

GREAT ADDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 16 November 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 P Perkins OBE.

In attendance: Mrs H Hoier (Clerk), Cllr A Langley (NCC Irthingborough Division), Mr V Arnold and Mrs E Scott.

09/100 Formalities.

a) Apologies for absence.

An apology for absence was received from Cllr N Palmer (due to family commitments) and this was accepted by the Council.

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

Details were noted of an information request received after Monday 19 October 2009 in respect of the clearance of a blocked drainage ditch adjacent to Shooters Hill, Lower Street and the Clerk confirmed that a written response shall be returned in compliance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Comments and questions were also received (with particular reference to highway safety, the maintenance of footpaths together with APP/G2815/C/09/2100984 and 2100985 appeals relating to EN/05/00148/PPD alleged breaches of planning control) and the Clerk was instructed to ensure that relevant action will be taken (minutes 08/108 and 09/057 refer).

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

There were no disclosures of interest.

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.

09/101 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 October 2009.

These minutes were confirmed as a correct record subject to amending minute 09/090 c) to read "Cllr H Mayes, Cllr N Palmer and Cllr P Perkins OBE all disclosed personal interests in the available options regarding the Concessionary Fares Scheme 2010 due to their eligibility" instead of "There were no disclosures of interest".

09/102 Matters arising from previous meetings.

**a) Chairman's announcements.
NCC Irthingborough Division.**

Cllr A Langley was invited by the Chairman to summarize any relevant issues to this Council and/or to Great Addington. Cllr Langley advised that the latest results of speed monitoring in Great Addington might improve eligibility for traffic calming schemes but the Parish Council would be required to contribute to the total cost.

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

Details of these items were noted (with particular reference to the latest advice regarding the Council's role as a custodian trustee of the Addingtons Playing Field together with the results of speed monitoring in accordance with current policing priorities) and the Clerk summarized any information received/action taken since 19 October 2009 (minutes 09/081 and 09/085 refer).

09/103 East Northamptonshire Council (ENC).

a) Planning Inspectorate hearing in respect of APP/G2815/C/09/2100984 and 2100985 appeals relating to EN/05/00148/PPD alleged breaches of planning control at The Cedars, Cranford Road to be held at East Northamptonshire House, Thrapston on Tuesday 17 November 2009 at 10.00 am.

It was confirmed that Cllr H Mayes shall attend the Planning Inspectorate hearing in respect of APP/G2815/C/09/2100984 and 2100985 appeals relating to EN/05/00148/PPD alleged breaches of planning control at The Cedars, Cranford Road on Tuesday 17 November 2009 (minutes 08/085, 08/119, 08/132, 09/061 and 09/093 refer).

- b) **BT 'Adopt a Kiosk' Scheme.**
The latest details of this scheme were noted and the additional costs were acknowledged (minutes 08/057, 08/065, 08/100, 08/111, 09/072, 09/082 and 09/093 refer).
- c) **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 (with particular reference to the latest advice regarding predetermination and bias).

09/104 Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

- a) **Third Local Transport Plan Consultation.**
Participation in this consultation was considered and it was resolved that a representation will only be submitted by this Council if there is any proposed action which may adversely affect the interests of Great Addington.
- b) **NCC reports and publications (as listed in the Clerk's report).**
There were no additional reports and publications to those summarized by Cllr A Langley (at the Chairman's invitation) which were of significant relevance to this Council and/or to Great Addington (minute 09/102 refers).

09/105 Constituency for Corby and East Northamptonshire.

Correspondence sent on behalf of Mr P Hope MP.

Details were noted of correspondence relating to proposed changes to social care services, a new central helpline to inform employees/employers of their rights and responsibilities, the availability of grants for community projects, new proposed measures to tackle unemployment along with funding to the Kettering General Hospital Trust to improve patient privacy and dignity.

09/106 Community.

- a) **December 2009 issue of Saints Alive!**
Copy approved for the December 2009 issue of Saints Alive! included congratulating all those involved with the Memorial Hall renovation; the latest speed monitoring results (which may improve eligibility for traffic calming schemes), the setting of the Precept (including a possible temporary increase), a reminder to drivers that they are parking illegally if they are obstructing the footways together with any other items (at the Clerk's discretion) which may be of significant relevance to this Council and/or to Great Addington (minute 09/102 refers).
- b) **NHS Northamptonshire Annual Report (2008/09).**
Details of this document were noted.
- c) **Rural Services Network.**
Details of this new membership organization were noted.
- d) **Addingtons organizations.**
 - (i) **Addingtons Playing Field Association (APFA).**
Cllr C Fry reported that the AGM of the APFA is to be held at St Mary the Virgin Church, Little Addington on Tuesday 8 December 2009 at 7.45 pm (minutes 08/100, 08/111, 08/124, 09/007, 09/019, 09/029, 09/04, 09/047, 09/058, 09/064, 09/074 and 09/085 refer).
 - (ii) **Great Addington Memorial Hall Committee (GAMHC).**
The Clerk reported that the Grand Opening Ceremony of the Memorial Hall held on Saturday 14 November 2009 was a very successful event (minutes 08/111, 08/124, 09/019, 09/029, 09/039, 09/064, 09/074 and 09/085 refer).

**09/107 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.

09/108 Finance.

- a) **Draft Budget for the year ended 31 March 2011.**
This document was considered (with particular reference to the Clerk's salary, increasing the level of reserves following the remedial work to the wall of All Saints Church along with the possibility of a temporary increase in order to contribute to traffic calming schemes) and it was resolved that this Council's Precept for the year ended 31 March 2011 will be confirmed at the next scheduled meeting (minute 09/102 refers).

b) Bank reconciliation (August-October 2009).

The latest bank reconciliation was scrutinized and it was confirmed that the net balance of £8,232.36 reconciles to the receipts and payments.

c) Payments in accordance with relevant legislation.

Cheques 100299 and 100300 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 to E.ON UK plc for street lighting energy (July-September 2009).

100299 - £231.63 (Parish Councils Act 1957, s 3).

(ii) Payment of the £5.00 travel supplement to a total of 25 claimants.

100300 - £125.00 (Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s 28).

09/109 Other business (items for information/future meetings as listed in the Clerk's report).

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

Details of these items were noted and 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 P Eason advised that he will be unable to attend the next scheduled meeting to be held on 21 December 2009 and offered his apologies in advance.

09/110 Date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 21 December 2009 at 7.45 pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.

Signed by Cllr K Binley (Chairman) at the meeting held on Monday 21 December 2009.