

LOCATION: Brigstock Village Hall No. 46

DATE: Wednesday 20th February 2002 07:30 P.M.

ATTENDED BY: - Councillors Mr. J Smoker (C), Mr. D Sharrock (VC), Mr. E Adams, Mrs. M Douglas, Mrs. B Langley, Mrs. B Simon, Mrs. J Spencer, Mrs. S Wilks. Mr. J Chudley (District Councillor)

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46.1	Steve Watson – East Northamptonshire Housing Steve Watson informed the Clerk that he need not attend this meeting but will attend the next meeting in March.	Clerk	20 Mar
46.2	Public Forum Nothing was raised.		
46.3	Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs. E. Searle, Dr. D. Brown.		
46.4	Co-option of a new member to the Parish Council - Mrs. D. Solesbury was the only person interested in joining the Parish Council at the meeting. All agreed.		
46.5	Minutes of Previous Meeting were agreed and signed as correct by the Chairman.		
46.6	Matters arising.		
46.6.1	45.1.1 A letter has been received from Mr. Bob. Birkett saying a 'Kissing Gate' will be installed in the next three months.		
46.6.2	45.10.2 A letter has been received from the Cricket Club asking for a copy of the lease which the clerk has sent. Mrs B Simon then raised a number of issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Has the Parish Council got written permission from Mr. C. R. B. Spencer to build the new cricket pavilion – no, only verbally. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Spencer's agent. 2) A road and car park appears to being constructed and there is nothing in the plans about this. A letter was asked to be sent to the Cricket Club to clarify the situation. 3) Mrs Simon was concerned about insurance cover and that the Parish Council could be liable over any accidents during building work to users of The Meadow. This was also to be included in the letter to the Cricket Club. 4) Concern was also shown over whether Mr. Spencer would renew the lease after 2005. Mrs. S. Wilks said she thought Mr Spencer would and that there is a letter with this in writing. <p>Mrs. S. Wilks believed the lease said a wooden structure could be put on the meadow. The clerk was asked to see if it says anything about brick / wooden / permanent buildings on The Meadow. Mr. E. Adams asked if the Clerk could write a letter to the Cricket Club to tell them to stop building. The Chairman refused declaring an interest as a member of the Cricket Club. He then asked Mr. D.</p>	Clerk	20 Mar

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	Sharrock Vice-Chairman to take over the chair of the meeting, he refused.		
46.6.3	45.12.1 No Reply has been received from Mr. Colin Ray about improvement grants for underground cabling and restoration of the War Memorial.		
46.6.4	45.15.4 A reply has been received about a new 'Salt Bin' in the car park of the doctor's surgery and village hall. It states that the car park is private property and therefore the responsibility of the Village Hall and Doctor's.		
46.6.5	45.15.5 A reply has been received about the condition of the wall in Bridge Street opposite cherry orchard near the 'Park'. Stating that the agent will carry out an inspection and report to the owners.		
46.6.6	45.15.3 Mrs. S. Wilks is dealing with the War Memorial garden.	Mrs. Wilks	
46.7	Police Officers Report		
46.7.1	P.C. Mark Hillyer-Smith informed the meeting that crimes are down by 11 from 63 to 52, for the same period last year. There has been an increase in burglary dwelling. There has also been some Criminal damage done on motor vehicles and theft of a car for which an arrest has been made.		
46.7.2	Mrs. Blakeley has written to the Parish Council as Chairman of the Women's institute over increased vandalism around the village, which the Chairman has replied to. P.C. Mark Hillyer-Smith informed the meeting that he is not getting information about these incidents quickly enough. Incidents should be report with as much detail as possible i.e. names, descriptions, immediately to Corby control on 400400.		
46.7.3	Thanks were given to P.C. Mark Hillyer-Smith for attending the meeting.		
46.8	Path Warden's Report The Path Warden was not present.		
46.9	Accounts.		
	Balance from Previous Meeting		£ 7,328.32
	Income		
	Allotment rents 1998-2001		
	S. Wills		12.00
	T. Peacock		2.00
	P. Burdett		2.00
	W. Wise		2.00
	Cancelled cheque 390 (16-01-2002) (cost will be in final invoice)		20.00
	Crowsons		
	Re. Mr. D. Bailey		21.00
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	Brigstock School Meadow rent	100.00	
	Total	£ 160.50	
	Expenditure		
	391 – PowerGen	713.77	
	392 – Woodlands Brigstock Ltd	0.71	
	393 – Mrs. S. E. Smith	511.12	
	Total	£ 1,225.60	
	Balance Carried Forward	£ 6,263.22	
46.10	Code of Conduct Mrs Langley said she is not happy at present to sign the new code of conduct and District Councillor Chudley said that there are a number of Parish Councillors who feel the same way. The Clerk informed the councillors that a meeting is to be held at East Northamptonshire Council next Month to find out more about the code. Mrs. B. Langley & Mr. J. Smoker said they wished to attend along with the clerk.	Mrs Langley / Mr Smoker / Clerk	
46.11	Rockingham Forest Trust Liaison Group Mrs. S. Wilks said that there was nothing new to report. Clerk to re-agenda.		
46.12	Planning		
46.12.1	The report by Mr E. Adams of the Planning Advisory Group was accepted by the meeting.		
46.13	Cultural Events Committee		
46.13.1	Mrs. B Langley informed the meeting that the Woman's Institute has applied to the lottery for a grant towards the village sign and base.		
46.13.2	The meeting was informed that the plaque for the clock is now up on the Co-op. The Co-op very kindly erected the sign at no charge to the Parish Council. It was agreed for the clerk to draft a letter of thanks and for the Chairman to sign it.	Clerk / Chairman	
46.13.3	Mrs. M. Douglas has had the proof for the lettering of the mugs, which was passed around for councillors to see. It was agreed for the order to be for 250 mugs.		
46.14	Street Lighting		
46.14.1	Mrs. S. Wilks informed the meeting that she had a meeting with Mr. C. Ray of East Northamptonshire Council. He considered that the village would be much improved by new lighting heads in the conservation area with a design like those at Kings Cliffe. Church Walk could be improved if all the lights were of a style like the light outside the Church door. Possibly one or two completely new lights one on the green outside the school opposite the post office in Bridge Street. The new lights and heads would be 'white' in colour.	Clerk	20 Mar

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	The Parish Council would have to agree to Mr Ray's proposals before the end of March this year. Mr. Ray also agreed the village would be improved by moving cabling underground in the conservation area, which is a possibility as this has also been done at Kings Cliffe. The Clerk was asked to reagenda this.		
46.15	Change of Meeting Night Mr. E. Adams proposed changing the meeting night to Thursday this was seconded by Mrs. J. Spencer. The majority of the meeting was in favour. Meeting night to be changed with effect from April.	Clerk	April
46.16	Correspondence		
46.16.1	Consideration was given to a letter from Master E. Jones about a 'half pipe' in the pocket park. Mrs. S. Wilks said she would get a quote for one.	Mrs Wilks	
46.16.2	The Parish Council received a copy of a letter Mr. R. Lund sent to Mr. C. Gilder of W. S. Atkins complaining that there are brambles growing in the hedge in Back Lane near The Factory. The Clerk was asked to reply to Mr. Lund stating the Parish Council believes that Mr. Holmes of Classic Reclaims owns the hedge.	Clerk	20 Mar
46.16.3	See attached list		
46.17	Any other business		
46.17.1	Mrs. B. Simon asked about the wall at 9 Bridge Street. The Clerk informed the meeting that nothing more had been heard.		
46.17.2	Mrs. D. Solesbury asked about the grass cutting in the Pocket Park. The Clerk was asked to agenda the Pocket Park.	Clerk	20 Mar
46.17.3	Mrs. B. Langley stated that the salt bin in Church Walk is full of rubbish and asked if this could be reported.	Clerk	20 Mar
46.17.4	Mrs. J. Spencer asked if any reply had been received from 18 Stanion Road about their hedge onto Stanion Road. The clerk said no reply has been received.		
46.17.5	Mr. J. Smoker informed the meeting that he went to a tree planting ceremony on 6 th February in Brigstock Country Park in the presence of H. M. Lord-Lieutenant for Northamptonshire, Lady Juliet Townsend LVO to mark H. M. The Queen's Golden Jubilee. He said he has a certificate, which he will give to the Clerk.		
46.17.6	Mrs Wilks asked the Clerk to agenda for next month joining C. P. R. E. (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England).	Clerk	20 Mar
46.17.7	Mr. J. Smoker said he would prefer to stand down as Chairman at the Annual Meeting in May.		
46.18	Date of next meeting 20th March 2002 to start at 7:30 p. m. The meeting closed at 09.15 P. M.		

