

## **Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th April 2009 at 8pm**

**Present** Cllrs. Miles, Preece, Straw & Watchorn (in the Chair). Plus Mr Cranswick & Mr Suthers

**Apologies** for Absence Cllr. Betts, Humphreys & Lineker also Mr M. Tubbs

**Declaration of Interest** on items below. None at this stage.

**Acceptance of Minutes** of meeting of 12th March 2009. A copy had been circulated.

These were agreed a true record and signed.

### **Matters Arising**

RoSPA confirm play area inspection in May - carry out any outstanding repairs? None outstanding.

VH skirting, Kemp's will be attending in May.

### **Correspondence**

RBC Small Environmental Improvement scheme do we wish to install seat or request RBC to do so? It was agreed to request RBC install a seat the Broxap Kennington.

RCAN / RBC Parish Council Forum event on community safety 11th June at West Park Pavilion. No action.

EM Regional Plan: Partial Review. Mr Cranswick offered information and indicated that it is not clear if the proposed Eco-Town will be included in the housing allocation being imposed on Rushcliffe. Ashfield & Mansfield want a larger housing allocation but have not been given one, Rushcliffe don't want 16,500 more homes.

RBC ICC World Twenty 20 Cricket opportunities for Parish Councils. Yes request tickets and clerk to contact adjoining parish councils for possible coaching / games.

Inquiry about building work The Hedgerows. Planning approval not needed as size of the house hadn't increased.

Annual Return for signing at May meeting (cldr. to inspect in detail before meeting?) Cldr. Watchorn agreed to do this.

EMDA distribution database update - do we wish to be removed? No.

BPRPC invite GcS to take part in upgrade of joint IT equipment - consider in May

Communities - reply to our letter of 19th Feb re: Eco Town.

RBC update on deferral of increase in Business Rates - this will not be requested as rates are quite low.

## **Planning**

Decision: 09/00314/FUL Belvoir House Chapel Lane - granted.

09/00350/LBC Manor Farm - double doors to replace existing window.

Cldr. Straw declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest. He addressed the meeting, as a member of the public, to explain the application then left the room during discussion. It was agreed to make no objection.

09/00426/FUL The Cottage Chapel Lane - 2 storey side extension; rebuild part of boundary wall. It was agreed that an objection would be lodged on the grounds of mass and the loss of open space in the Conservation Area.

09/00427/CON The Cottage Chapel Lane - Demolition of part of boundary wall. No objection subject to rebuilding in the same style.

09/00462/FUL Farm End House (Station Farm) 2 & single storey extensions with balcony. No objection.

## **Village Hall**

It was agreed to purchase an Xdry dehumidifier from Aircontrols systems of Trowbridge at £197 inc. VAT.

New curtains Cldr. Humphreys had sent message to say quotes will be available in May.

Update regular users booking approve letter. This was approved.

It was agreed that rehearsals leading up to the Music Hall would be offered free of charge.

New cutlery trays supplied by the Luncheon Club were considered most satisfactory.

Clerk to investigate PC providing cover to hall users as offered by Came & Company Norwich Union.

**Newsletter (Standard Item) No report**

**Village event for 2009 Update (Standard Item)**

**Fundraising activities Update (Standard Item)**

**Parish Plan Update (Standard Item)**

Cllr. Straw reported that a good launch had been held and that the steering group are keen to continue but not under the constitution of a steering group. Some funds left over and thanks given to Mr Suthers, Mr Cranswick and other NCC funding for their financial support. Cllr. Straw asked about the use of Parish Council Insurance for PP project. It was agreed that the PP group will need to take its own insurance, Mr Suthers reported on the Aslockton Village Association which carried out projects as suggested by GcSPPSG, this may be the road the group has to follow.

**Consider sites for installation of new grit bins** email from NCC 27/3/2009 see report for copy.

Cllr. Straw agreed to consult neighbours to the proposed site at Old Forge Lane. Clerk to supply map for locations to be indicated.

**Finance** Current acct. Bal. £13,464.39 (at 31/3/2009) Res. Acct. Bal. £9,164.86 (at 31/3/09)

S & E Smith £118.31 Elsie Smith £1,447.88 ( both at 31/3/2009)

Council Tax invoices VH £59.42 / year Burial ground £36.07 / year

Accounts for payment

1069 M. Lambert (window clean)	10.00
1070 RBC (septic tank empty on 26/3/2009)	72.51 No VAT
1071 White Lodge (Mowing period unspecified)	149.00 + 22.35 VAT = 171.35
1072 J.A. Cranswick (newsletter printing)	46.02 No VAT
1073 Aircontrol Systems (dehumidifier)	£197.00 inc. VAT

### Councillors Reports

The clerk gave a report on NALC training day 24th March at Thurgarton.

Cllrs. Preece & Watchorn plan to carry out some memorial repairs in the cemetery.

Cllr. Straw reported on plans by Orston CSW to purchase a monitor no details as yet.

It was suggested and agreed that the curtains be left open to improve the air circulation to the windows.

**Date of Next Meeting** 14th May also Annual Parish Meeting start 7pm invite groups to attend.

11th June & 9th July

Meeting closed 10pm