklehampton Lane, Main Street & the worst affected road Parkwood.

e) District Councillors reports attached to the minutes.

f) Parish Plan update – there had been no response from residents regarding allotments, orchards or available land but Mr Whitcombe agreed to organise a meeting of the sub committee to discuss matters further. Mr Ballard offered to look again at the response to the Parish Plan group.

g) Website report/ Communication sub committee report – numbers viewing the site are increasing & Mr Moss sought approval to obtain a banner advertising the website which could be used at all village functions, all agreed to the purchase of a banner Mr Moss had received a request that the times of Church Services should be put onto the website Professor Walton suggested there should be a link to ‘Bredon Hill Group of Churches’ Mr Moss will progress this idea.

h) Councillors were pleased to accept the offer from Mr John Eaton of new seat to replace the one on the grass at Bluck’s Farm. Mr Axtell-Powell & Mr Farrington had repaired the seat at the Old Hall & Councillors expressed appreciation for the work which they had done.

5. Planning

To consider PAW/09/02613 – Mr R & Miss E Ward, Wayside Nurseries - Retention of Toilet Building (Renewal of W/07/01339/PN) the Council supported the application.

6. Finance

	£
Savings a/c	20,459.16
Current a/c	50.20
Playground	3962.25

<u>Invoices to be paid</u>	£
½ yr clerk salary	2781.24
½ yr broadband	19.94
½ yr expenses	82.52
Village hall	10.00
Rate relief village shop	33.50

Due for payment Jan 31st

PWLB £676.05 This was the last payment to the PWLB.

.Precept – it had been agreed in November that the precept would remain the same £13,000.

Budget previously circulated was for final approval – there had been no reply from Mr Haycock with regard to fees or design but the clerk had been promised a fee proposal during the next week – Mr Ballard offered to look at the fee proposal when it arrived & the Council agreed to include £5000 in the budget to cover fees

7. Correspondence.

b) WDC Waste Core Strategy the Chairman agreed to complete the response.

c) County Council Budget Consultation meeting – January 25th 6.30pm Mr Shaw expressed an interest.

d) SWJCS Team – exhibitions had been arranged as a means of informing residents about proposals for future developments of village houses & it was agreed that density would be a concern. Councillors agreed to select a date & place convenient to themselves to look at the proposals & will report back to the next meeting.

e) A letter had been received from Mrs Savage PCC – Professor Walton declared an interest & left the meeting. A request had been made for the Council to set a precept to help with the maintenance costs of both the Churchyards, £1200 St Mary’s & £400 Bricklehampton. The Council wished to have sight of the quotations received from the current contractor before making a decision. It is important that the Council ensures that due process had been followed & value for money obtained, agenda item in March.

The height of recently erected TV aerials in Cornmill & Mill End was raised as a concern. The clerk will contact WDC to ask if planning permission was needed.

Signed
4.3.10.

Chairman