

**ELMLEY CASTLE BRICKLEHAMPTON & NETHERTON PARISH
COUNCIL**
**Minutes of a Meeting to be held on Thursday 4th March 2010 at 7.30pm in
Elmley Castle Village Hall.**

Open Forum Several members of the public had attended to voice concerns about planning application 10/00173 – Land off. Little Comberton. Concerns expressed were:

In full view of path along Bredon Hill

Any development will spoil the natural look of the place

4 vans on the application – room for escalation

Composting toilets, what is proposed won't work

Boggy piece of land ?Land drainage

At what stage does it become a licensed site?

The application was considered by the Council whose decision was to object to the application, endorsing all comments made by Little Comberton Parish Council & the Landscape Officer. The application does not conserve nor enhance the area.

1. Apologies – Mr Moss, Professor Walton & Mr Shaw

Present Mr Mackison, Mr Whitcombe, Mr Ballard, Mr Hickey, Mr Stephens & Mr Wilkes. Counc Mrs Mackison, Tom McDonald & County Councillor Hardman were also present.

2. Declarations of Interest – Mr Stephens ‘has a nephew who farms the adjacent field’ Mr Hickey has an interest in the caravan site at Great Comberton.

3. Minutes of Meetings held on 21st January 2010 Mr Mackison proposed & Mr Whitcombe seconded a proposition that the minutes be approved - all agreed, 6th February 2010 Mr Wilkes proposed & Mr Mackison seconded a proposition that the minutes be approved all agreed, both sets of minutes were signed.

Reports

a) Playground & Playing Field – Mr Wilkes had oiled all the equipment in readiness for the RoSPA inspection.

b) Village Hall – had received the Design Building Award for Sustainability

c) Bredon Hill Conservation Group – meeting tomorrow, some interesting topics to report back.

d) County Councillor - Mrs Richards had complained about the road/verge opposite her property at Kersoe, Counc Hardman felt this was a police matter as vehicles were obstructing the Highway, “a verge is a refuge for safety on the highway” PC Shephard will be asked to look at the problem & speak to residents. Potholes on Kersoe Lane are very bad, these together with all others had been reported & it was agreed that Parkwood was probably the worst. Counc were very concerned when told that the plan was to ‘jet patch’, it was felt that this would not solve the problem & that a ‘proper job’ needed to be done. There was to be a consultation exercise on winter gritting & Counc Hardman felt that too much emphasis was put onto gritting A roads. In future the road round the hill should be gritted allowing primary schools & middle schools to be linked. The Parish is lacking salt bins & it is 4 years since the first request was made for a replacement bin on the square in Elmley Castle. The clerk will continue to press for this bin together with a bin at Elms Farm Netherton & one in Bricklehampton.

e) District Councillors – reports are attached to the minute book. £75,000 is available through Community Grants closing date for applications 28th May.

f) Parish Plan response – Mr Ballard is preparing a response which he will send to Mike Taite.

h) Website report/ Communication sub committee report had already been circulated. Mr Moss had purchased the banner £58.75 which will be used at village events.

g) Flooding group a report had been circulated & a meeting with Mr Lea, the land owner had been arranged for 12th March.

Carl Lister WDC had not made contact as requested with Mr Hickey nor the Lengthsman & David Lavender/Martin Cross had not arranged a meeting with the group, this makes progress very slow & difficult.

h) Sub committee report - orchards & allotments, cheques had been received for the purchase of broadleaf trees & it was agreed that until there was an interest shown the process could not be ratified. A letter will be put into the Link asking landowners if they wished to take advantage of the offer. Mr Hickey proposed & Mr Whitcombe seconded a proposition that the Council proceed to gauge the response with details of the process to be confirmed later. With regard to allotments, Mr Wilkes advised that Mr Taite had a list of 8 people who had expressed an interest & Mr Hickey will contact people who have land who may be interested.

i) The PCC had asked the Council for financial help with the maintenance of the churchyards at St Mary's Elmley Castle & St Michael's Bricklehampton. grass cutting costs were almost £2000 per year for St Mary's. Councillors considered the churchyards to be great assets to the villages & after discussion Mr Stephens proposed & Mr Ballard seconded a proposition that the £1350 in the budget, previously used for paying the PWLB the final payment having been made in February, be given to the PCC towards the maintenance of the churchyards, a cheque to be sent following the meeting.- all agreed.

5. Finance

	£
Savings a/c	17,080.06
Current a/c	50.20
Playground a/c	3962.25

Invoices paid since last meeting

Mr Rollett - Lengthsman	£385
Village Hall	£ 13

6. Correspondence.

a) CC – Area Forum Thursday 11th March 7pm Pershore Town Hall

b) Age Concern - Access Centre in Evesham

c) A complaint had been received from Mrs J Everitt about the state of the hedging, shrubs & trees at the west end edge of the playing field. The clerk agreed to speak to the complainant & to explain that the trees & hedges referred to were the landowners responsibility. She would seek to get the hedge on Mill Lane cut back so that it no longer encroached onto the pavement. The lengthsman had been asked last year to ensure that the grass outside Blucks Farm was cut regularly in future.

Signed.
13.5.10.

Chairman