

**ELMLEY CASTLE BRICKLEHAMPTON & NETHERTON PARISH
COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 2nd September 2010 at 7.30pm in
Elmley Castle Village Hall.**

Open Forum issues raised included a complaint from a resident about the lack of progress on Green Oak Cottage. Mr Porter explained that there had been an initial delay but work was progressing, the scaffolding was coming down, the windows were ready, the Thatcher was booked as were the electrician & plumber. The Chairman wished to remind people that Mr Porter had 3 yrs to complete the work.

Concern was expressed about the mess left by horses & the guttering being down again on The Cloisters. The Chairman advised that little could be done about the former & the problem at the Cloisters was ongoing, the camber on the road had been changed but as long as high sided vehicles continued to use the hole in the wall, as directed by sat-nav, nothing further could be done.

Concern was expressed about the 'Road Closure' notices & 'Diversion' signs that had been placed around the villages. It was hoped that in future it would be possible to be more specific in the signage by stating exactly where the roads were closed & that closure notices could be put on the website.

1. Apologies were received from Mr Hickey, Mr Stephens & Mr Wilkes.

2. Present: Mr Mackison, Mr Ballard, Mr Moss, Mr Marler, Mr Shaw, Professor Walton & Mr Whitcombe. 5 members of the public were also present together with County Councillor Hardman & Counc. Mrs Mackison.

3. Declarations of Interest, Professor Walton declared a prejudicial interest in item 4b & left the meeting when the item was discussed.

3. Minutes of Meetings for approval were tabled. Mr Ballard proposed & Mr Shaw seconded the motion to approve the minutes subject to the reference re RoSPA safety inspection being removed. Mr Moss proposed & Mr Ballard seconded the proposal to approve minutes of 22nd July 2010 subject to 'the Council voted to object to the application' being added. Both sets of minutes were approved after the changes had been made.

4. Reports

a) Playground & Playing Field - Charity Commission Annual Update had been sent. A request had been received for a seat to be placed on the Playing Field the clerk advised that the applicant was in discussion with the Cricket Club about the siting of it. Mr Mackison proposed & Mr Shaw seconded a proposal that the seat be allowed, all agreed. Following discussion it was agreed that at a future meeting with the cricket club the question of the number of seats on the playing field should be discussed. Mr Shaw reported an accident at the playground when the gate had hit a child. Mr Whitcombe agreed to look at the gate & the incident will be recorded. Mr Wilkes will be sent the details.

b) Village Hall – a question had been asked of the clerk in relation to the painting of the village hall, the questioner thinking that it would be dealt with by the Council. The clerk had informed the questioner it was the responsibility of the village hall & the question should be referred to the Chairman of the village hall, who confirmed that this was the case.

c) Bredon Hill Conservation Group – Mr Whitcombe reported that the meeting had been held to discuss a planning application; the group had considered 19 such contentious applications since April. In answer to a question he explained that the

group is a consultee when a Parish Council is concerned about an application. Parish Councils may refer applications to the group. Mr Whitcombe acknowledged the contribution the Counc Mrs Mackison had made to the group over a number of years.

d) County Councillor – Counc Hardman advised that the Hopper Bus Service which had come in at £150,000 more than was in the budget, however it was still under consideration as it was hoped that the bus subsidy in Evesham could be diverted to Rural Areas. There is to be a review of speed limits through out the County & Counc Hardman agreed to visit Bricklehampton with Mr Whitcombe to look at the problems there. The request for Grit Bins had not been granted as the criteria had not been met. Mr Shaw proposed & Mr Moss seconded a proposition that the Parish Council buy 3 grit bins all in favour. A response is still awaited with regard to the filling of the bins & the clerk will make further enquiries.

e) District Councillor – report attached to the minute book.

f) Parish Plan – Mr Ballard will continue his work on the response to the Parish Plan.

g) Website /Communication sub committee – visitor numbers have continued to rise & Mr Wilkes has set up a Facebook entry in the hope that it will encourage younger people to look.

h) Tree Fund – Two applications had been received & the balance at the Bank was £20,884.88. It was agreed that anyone wishing to have trees from the fund should complete an application form asap & return it together with quotes, to the clerk

i) Flood group – a meeting will be arranged between land owners, WDC & the flood group so that matters can be progressed. The Council agreed that the flood group could proceed after this meeting without having to go back to the full Council.

4. Planning

Applications were considered

a) PAW/10/01642/PN - Mr & Mrs C Sharp, Stewards House – Land at Field Cottage proposed building for the storage of machinery & hay – support the application

b) PAW/10/00913/0U – Mr H Davies, Pentre, Llanfechain, Powys – Outline Planning Permission on land between Warwick House and Hillmede, Hill Lane for one dwelling. Several letters of objection to the application had been received & these were read to the meeting. Following discussion it was agreed that the response to WDC should be ‘the Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds that any development would exacerbate the flooding problems which already exist. Without more detail on drainage & disposal of surface water the Council would not be able to support any development on this land.

c) PAW/10/01722/PP – Mr W Brotherton, 5, New Road – Demolition of existing sheds and containers. Construction of a garage workshop – support the application.

5. Finance.

	£
Savings a/c	15563.44
Current a/c	50.20
Playground	3420.15 (Playground sign cost £613.35)
<u>Invoices paid since last meeting</u>	£
Clerk ½ yr salary	2781.24
Clerk broadband reimbursement	119.94
Clerk ½ yr expenses	127.76
Village Hall	10.00
Wychavon Games	25.00
Mrs H Taylor Internal Audit	100.00
Bredon Hill Conservation Group	61.50 (subs 08 & 09 £50 + email £11.50)
Clement Keys	158.63

Alan Bent (grass cutting)

50.00

External Audit had been completed by Clement Keys & unqualified audit given.

6. Miscellaneous Correspondence

a) Dog Fouling – (Mr Cox Dog Warden 565015) There had been complaints about a dog which is let out alone & which fouls the playing field. The matter had been reported via the WDC website, but there had been no response from the Dog Warden. The clerk advised that because the site had no means of leaving a contact name address/telephone number the reporting had been ignored, as anonymous complaints are not dealt with. The dog warden had confirmed today that the owners of the dog had been written to. Counc Mrs Mackison agreed to look at the site & ensure that it was changed so that complaints could be dealt with quickly & efficiently

b) WDC – Referendums, the consensus was that this matter did not require a response.

Signed
4.11.10.

Chairman