

ELMLEY CASTLE BRICKLEHAMPTON & NETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting to be held on Thursday 5th November 2009 at 7.30pm in Elmley Castle Village Hall.

AGENDA

Open Forum - there were no items for raised,

Co - option of Councillor for Elmley Castle Ward – there had not been any interest & Councillors agreed to work with 10 Councillors until the next election.

Present: Mr Mackison, Mr Hickey, Mr Marler, Mr Shaw, Mr Stephens, Professor Walton, Mr Whitcombe & Mr Wilkes. Councils Mrs Mackison & Tom Mc Donald were also present together with 2 members of the public.

Apologies were received from Mr Moss.

Declarations of Interest – none made

Minutes of Meetings held on 3.9.09. & 28.9.09. MrShaw proposed & Mr Wilkes seconded a proposition that the minutes of 3rd September be approved. Mr Wilkes proposed & Mr Shaw seconded a proposition that the minutes of 28th September be approved – all minutes were approved & signed as a correct record.

Reports .

a) Playground & Playing Field – tree branch had been removed by Alan Bent cost £80. Mr Wilkes sought help for a working party to collect leaves at the playground a week on Sunday, Mr Marler agreed to bag up the leaves for compost. Lisa Sharp had now established that planning permission was not needed for the sign, it was agreed that a washable surface should be requested it was hoped that the sign would be in place before Christmas.

b) Village Hall – the Chairman informed the meeting that a series of public meetings had been held to discuss Energy Supply, there had been at least 50 householders who were interested & the project would now be pursued

c) Bredon Hill Conservation Group will meet again in January

d) District Councillors reports attached to the minute book

e) County Councillor- in the absence of Counc Hardman the clerk reported that she had passed the response to the problem of parking at Cornmill & Bess Cap to Mr Shaw who had kindly agreed to meet with representatives of the County Council. The Police had agreed to monitor the parking at the school & to look at problems raised with regard to parking on Bess Cap.

f) Parish Plan – Further consideration was given to the communication from the Parish Plan Group which contained specific requests and recommendations in respect of each aspect of the questionnaire response.

The Council was against Village Gateways.

There is a huge volume of footpaths and Mr Wilkes had done a lot work marking the paths on maps, he plans to give brief descriptions of a couple of walks to start with and the information will be put onto the website, which continues to be accessed by an increasing number of people.

Information about cycle paths may be obtained from the Countryside Access Forum.

A further issue raised was that at least 10 residents were keen to have a Community Orchard & Allotments. The Council agreed to look for land which could be used for each of these projects, a sub-committee was formed, Mr Whitcombe, MrHickey, Mr Moss & Professor Walton and in order to judge the demand the clerk will ask, via the Link, that residents interested in either of the projects let her know.

Red Telephone Kiosks – the County Council had provided a consultation notice to be displayed in each of the kiosks for a period of 28 days, offering an opportunity for residents to object to the retention of the kiosks. It was agreed that the kiosks would be sealed & the electricity supply terminated. Further progress cannot be made until the County notify the PC of the outcome of the consultation.

The Parish Plan Steering Group will now provide a final report.

g) The letter received from Mr Hickman was discussed further. The Council welcomed his idea & he offered to serve on the sub committee as a non- voting member. It was thought that the children should also be encouraged to get involved in the orchard/allotment scheme.

4. Finance

	£
Savings a/c	21512.91 (includes second ½ yr precept)
Current a/c	50.20
Playground	3712.25
<u>Invoices paid since last meeting</u>	
Village hall	30.00
Clement Keys	155.25
Wychavon sport	5.00
Royal British Legion	50.00

Audit 2008/09 – completed. The clerk explained that Clement Keys have given a qualified opinion because although they granted extenuating circumstances because the clerk had to travel abroad, the Annual Return & Accounts were not completed within 3 months of the end of the financial year i.e. 30th June.

Budget 2010/11 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Nick Haycock had still not forwarded the detail of the scheme for flood alleviation nor given any indication of his likely fee which presented difficulty with the proposed budget. The Chairman agreed to contact him again & it was hoped that he would respond before the January meeting when the budget will need final approval.

It was agreed that the £5000 in the budget for flood alleviation work would match the £5000 offered by WDC although there is to date no idea about the likely cost of the project.

It would appear that the churches are not in need of poppy wreaths & it was therefore agreed that in future a donation £50 would be given to the Royal British Legion.

It was agreed that there would be no increase in the precept 2010/11

5. Correspondence

- a) South Worcestershire Site Allocations & Policies Development Plan Document Information Gathering Exhibition & Workshops – Pershore Town Hall 10am to 8pm 16th November.

Signed
7th January 2010.

Chairman