

GREAT ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 15th June 2009

Present at the meeting.

Councillors: Cllr K Binley (in the Chair), Cllr P Eason, Cllr C Fry, Cllr C May, Cllr H Mayes and Cllr N Palmer.

In attendance: Mrs H Hoier (Clerk), Cllr D Hughes (ENC Woodford Ward) and PC N Cowley (EN Central Safer Community Team).

09/056 Election of offices.

a) Election of the Chairman.

On a proposal by Cllr H Mayes, seconded by Cllr C Fry, with all members present in favour; it was resolved to elect Cllr K Binley as Chairman for 2009/10. The Chairman then signed the Declaration of Acceptance in the presence of the Clerk (minute 09/044 refers).

b) Election of the Vice-Chairman.

On a proposal by Cllr N Palmer, seconded by Cllr C May, with all members present in favour; it was resolved to elect Cllr C Fry as Vice-Chairman for 2009/10 (minute 09/044 refers).

09/057 Formalities.

a) Apologies for absence.

On a proposal by Cllr C Fry, seconded by Cllr N Palmer, with all members present in favour; it was resolved to accept a request on behalf of Cllr P Perkins OBE for approval of long term absence due to illness. An apology for absence was also received from Cllr A Langley (NCC Irthlingborough Division).

b) Information requests/comments from members of the public/press on Council matters (as listed in the Clerk's report).

Details of an information request/comment received after Monday 18th May 2009 were noted (with particular reference to the clearance of a blocked drainage ditch adjacent to Shooters Hill, Lower Street) and the Clerk confirmed that a written response (by Cllr N Palmer as the comment could be interpreted as a complaint) had been returned in accordance with the Council's Complaints Procedure and in compliance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (minute 08/108 refers).

c) Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda.

Cllr H Mayes and the Clerk declared personal interests in APP/G2815/C/09/2100984 and 2100985 appeals relating to alleged breaches of planning control at The Cedars, Cranford Road (because of the proximity of the site to properties belonging to Cllr Mayes' close family member and to the Clerk) but it was unnecessary to declare prejudicial interests as financial positions are not affected by this matter (agenda item 09/061 a) refers).

d) Exclusion of the public/press from the meeting during the transaction of agenda items containing confidential information.

This procedure was not required as there were no agenda items identified by this Council as containing confidential information.

09/058 Governance.

Asset register of Council Property.

The Clerk's recommendations regarding this document were noted (with particular reference to the Council's role as a custodian trustee) and it was resolved to include the Addingtons Playing Field on the asset register of Council property at the valuation of £1.00 (minute 09/047 refers).

09/059 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 18th May 2009.

These minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

09/060 Matters arising from previous meetings.

a) Chairman's announcements.

(i) ENC Woodford Ward.

Cllr D Hughes was invited by the Chairman to summarize any relevant issues to this Council and/or to Great Addington. Cllr Hughes advised that funding sources for community projects continue to be available and thanked the Council for its support during his year of office as ENC Chairman.

(ii) **EN Central Safer Community Team.**

PC N Cowley was invited by the Chairman to summarize any relevant issues to this Council and/or to Great Addington. PC Cowley advised that there has been a lower incidence of reported crimes in the local area recently and this fact was welcomed by the Council.

b) **Items for information/delegated action (as listed in the Clerk's report).**

Details of these items were noted and (with particular reference to the Council's involvement with Community Speed Watch) the Clerk summarized any information received/action taken since 18th May 2009.

09/061 East Northamptonshire Council (ENC).

a) **APP/G2815/C/09/2100984 and 2100985 appeals relating to EN/05/00148/PPD alleged breaches of planning control at The Cedars, Cranford Road.**

These appeals were considered and it was resolved that this Council will fully support the enforcement action in respect of EN/05/00148/PPD alleged breaches of planning control at The Cedars, Cranford Road. The Clerk was authorized to draft a response to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of this Council (with particular reference to the fact that the size of the development is less than 5 hectares, it apparently resembles a residential dwelling together with the regular adverse comments/questions received from local residents) by Friday 19th June 2009 (minutes 05/104, 05/129, 06/070, 06/116, 08/085, 08/119 and 08/132 refer).

b) **ENC reports and publications (as listed in the Clerk's report).**

These documents were received and the relevant issues to this Council and/or to Great Addington were summarized by the Clerk.

09/062 Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

NCC reports and publications (as listed in the Clerk's report).

These documents were received and the relevant issues to this Council and/or to Great Addington were summarized by the Clerk.

09/063 East Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA).

Regional Spatial Strategy Housing Marketing Area (HMA) Consultation Workshop to be held at The Hilton Hotel, Northampton on Friday 17th July 2009 from 2 pm to 5 pm.

An invitation to this event was received but it was resolved that this Council will not be represented.

09/064 Community.

a) **July 2009 issue of Saints Alive!**

Copy approved for the July 2009 issue of Saints Alive! included the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman; the Council's support of the enforcement action relating to the alleged breach of planning control at The Cedars, Cranford Road; the recent incident of vandalism at the Memorial Hall together with any other items (at the Clerk's discretion) which may be of significant relevance to this Council and/or to Great Addington.

b) **Addingtons organizations.**

(i) **Addingtons Playing Field Association (APFA).**

Cllr C Fry reported that Little Addington had won at the recent cricket match held on Sunday 14th June 2009 and advised that (due to the current financial difficulties) it may not be possible to hold cricket matches in future years if a sustainable source of income cannot be found. The Clerk was instructed to obtain further information from Cllr A Langley (NCC Irthlingborough Division) regarding the possibility of a donation via the NCC Empowering Councillors and Communities Scheme (minutes 08/100, 08/111, 08/124, 09/007, 09/019, 09/029 and 09/039 refer).

(ii) **Great Addington Memorial Hall Committee (GAMHC).**

The Clerk reported on the proposed timetable for the renovation work and advised that a 'Goodbye' Barbeque will be held at the Memorial Hall on Sunday 12th July 2009 at 2 pm before work commences on Friday 17th July 2009 (minutes 08/111, 08/124, 09/019, 09/029 and 09/039 refer).

09/065 Northamptonshire Action with Communities in Rural England (NACRE)/Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (NCALC)/Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC). NACRE/NCALC/SLCC reports and publications (as listed in the Clerk's report).

These documents were received and the relevant issues to this Council and/or to Great Addington were summarized by the Clerk.

09/066 Finance.

a) Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2009.

On a proposal by Cllr N Palmer, seconded by Cllr C May, with all members present in favour; Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2009 were approved by this Council. The Clerk was instructed to ensure that the relevant financial records will be available for public inspection from Monday 29th June to Friday 24th July 2009 at a mutually convenient time/venue (minutes 09/031, 09/041 and 09/053 refer).

b) Undertaking of remedial work to the wall of All Saints Church.

It was acknowledged that the Council may require formal approval of a short term loan until the £3,000.00 grant allocated from ENC Cory Environmental Trust becomes available (once paid invoices have been submitted on completion of the remedial work) and the Clerk was instructed to obtain further information (minutes 07/107, 07/135, 07/149, 07/164, 08/007, 08/026, 08/037, 08/048 and 08/069, 08/080, 08/090, 08/119, 08/132 and 09/010 refer).

c) Payments in accordance with relevant legislation.

Cheques 100282 and 100285 were approved for payment by this Council on a proposal by Cllr P Eason, seconded by Cllr C Fry with all members present in favour once confirmation had been received that the proposed transactions have been properly budgeted.

(i) Payment of the Clerk's salary (April-June 2009).

100282 - £332.80 (Local Government Act 1972, s 112).

(ii) Payment to HM Revenue & Customs for PAYE (April-June 2009).

100283 - £8.20 (Local Government Act 1972, s 112).

(iii) Payment to MB Gardens for All Saints Church mowing (2008).

100284 - £150.00 (Local Government Act 1972, s 215).

(iv) Payment to Timotay Landscapes for All Saints Church mowing (2009).

100285 - 103.50 (Local Government Act 1972, s 215).

09/067 Other business.

a) Items for information/future meetings (as listed in the Clerk's report).

Details of these items were noted and with the exception of approving payment to E.ON UK Energy Services Ltd for street lighting maintenance (April-June 2009) it was confirmed that there was no additional business which was of sufficient relevance to this Council and/or to Great Addington to be included on future agendas.

b) Apologies for absence.

Cllr K Binley, Cllr C May and Cllr N Palmer advised that they will be unable to attend the next scheduled meeting and offered their apologies in advance.

09/068 Date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held in All Saints Church on Monday 20th July 2009 at 8.00 pm (minute 09/054 refers).

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm.

Signed by Cllr K Binley (Chairman) at the meeting held on Monday 17th August 2009.