Minutes of the Nether Heyford Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th April 2009 at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Rooms, The Green, Nether Heyford

Present

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<th>Mr D Hayward (in the Chair)</th>
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<td>Mr M. Taylor</td>
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<td>Mr B Caucutt</td>
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In Attendance, Cllr G Smith

Apologies for absence. Cllr J Kirkbride, Cllr J Curtis


PC6/4/02. Public Question Time. Cllr Smith reported that Council Tax had been increased but that the majority of the increase had been due to NCC and the Police. SNC had to use reserves to keep the rise down, but would not be able to do this in the long term as they now earned very little in interest. It might be necessary to review non-statutory expenditure in future. District Councils are “capped”, Parish Councils are not; so it may be that SNC will look to Parishes to take over some non-statutory functions. He also reported that the question of the use of glacial deposits of sand and gravel had been raised at a recent meeting, as opposed to the river valley deposits that occur near to Heyford. It is felt that extraction companies are too inclined to try and get the “easy” river deposits, that are often more environmentally damaging than the glacial deposits which also exist in this area, but which are more difficult to extract.

PC6/4/03. Minutes 2nd March 2009. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the minutes of 2nd March 2009 be signed as a true record. The chairman duly signed the minutes and agenda.

Matters Arising.

PC6/4/04. Internal Auditors report. The clerk had met the internal auditor for the first time and had received his interim report. The auditor reported that Councils records and affairs were in good order and made various procedural recommendations.

PC6/4/05. Tree Preservation Orders. Mr Caucutt had obtained an up to date list and map of Tree Preservations in the village. The chair thanked him for Councils first update of this situation since 1965. It was observed that none of the trees on the Green had preservation orders.

PC6/4/06. Planning-a)

a) Application No: S/2009/0167/P
   Single storey front, first floor side and two storey rear extensions at 59 Manor Park
   Environmental Committee agreed no objections but to comment that the neighbours were unhappy especially regarding the rear extension which would be obtrusive and reduce natural light in their gardens

b) Application No: S/2009/0174/P
   Access road to serve existing allotment on plot of land at Station Hill
   Environmental Committee agreed to object because the proposed access road would be on an extremely dangerous section of Heyford Lane and outside the Nether Heyford envelope for development.

2. Planning Application Withdrawal
Application No: S/2009/0057/P  
Single storey rear extension at 3 Close Road

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the recommendations of the Environment Committee be accepted and that they be made.

PC6/4/07. Allotments Rent Night, had taken place on March 5th and £722.25 had been collected so far with more cheques arriving at the meeting. Only one plot was now free. Mr Lewis felt that there should be a meeting of plot holders to discuss issues including the timing of bonfires and the building of sheds.

PC6/4/08. Finance and Chairs Meeting. March 16th. The main topic of the meeting had been the quotes for the Play Area. Quotes from Komplan, Wickstead and Hags were considered and the Hags quote was felt to offer the most. Two of the quotes were for £50000, Hags being one, the other being c £57300.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the recommendations of the Finance and Chairs Committee be accepted and that they be made.

It was then reported that a sum of approximately £3000 towards the Play Area had been raised from door to door collections. Mr Taylor thanked all those involved and all those who had contributed.

PC6/4/09. Low Cost Housing. The strategic Housing team had sent a map of the possible sites and their recommendation that a site on Rolfe Crescent was the best. Council felt that their recommendation that there be two sites of 15 houses rather than one of 30 houses had not been taken into consideration. It was also felt that the recommendation for a site on Church Lane with access from a new mini roundabout at the junction of Church lane and Weedon Road had been misunderstood. Some Councillors expressed reservations about the safety of this scheme.

Clerk to ask for a visit from the Strategic Housing Team and a Planning Officer.

RESOLUTION. It was proposed and seconded that Council support a plan to build 15 houses each at site 1 (Rolfe Crescent) and site 4 (Church Lane). 8 for, 3 against.

Mr Caucutt, Mr Haynes and Miss O’Shea asked to be named as those against.

The Clerk wondered whether there should be Declaration of Interests, but the Chair felt it was unnecessary as nobody lived
close enough to the sites.

**RESOLUTION.** It was proposed and seconded that Council support the creation of a new mini roundabout at the junction of Church Lane and Weedon Road

20.45 Cllr Smith left the meeting.

**PC6/4/10. Annual Parish Meeting.** The minutes of the 2008 meeting were distributed. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the minutes of 8th May 2008 be signed as a true record.

Clerk to display 2008 minutes prior to the meeting.

**PC6/4/11. Flood Warden.** Mr Cawley was willing to take on the position of Flood Warden but would need a job description. Environment and Planning committee to consider.

**PC6/4/12. Lighting.** Clerk authorised to sign unmetered supply agreement on behalf of Council, this having become out of date.

**PC6/4/13. Youth Club.** It was reported that the Youth Club would like the Parish Council to take over. The AGM had been poorly attended, the chair absent and not properly conducted or minuted. Mrs Eales reported that she had been hopeful that the expressed promises of support would materialise, but they had not, nor had any parents been present. She felt that the club was unlikely to continue. The Chair expressed concern at the situation and the legal situation. He asked that the committee contact the four trustees and try and resolve the situation, and asked the clerk to seek advice as to what would happen if the club dissolved. The land was leased and could only be used as a youth club. Mr Taylor felt other people might be willing to start a new club.

**PC6/4/14. Standing Orders.** Council had started to review Standing Orders in 2007, but had stopped when informed by NCALC that new standard Standing Orders were due to be introduced. Clerk has asked the Internal Auditor for advise on this point.

**PC6/4/15. Section 38 and 104 agreements for Ridgeway Furlong.** The Clerk had received papers from Perrins solicitors. Upon examination the Chair was unhappy with the agreements and wished to defer consideration until the situation was clarified.

**PC6/4/16. Village Fete. Insurance and parking.** An insurance document had been received and Council were satisfied that the event was properly covered. A request had been made for public car parking to be allowed on the Green adjoining Hillside Rd. Clerk to reply that this was acceptable provided that it was supervised and limited. It was also to be
stated that any damage must be rectified, as wet weather might occasion considerable damage. The Sealed Knot are to be allowed to park on the middle green.

**PC6/4/17. Anglia Water.** It was reported that the Allotments water meter had been discovered! It recorded in gallons, which were phased out 15 years ago. It seems likely that Council had previously been billed for the meter serving the pumping station. Mr Lewis had asked Anglia Water that a new start be made on the metering of the Allotments and thanked Mr Geoff Allen for all his help in trying to clarify a perplexing situation.

**PC6/4/18. Rushden Conference.** The Clerk had attended at Council’s request and reported that the event was a sincere attempt by NCC to communicate better with the Parishes, having accepted criticism that they had become “remote”. He felt that Council might profit from an approach to the Area manager to develop a highways strategy for the Parish.

**PC6/4/19. Assets.** The External Auditors required that Council revalue its assets. The Play Area had been removed; Acre had advised that the Village Hall should be removed from the list, and the land given to the village by SNC would need to be included. Clerk to seek advice on how to proceed.

**PC6/4/20. Risk Assessment.** Deferred to next meeting due to lateness of the hour.

**PC6/4/21. Insurance.** To be reviewed next month. Mr Lewis to study current documents. Clerk to contact School and ensure that school activities on the Green were covered.

**PC6/4/22. Power of Wellbeing.** The Chair stressed the potential importance of this new power. Clerk to attend a training session and report to Council.

**PC6/4/23. Dog Control Orders.** New orders supersceded all bylaws. Dog fouling now an offence in almost any public place and dogs should be kept on leads in most public places. Passed to E&P Committee.

**PC6/4/24. Weight Restrictions.** Chair would reply on behalf of Council. Passed to E&P Committee.


**PC6/4/26. Village Agents.** Chair felt this should be opened to the wider community.

**PC6/4/27. Correspondence.**

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**Weedon First Responders.** It was felt that this group offered a valuable service and was worthy of support.

*Resolved.** It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that a donation of £200 should be made to this group.


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**Income received. Allots. £720.25**

*Resolution* It was proposed, and seconded; that the payments be made. Unanimous. Carried.

**PC6/4/29. AOB.** It was reported that cars had been parking on the green and when the drivers were asked not to by Mr Taylor, one driver abused him. He was advised to report the incident to the police as it was an offence. Councillors were advised to take numbers and report to the police if any vehicles were seen parked on the Green.

Mr Holtham of Hillside Close had offered to purchase and maintain the village phone box rather than allow it to be taken away, and that the money if paid to the Parish Council be put into the Play Area fund. Mr Holtham to be asked to put the offer in writing and clerk to try and ascertain what the status of the phone box was, as it had become unclear.

It was reported that the grass on Ridgeway Furlong had not been cut.

Mr Hayward announced that he would be standing down from Council as of May 4th. He wished to spend more time on his interests in archaeology and to spend more of his retirement with his family.

Date of next meeting. Tuesday May 5th. 2009. AGM.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Minutes of the Nether Heyford Parish Council Annual General meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2009 at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Rooms, The Green, Nether Heyford
Present
Mr R Lewis  Mr M Walker  Miss W O’Shea  Mrs W Allen
Mr M. Taylor  Mrs L Eales  Mrs A Booker
Mr N Haynes  Mr B Caucutt  Mr R Wray  G. Ravine (clerk)

In Attendance. Cllr J Curtis. 2 parishioners.

PC5/5/30  **Election of Chairman**
Mr Haynes proposed and Miss O’Shea seconded that Mr Lewis be elected as chairman for the ensuing year. Unanimous. Mr Lewis was duly elected, signed the declaration of Office, and took the chair.

PC5/5/31  **Election of Vice Chairman**
Mr Lewis proposed and Mrs Allen seconded that Mr N Haynes be elected as vice chairman for the ensuing year. Unanimous. Mr Haynes was duly elected, and signed the declaration of Office.

PC5/5/32  **Appointments to sub-committees**
Resolved. It was proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed that the Leisure and Amenities Committee be discontinued

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PC5/5/34  **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr J Kirkbride Cllr G Smith

PC5/5/35  **Declarations of Interest**
Mr Lewis, regarding planning application for 38 Hillside Rd.

PC5/5/36  **Review of Insurances.** The chair felt that the insurance schedule lacked clarity as to what Council was actually covered for. Clerk to ask Zurich to send a representative to the next meeting or failing that for itemising of cover.

PC5/5/37  **Public Question Time**
Mrs Wright wondered whether the Play Area Committee had had sufficient support in its endeavours from both the Parish Council and particularly from South Northants Council. Mr Lewis said that the Fund Raising Committee had worked very hard over a long period. Mr Taylor said that the bid now had a facilitator, that the application had gone off and there was no further work to be done on this application – he also felt that no other funding would cover the costs of the bid. Cllr Curtis said that SNC could only cover the cost of dog proof fencing and bark flooring.
Mrs Wright drew attention to the condition of the Village sign and reported that the artist who carved it, Glyn Mould; would restore it for £350. She and her husband would be willing to remove and transport it to his workshop. Council to consider at the next meeting. She also felt that some trees on the Green needed their crowns raising.

Mr Thackray expressed concern about confusion regarding the situation regarding the low cost housing. The chair outlined the present situation.

PC5/5/38 Minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2009
*Resolved.* It was proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed that the minutes were a true record. Unanimous. The chairman duly signed the minutes and agenda.

Matters arising
PC5/5/39. Casual vacancy. Mr Hayward’s resignation had created a vacancy, which would be reported to SNC and then advertised. As Mr Taylor has also resigned there would now be a further vacancy.
PC5/5/40. Standing Orders. The clerk reported that the internal Auditor said that new NALC Standing Orders were due soon.
PC5/5/41. Transport Meeting. Mr Walker had attended a meeting on behalf of Council. He had asked on behalf of the village, what was being done about HGVs and satellite navigation with regard to rural areas. The response was that this was recognised as a serious problem for villages such as Nether Heyford, but that it was difficult to resolve and would probably take several years. He reported that the village needed to put forward its top 10 transport priorities, and suggested a questionnaire to go out to all households. There would also be an online service for monitoring highways works.
PC5/5/42. Planning
1. New Application actioned by the Environmental Committee
   Application No: S/2009/0293/P Conversion and alterations of outbuilding to form annex for ancillary use to the main building at The Old Stables, Weedon Road.
   Environmental Committee agreed there are no objections, but commented that if this further development on the property is approved (by SNC); it should be clearly restricted to use as a “Granny Annex” only
2. New Applications for consideration by Council
   a) Application No: S/2009/0367/P – Mr Lewis gave up the chair for the discussion on this application. Mr Haynes took over.
      Raise and replace roof to give full first floor level, porch to front at 38 Hillside Road.
      No Objection- but size noted.
   b) Application No: S/2009/0355/AG
      New building for storage of agricultural machinery at Heyford Fields Farm, Bugbrooke Road
      Information only.
   c) Application No: S/2009/0353/CLU
      Certificate of lawful proposed use of land as pub garden at The Foresters Arms, 22 The Green
      Information only
   d) Application No: S/2009/0374/P
      Two storey side extension at 2 The Green
      No objections.- but the following comments made. A) It would appear that the proposed extension will be detrimental to the property’s current fine aspect(certainly one of the best in the village) and make it visually unbalanced.
      B) The proposed right hand elevation appears from the plans to be, to say the least, rather ugly, especially for a property in the Conservation Area.
      C) It is presumed that planning permission was not required for the recently built outbuilding to the rear of the property.
3. Planning Application Decisions by SNC
   a) Application No: S/2009/0174/P
Access road to serve existing allotment at Station Hill, Heyford Lane
Decision of SNC to permit
e) Application No: S/2009/0134/P
Railings to an existing flat roof to form a balcony (retrospective) at 3 Brookside Place
Decision of SNC to permit
4. Planning Application Withdrawal
Application No: S/2009/0167/P
Single storey front, first floor side and two storey rear extensions at 59 Manor Park
2.a) Core Strategy.- Minerals development. Representations to be considered later in the year.
   b) Interim Rural Housing Planning Policy. Heyford is designated a “reasonably sustainable village” and can sustain another 34 houses apparently. The 15 proposed for the Low cost development are to be included in that 34.
There is to be an Environmental Committee meeting on May 18th in the Village hall Committee room at 7.30pm.

PC5/5/41. Committee Meetings. Mrs Allen reported that the Burial Board had met on April 27th for its AGM and annual inspection of the cemetery. Last years work on the grounds had been inspected and found to be well done. Further work on the hedge at the entrance, and various bushes was contemplated. Enquiries into the re-use of parts of the cemetery, by raising the ground level were continuing. The bins were reported to be being misused.

PC5/5/42. Annual Parish Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 14th April. Only one parishioner had attended, apart from Councillors.
*Resolved.* It was proposed and seconded and agreed that the minutes were a true record. 9 for.1 Abstention The chairman duly signed the minutes.

PC5/5/43. Play Area. It was reported that the Big Lottery bid was complete and the result awaited. Sam Wilkins reported that she had found volunteers willing to clear the existing bark from the site, with a cost being incurred for a digger. She also reported that an anonymous source had offered a £20000 loan on generous terms should the Lottery bid fail.

PC5/5/44. Review of the Risk Assessment. The Risk Assessment was reviewed and not felt to be in need of change. The insurance policy was being reviewed and the Clerk would raise the fidelity guarantee.

PC5/5/45. Housing – report on meeting with SNC planning dept. Mr Lewis, Mr Caucutt and the clerk had visited SNC planning dept to clarify issues regarding the Low Cost Housing Development. It transpired that only 12-15 houses were proposed for the site off Rolfe Crescent (Site 1) rather than the 30 that Council felt were too many for one site. It was pointed out that the drainage system on the estate surrounding the site was both overloaded and unadopted. The proposal of this site is only at an early stage, the land (which belongs to NCC) has not yet been secured; and Council was promised that this question would be properly considered if this site were to be progressed. SNC were not attracted to the site off Church Lane,(Site 4) because it would require more infrastructure, and would impinge on the rural character of the village.

If site 1 proved to be impossible to develop, then the other sites would come back into consideration. Clerk to put a copy of the site positions on the Parish notice board,

PC5/5/46. Assets register. Clerk has not yet had the opportunity to ask the internal auditor for advice on this matter. Deferred until next month.

PC5/5/47. Arnold Charity. Mr Hayward having resigned from Council, a
new representative was needed, as he/she must be a serving Councillor. Mr Walker volunteered to become the new representative.

**PC5/5/48. Youth Club/Trustees.** Mrs Eales reported that no progress had been made in contacting the trustees. The Chair expressed disappointment that the situation was no nearer to being regularised.

**PC5/5/49. Emergency Planning, Flood Warden.** Clerk had applied for an information pack to be passed to Mr Cawley for his consideration. Mr Walker distributed information regarding Emergency Planning to be considered for the next meeting.

**PC5/5/50. Section 38 agreement Ridgeway Furlong.** Clerk had received the documents back from Mr Hayward, who had explained his objection to signing them. Clerk to follow this up with the solicitor for the next meeting.

**PC5/5/51 Correspondence**

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<td>SLCC - re Vat course</td>
<td>M Holtham – re phone box. Clerk to continue enquiries with SNC</td>
<td>Sam Wilkins – re clearance of play area. Clerk to reply.</td>
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**PC5/5/51. Financial Matters.**

**2008-09 Accounts.** The clerk presented the accounts and balance sheet.

*Resolved.* It was proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed that the accounts be accepted and passed on to the internal Auditor.

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**Income received.** Allots. £129.25

*Resolved.* It was proposed, and seconded; that the payments be made. Unanimous. Carried.

Next meeting June 1st.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.*
Minutes of the Nether Heyford Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st June 2009 at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Rooms, The Green, Nether Heyford

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In Attendance, Cllr J Kirkbride, Cllr J Curtis. 24 Members of the public.

Apologies for absence. L Eales

PC1/6/52. Declarations of interest. None.

PC1/6/53. Public Question Time. Mark Taylor spoke on behalf of a group of parishioners concerned about the possibility of the building of up to 15 houses in a site off Rolfe Crescent. Their principle concerns were that any further houses would overload an already overloaded and unadopted drainage system, and that site and additional traffic would raise safety issues and possibly damage the drainage system. Additional concerns raised were that the building of houses in this location would be socially divisive, that they would be at a distance from the village facilities for the elderly and very young, and that the school might become oversubscribed. The chair said that Council took these concerns seriously and would represent those who held them, he also pointed out that concerns about the drainage had already been raised with SNC planning dept and the Strategic Planning Team. It was also clear that these concerns were also held in relation to sites 2 and 3, on Rolfe Crescent and Furnace Lane as well as site 1.

Cllr Curtis said that no plans had yet been submitted, and suggested that parishioners wrote as individuals rather than as a group.

Mrs Reeves asked that the Prattler include full details of the next Parish Council meetings; and that there be more notice boards in the village. This to be on the next agenda. She asked that the linkman take care not to leave excess prunings in the Village hall car park.

Mr Tapsell informed Council that a manhole cover had been damaged on the pathway to the playing field, and may constitute a hazard. He expressed concern that the footpath from the fisheries to the canal was deemed permissive access, and feared that it could be withdrawn. Clerk to check the status. He had been unable to use the link given in the Prattler to the parish Council website. Others had found that it worked.

Lights outside nos 22 and 55 Rolfe Crescent were reported as not working.

23 members of the public left the meeting.

PC1/6/54 Minutes 5th May 2009. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the minutes of 5th May 2009 be signed as a true record. The chair duly signed the minutes and agenda.

Matters Arising.

PC1/6/54. Telephone Box. Clerk had ascertained that BT intended to maintain the
phone box for the time being. Mr Holtham had been informed.  
**PC1/6/55. Police.** The Police would be holding a “surgery” at the Baptist Church rooms prior to the next Council meeting on July 6th. Posters would be put up.  
**PC1/6/56. Planning-a) Interim Rural Housing Policy.** BC had replied on Council’s behalf to the consultation to the Interim Rural Housing Planning policy, and read out his letter.  

*Resolved.* It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Environmental Committee’s response be endorsed.  
b) 1. Planning Application Approval-Appeal  
Application No: A/2008/1625/P  
Demountable 4m x 4m umbrella on pole support, screen fence 1m in height plus glazed panels at The Olde Sun Public House, Middle Street  
Appeal is against the condition that approval is for a temporary period which shall expire on or before the 19th February 2012 at which time the umbrella and timber fence shall be removed from the land and the land restored to its previous condition  
2. SNC Decisions  
Application No: S/2009/0355/AG  
New building for storage of agricultural machinery at Heyford Fields Farm, Bugbrooke Road  
Decision of SNC to permit  
Application No: S/2009/0293/P  
Conversion and alterations of outbuilding to form annex for ancillary use to the main dwelling at The Old Stables, Weedon Road  
Decision of SNC to permit  
3. New Application  
Application No: S/2009/0422/P  
Two storey extension to side and rear at The Old Stables, Weedon Road  
No objection. No comment.  

*Resolved.* It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the decision of Council on item 3 be passed on to SNC.  

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PC1/6/57. The minutes of the May 18th Environmental committee meeting were distributed. No comments were made.  
**PC1/6/58. Accounts.**  

*Resolved.* It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the accounts be accepted, and that section 1 of the Annual return be filled in. The chair and clerk duly signed section 1.  
**PC1/6/60. Leisure and Amenities Committee.** The chair had reconsidered the abolition of this committee and wondered whether all Councillors should be on it and that regular village walks should replace it. Other suggestions
were that individual Councillors took responsibility for checking on the state of lighting, roads and pavements, the playing field, and the Green. It was also suggested that the clerk might be asked to survey all these items on a monthly basis. Decision deferred until next month to give time for consideration.

PC1/6/61. Play Area. Sam Wilkins has arranged to have the old bark flooring voluntarily removed from the site of the Play Area. This is being done but there will be a cost incurred for the hire and fuel of a digger. She has also arranged for bags for the bark, free of charge, and for reseeding of the site.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council bear the cost of the digger required for clearing the site of the Play Area.

PC1/6/62. Low Cost Housing. Clerk to write to SNC. In light of the comments made in Public Question time; Council would feel unable to support sites 1, 2 or 3 unless all the residents concerns were addressed.

PC1/6/63. Emergency Planning. MW referred to an Emergency Planning document emanating from NCC. MW and Councillors to consider how best to adopt and implement the plan. Clerk had applied for a literature pack on the post of Flood Warden from the Environment Agency, but this had not been forthcoming, as yet.

PC1/6/64. Traffic and Parking. Police speed check reports had been queried, but the Police stand by them. Parking was deemed to be a particular problem around the school. Police to be approached at next month’s surgery and asked to visit the school at the beginning or end of the school day.

PC1/6/65. Youth Club. It was reported that only one session per week was to be held and that the chair had resigned. It was felt that closure may be imminent. Chair expressed concern at the state of affairs. RW had been approached and asked whether it was possible to prepare old folks meals there during the day. Persons concerned should make a written proposal.

PC1/6/66. Section 38 and 104 agreements for Ridgeway Furlong. Both documents appear to have been incorrectly prepared and Woodford Robinson solicitors have returned them to Perrins.

PC1/6/67. Playing Field. The committee asked Council to pay for two “Barnsley” litter bins at a cost of £266.50 each. These should be included in the annual grant request to be considered before the precept request. The Tennis Club asked for permission to erect a small sign. This would be allowed, provided that it did not exceed two feet square.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Tennis Club be allowed to erect a small sign.

PC1/6/68. Trees. Following a request from Mrs Wright at the AGM, Council considered whether the trees on the Green should have their crowns lifted. It was felt that this was unnecessary at this time, as the linkman had been asked to proceed with a gradual pruning of low hanging branches and side growth. Situation to be reviewed in September.
PC1/6/69. Village Sign. It was recognised that the sign had deteriorated but felt that the cost of the refurbishment should be precepted for.  
*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the refurbishment of the sign be considered at the precept meeting.

PC1/6/70. Correct forms of address.  
*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that no reference to the gender of Councillors be made in the minutes.

PC1/6/71 Northants Calc AGM 14th Oct. Clerk asked to go on behalf of Council and claim appropriate overtime.

PC1/6/72. Clerk presented a revised assets list, reflecting the removal of the play area and the acquisition of new land, although these were only given a nominal value.

PC1/6/73. Graffiti. Council noted reports of graffiti on the Village Hall fence and that the village signs were still defaced. Clerk to contact Streetdoctor again.

PC1/6/74. Insurance. Renewal forms from Zurich had not been received until may 21st. Clerk had requested a quote from Came and co, underwritten by Norwich Union. Zurich quoted £1605.67, but did not include any cover for streetlights. Came quoted £1299.47 like for like, and 1699.44 to include the streetlights. The latter quote had substantially higher levels of fidelity and public liability insurance.  
*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the insurance policy be switched to Came and co.

PC1/6/75. Power of Wellbeing. Clerk gave a report from the course he had been instructed to attend, detailing the nature of the power and concluding that it would not be useful (in his opinion) for the village at this time. Council agreed with this conclusion.

PC1/6/76. Correspondence

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<th>NCC - Empowering councillors questionnaire. Clerk to return - Swine flu seminar</th>
<th>SNC – Armed Forces Day – Towcester June 22nd TENS</th>
<th>YMCA. Mr Robinson – re TV interference Police – meeting June 4th Kislingbury. SNVB – Funding Fair South Northants Youth Council</th>
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SNC=South Northants Council. NCC= Northamptonshire County Council. EMRA – East Midlands Regional Assembly NCALC – Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils. CLASP – Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project. EMDA – East Midlands Development Agency

PC1/6/77. Financial Matters

a) Bank balances

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| Parish Council C/A | £21081.20 |
| 1/5/09 | |
| Robert’s Field C/A | 279.24 |
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In Attendance, 10 Members of the public.


PC6/7/79. Declarations of interest. None.


Mr Reeves drew attention to the parking situation on the school side of the Green, and that the road frequently became a single carriage. He suggested that cutting into the Green for 6ft would enable a parking area and enable the road to have both lanes free. The Chair agreed that there was a problem and expressed concern about parking on the “zig – zags”, but was informed by the CPSO that this was an unenforceable advisory measure. To be added to September agenda.

Mrs Reeves congratulated the Play Area committee on their success and complained that she could not access the Council website. The Clerk was unable to explain why this should be as he could only control what was put on it, and had no control over accessibility, and that he did not have any problems accessing it himself. He suggested Mrs Reeves e-mail him for a direct link. She also asked about the Linkman’s hours and remit, and felt that the jitties were not cleared frequently enough.

CPSO Jen Harrison apologised that there had been no Police presence at Council for at least four years. She felt that a good relationship was being built up through the
quarterly liaison meetings. She reported that the area around the Village Hall had been designated a “hot-spot” and was regularly visited to monitor vehicles and look out for underage drinking etc. She is happy to receive e-mails about non-emergency situations – but stressed that emergency incidents needed to go through the usual 999 service, or if not an emergency should be reported to 03000 111222. She stressed the usefulness of the Neighbourhood Watch and would contact any existing contacts and try to encourage a wider participation.

Sam Wilkins reported that the Play Area Committee had received an offer of approximately £49000 from the lottery towards the proposed Play Area. The Chair congratulated her and the committee and commended them on all their hard work. The plans were shown and work could be completed within two months of being commissioned.

PC6/7/81. Minutes 1st June 2009. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the minutes of 1st June 2009 be signed as a true record. The chair duly signed the minutes and agenda.

Matters Arising.

PC6/7/81. Police meeting. June 4th MW reported that he had expressed disbelief at the speed survey results, and would respond to Mr Ledingham’s offer to discuss them. He felt that the police were more visible at present than they had been.

PC6/7/82. Police “surgery” at the Baptist Church rooms prior to the Council meeting had only had one visitor, which was very disappointing.

PC6/7/83. Village Fete. The Chair felt that the Village fete had been a great success and congratulated all who had been responsible for such an excellent event.

PC6/7/84. Planning-a) Planning Applications

1. SNC Decisions

a) Application No: S/2009/0076/P
Construction of Mooring basin (116 berths and 2 servicing berths) with use of existing building as boat yard facilities and construction of toilet/shower block and footbridge (all retrospective) at Heyford Fields, Bugbrooke Road.
Decision of SNC to permit

b) Application No: S/2009/0353/CLU
Certificate of lawful proposed use of land as pub garden at The Foresters Arms, 22 The Green
Decision of SNC to refuse to permit

c) Application No: S/2009/0374/P
Two storey side extension at 2 The Green
Decision of SNC to refuse to permit

d) Application No: S/2009/0367/P
Raise and replace roof to give full first floor level, porch to front at 38 Hillside Road
Decision of SNC to permit

2. New Applications actioned at Environmental Committee Meeting on 22nd June 2009

a) Application No: S/2009/0483/P
Single storey front, first floor side and two storey rear extensions at 59 Manor Park

b) Application No: S/2009/0484/P
Ground floor front extension, first floor side extension and single storey rear extension at 59 Manor Park

The Environmental Committee had agreed that there were no objections and no comments in respect of the two applications.

B) BC circulated copies of the Minutes of the Environmental Committee’s meeting on 22nd June 2009

**Minerals and Waste Development Framework**

Core Strategy-The public hearing sessions will resume on 30th September 2009 for up to a week. Locations (including gravel extraction at Upper Heyford)-All representations will be considered later in 2009

**West Northants Development Corporation.** It was agreed that as their actions to date have not impacted directly on the village it is not proposed to respond to the Urban Development Corporation’s Quinquennial Review Consultation.

**Emergent Joint Core Strategy.**

BC gave a brief outline of the major developments planned for West Northamptonshire. Subject to the agreement of the West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee (at a meeting taking place at the same time as Council’s meeting) the documentation, if approved, will undertake a 6 week consultation from 16th July to 27th August 2009. The Strategy does not appear to impact directly on the village. The Environmental Committee will however review the final documentation and respond if necessary.

**PC6/7/85. Committee Meetings. Minutes and recommendations.**

The clerk reported that there had been a Joint Burial Board meeting on June 29th at which the accounts were accepted and the Annual Return filled in. The state of the cemetery was felt to be good, that the Grasscutting had improved and that various works on trees had been carried out.

**PC6/7/86. Play Area.** The recent work had resulted in a spoil heap which would need removing urgently as children had started to play on it. Sam Wilkins advised that DN would remove it for £300.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the work be carried out as soon as possible

**PC6/7/87. Low Cost Housing.** Due to the drainage problems associated with site 1, 2 and 3 –the strategic housing team would look again at site 4, and at least one more site not yet considered.

**PC6/7/88. SLCC conference.** Clerk gave a report. Asset management and valuation was considered a significant topic and the clerk would investigate valuation. Other topics covered were Employment law as applicable to Parish Councils, various “enhancement” and consciousness raising schemes for Parishes, and Modern Allotments. It is becoming the norm for Allotments to be run by Associations separate from Parish Councils, who would retain
ownership.

**PC6/7/89. CPSO share.** The clerk had been approached by Weedon PC and asked whether council would have any interest in sharing a CPSO. It was felt that this would be an unacceptable expense at this time, as there was perceived to be little need for it at present. It was also felt that with Weedon being in the Daventry area and Heyford in South Northants, that this would cause problems.

**PC6/7/90. Bench on Village green.** Howard Masters and Hilary Ely had contacted the clerk regarding a suitable memorial for their parents; George and Sheila Masters, late of The Green, Nether Heyford. Clerk suggested a bench on the Village Green, to replace one wrecked by a car.

*Resolved.* It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that a Bench with a plaque could be installed on the Village green. Mr Masters to pay for the bench and its installation; Council to maintain it thereafter.

**PC6/7/91. Youth Club.**

Mrs Heather Davis asked permission to use the Youth Club to provide pensioners meals. The chair felt this was an excellent use of the building provided that all insurance, health and safety and hygiene issues were covered. He was assured that this is the case.

*Resolved.* It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Youth Club could be used for the provision of pensioners meals, provided that all insurance, health and safety and hygiene issues were covered.

LE reported that it was her opinion that Council should close the Youth Club temporarily, in the best interests of the village, and that steps should be taken to re-open it with a new constitution and trustees. Clerk to write.

*Resolved.* It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Youth Club should be closed at the end of the current school term.

**PC6/7/92. Parish Notice Boards.** An approach had been made to the owner of the Butcher’s shop with a view to expanding the Parish Notice Board. This had been refused. It was felt that another notice board would not be appropriate at this time.

**PC6/7/93. Section 38 and Section 104 agreements.** Clerk had received revised versions of these agreements, which were duly signed by the chair and clerk.

**PC6/7/94. Trees on the Green.** It was felt that the trees were now in urgent need of pruning. There had been several complaints, including one from Mr Busby who said that a number of trees were too low for him to drive his mower underneath. Clerk to try and get quotes for a quick job, to liase with chair and vice chair.

**PC6/7/95. Correspondence.**

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Income received. Play area. 2273.00.

PC6/7/97. A.O.B. BC asked about Leisure and Amenities committee. To be added to September agenda. LE reported that the playing field hedge was in urgent need of pruning. LE to ask Mr Cawley to cut it.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35.

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In Attendance, 9 Members of the public. Cllr J. Curtis.
Apologies for absence. Cllr J. Kirkbride.

PC7/9/98. Declarations of interest. None.

Mr Reeves drew attention to weeds growing around the drains in the village, this is the responsibility of NCC and would be reported to them. He again drew attention to the parking situation on the school side of the Green. Councillor Curtis reported that the police gave the school caretaker in Bugbrooke permission to put up cone in the “peak periods” to alleviate the effect of inconsiderate parking.
A representative from the Railway Cottages expressed the residents concerns over disregard of the 30mph speed limit, feeling there should be speed traps and signs and that the speed limit signs should be moved. They felt that there was considerable danger to pedestrians as there are no footpaths. MW reported that there were moves to set up coordinated radar traps in the locality, and that volunteers were wanted to train to run a community anti speeding team.
Mrs Reeves drew attention to the amount of litter in the Village hall Car Park, and expressed concern at improper use of the Village hall green bin by the linkman, and felt people should try to make contact with youths rather than just feeling intimidated by them.

It was reported that the signs relating to the height limit on Bridge 228 were inconsistent, causing difficulties to some vehicles. Concern was also expressed about the state of the verges beyond the bridge.

PC7/9/100. Minutes 7th July 2009. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the minutes of 7th July 2009 be signed as a true record. The chair duly signed the minutes and agenda.

Minutes of the EGM on 11th August 2009. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the minutes of 11th August 2009 be signed as a true record. The chair duly signed the minutes and agenda.

Matters Arising.

PC7/9/101. Police panel meeting. MW reported that Police were targeting the village green, having observed known drug dealers.

PC7/9/102. South Northants homes village “walkabout”. MW reported that SNH homes were happy with recent renovations as were residents. MW had asked whether they might be willing to sponsor seating, or the Youth Club.

PC7/9/103. Planning A

1. SNC Decisions
   a) Application No: S/2009/0422/P
      Two storey extension to side and rear at The Old Stables, Weedon Road
      Decision of SNC to permit
   b) Application No: S/2009/0483/P
Single storey front, first floor side and two storey rear extensions at 59 Manor Park
Decision of SNC to refuse to permit
c) Application No: S/2009/0484/P
Ground floor front extension, first floor side extension and single storey rear extension at 59 Manor Park
Decision of SNC to permit

2. **New Applications**

a) Application No: S/2009/0625/CLU-For Information Only
Certificate of lawful use for change of farmhouse to communal residence for Jesus Fellowship Community Trust at River Farmhouse, Watling Street
Application subsequently withdrawn

b) Application No: S/2009/0663/P
Two storey side extension at 9 Church Lane
Neighbours contacted-no problems. Agreed by Environmental Committee that there are no objections and no comments

c) Application No: S/2009/0808/TPO
Fell one oak tree at Rose Cottage, 17 Church Street. *Mr Caucutt noted that the tree was subject to a preservation order, but proposed to make no comment.*

3. **Planning Appeal against refusal of a householder application**

Appeal No: APP/Z2830/D/09/2111086
Two storey side extension at 2 The Green.

**Resolved.** It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the recommendation regarding 2c be made.

**Planning B**

**Minerals and Waste Development Framework Core Strategy**

BC reported that the public hearing sessions will resume on 30th September 2009.

**Emergent Joint Core Strategy.**

BC circulated a letter responding to the consultation, and said that Council was also party to Mid Northamptonshire Parishes responses.

**Resolved.** It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the response be accepted and sent.

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**Action**

**PC7/9/104. Committee Meetings. Minutes and recommendations.** None

**PC7/9/105. Youth Club.** Clerk reported that the former Youth Club secretary had returned an insurance policy, but that it had only been in force for the period March 1st - April 1st 2009. Clerk to check whether any insurance was in place.

Mrs Davies had written accusing Council of illegally arranging an EGM and would be taking legal advice. The clerk had replied that the Chair could call an EGM at three days notice and that all the legal obligations regarding such a meeting had been observed.

Clerk reported that no reply had been received regarding the request that all documentation regarding the youth club be given to Council, including bank
records and funds, and no inventory had been received, nor had any of the
removed equipment been returned. Clerk to write again, enclosing previous
letter and asking for an immediate resolution of this matter.
Clerk reported that the Police would take no action regarding Mrs Davies’
allegations of theft by others from the Youth Club, as they felt there was no
case to answer.
It was proposed that a working party be set up to consider the resumption of
a Youth Club as soon as possible. LE, AB, MW and RW volunteered.

**Resolved.** It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the
working party be set up.
RL asked that the working party meet as soon as practical and make
recommendations to the next meeting.

RL stated that it was his feeling that Council should honour its commitment
to allow the “Meals for the Elderly” to proceed.

RW asked whether Council would allow the use of the building for “The
Biggest Coffee Morning”.

**Resolved.** It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the
building could be used provided that insurance cover was in place.

**PC7/9/106. Play Area.** Work was proceeding apace and the play Area
should be in use before the official opening on October 17th.
There had been complaints that earth had been dumped on the Oak sapling
within the fence. The Clerk had prevailed upon the workers to at least clear
the earth from the base of the trunk.
Clerk reported that he had been asked to authorize the “dropping” of a
kerbstone to allow disabled access to the path. Having consulted the Chair
he then contacted NCC and ascertained that Council, as the landowner,
could authorize this action. He therefore wrote to HAGS, the contractor
installing the play area to allow them to do the work at a cost of £250.00
plus VAT.

**Resolved.** It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the
clerk’s action be endorsed.

**PC7/9/107. Affordable Housing.** Council had been informed that since
there were so many problems and objections regarding the “Wilson Estate”
sites, that the strategic Housing team were now pursuing enquiries regarding
land on the Weedon Road, and that it was likely that this would involve
some private as well as social housing.
Bob Wilson had written to Council requesting that an independent survey be
commissioned to ascertain the need for further housing. Clerk to reply that
Council did not have the resources to justify such a survey, and did not feel
that it was needed. SNC had carried out a “Housing Needs Survey” in April
2009, this had gone to every household in the village, its results analysed
and the conclusion reached that some 30 “affordable units” were required.
Council had voted to accept the survey. Whilst Council is consulted at every
step and its views noted, it actually has little say in what happens, as South Northants Council decides this, driven by Central Government Policy.

**PC7/9/108. Code of Conduct.** Clerk had attended a training course at Council’s behest. He reported that he felt it had been very helpful and that it had enhanced his understanding of the subject.

**PC7/9/109. Parking problems adjacent to green.** Clerk to write to the school asking that both teachers and parents be asked to exercise consideration when parking around the school and bear in mind how dangerous the roads around the school can become at peak times.

It was felt that any attempt to reduce the size of the Green by installing lay bys would be very unpopular with the village in general, expensive, and in any case difficult to achieve on common land.

**PC7/9/110. Homeless Watch Survey.** This was not felt to be relevant to the village.

**PC7/9/111. Linkman.** The linkman had given three month’s notice that he intended to cease work at the end of November. There was a desire for someone from the village to take on the task. Clerk recommended that clearing the dog bins be removed from the schedule and be undertaken by a contractor. Clerk to prepare a job description. Decision as to how to proceed to be made at next months meeting.

**PC7/9/112. Playing Field Report.** LE reported that initial plans to rebuild the pavilion had stalled, and that it was now planned to buy "mobile" units to extend the facilities, which would have to done to maintain the current league status for the various sports. This would cost in the region of £40,000. Clerk asked to confirm that he had reported the flooding problem to Anglia Water; he confirmed that he had reported it to the Environment Agency but had received no reply. Clerk asked that the request for money for additional bins be included in the letter which would ask for the annual grant towards Grasscutting.

**PC7/9/113. Leisure and amenities committee, replacement.** RL suggested that this could be replaced by regular village walks to identify problems. Clerk suggested individual councillors might monitor lighting, signs, potholes, the Green etc. clerk to produce list for next meeting.

**PC7/9/114. Trees on the Green.** Clerk reported that he had asked for quotes to prune trees to enable Mr Busby to proceed unhindered with the mowing. As he was being pressed by Mr Busby, the clerk consulted the chair, and suggested that he undertake minor pruning work himself on the most problematic trees. The chair had agreed. Clerk had spent 5 hours on this work.

**Resolved.** It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the clerk’s action be endorsed.

**PC7/9/115. Correspondence**
### PC 7/9/116 Financial Matters

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**b) Accounts for payment**

Income received. Play area. £2000 Arnold Trust.

**PC 7/9/117. A.O.B.** AB reported that she was willing to continue as representative to the Village Hall management Committee.

MW asked Clerk to request signage from Police and to request permission to form a team of volunteers to monitor speeding.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45.*

Next Meetings: October 5th
Minutes of the Nether Heyford Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th October 2009 at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Rooms, The Green, Nether Heyford

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In Attendance, 15 Members of the public.

Apologies for absence. Cllr J Kirkbride. Mr R Wilson

PC5/10/118. Declarations of interest. None.

PC5/10/119. Public Question Time.

Concerns were raised about the possibility of building private and affordable housing on Weedon Rd. The Chair explained that a survey had been carried out by SNC, and had been accepted by Council, and that Council was in favour of more affordable housing. At this stage Council had only been informed by SNC that there was a possibility of building on Weedon Road, and that any proposal would follow the normal planning procedure. It would be at that point that Council would express an opinion on that particular site.

Concern was expressed about the state of the sewers in Roberts Field/Ridgeway Furlong, Ms Boyles asked Council for help in alleviating this problem.

Mrs Randle had been in touch with NCC on the subject of Heygates and their subcontractors’ lorries using the village as a “rat run”, and had been informed that Council would need to contact them before any action could be taken.

Further concerns at speeding on Furnace lane were raised. MW said that this was in hand and asked for volunteers for monitoring speeding.

Sam Wilkins gave a report on the opening of the Play Area, and referred to the proposed growing area for children at the school.

Mrs Wright referred to the state of the road outside Wickes. Mr McCormick expressed concerns about dog fouling.

PC5/10/120. Minutes 7th September 2009. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the minutes of 7th September 2009 be signed as a true record. The chair duly signed the minutes and agenda.

PC5/10/121. Matters Arising. None.

PC5/10/122. Planning

a) Proposed Sand and Gravel Extraction at Upper Heyford. The public hearing sessions in respect of the Core Strategy resumed on September 30th.

Following the conclusion of the Core Strategy examination all representations in respect of specific sites (including Upper Heyford) are to be considered by an independent planning inspector.

b) Flood Warden. Clerk to follow up unanswered enquiries.

c) Emergency Planning. MW to send report to Clerk who will send it to all Councillors prior to next meeting.

1. Planning Decisions
   Fell one oak tree at Rose Cottage, 17 Church Street

   **Decision of SNC to permit**

b) Application No. S/2009/0663/P (as amended—see below)
   Two storey side extension at 9 Church Lane

   **Decision of SNC to permit**

c) Appeal No. APP/Z2830/D/09/2111086
   Two storey side extension at 2 The Green.

   **Appeal dismissed.**

2. **Applications actioned at Environmental Committee meeting on 21st Sept 2009**

   Single storey rear extension and rear conservatory at 3 Close Road

   First floor extension, garage with room over at Heyford Cedars, Watling Street

c) Application No. S/2009/0822/FUL
   Replace single storey side extension with a new single storey side extension at 2 The Green

   New dwelling (amendment to planning permission S/2008/0321/P) at 8 The Green

   Two storey side extension (amended plans to incorporate greater setback) at 9 Church Lane

**Items 2 a) to 2 e) above—no objections and no comments**

**Application No. S/2009/0865/FUL**
   Garage, car port and studio over (retrospектив) at The Old Stables, Weedon Road

**Object for the following reasons:**
- The original application number S/2008/0959/P (for a detached garage with store) was objected to on the grounds that “there does not appear to be any justification given for the need for this further building on the property; this is a further example of the over development of the land alongside Weedon Road; and if this application is permitted a condition of approval should be that the building cannot be converted in the future into a residential property”. These reasons for objection still apply.
- Despite Council’s objections the original application does not appear to have been referred to the SNC Planning Committee for a decision but was delegated to the Planning Section who gave permission.
- The permission for development required certain conditions to be fulfilled prior to the commencement of the development. Work is now well underway (without the conditions being met) and this retrospective planning application for what appears to be a larger development with a studio in place of the originally planned store has been made.
- Council cannot condone this breach of the planning conditions and therefore strongly objects to this application.
- Council also requests that this application be put before the SNC Planning Committee for their consideration and decision making.

**BC circulated the draft minutes of the 21st September 2009 Environmental Committee Meeting,**

* **Resolution.** It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Council endorse the decisions of the Environmental Committee taken at that meeting.*
PC5/10/123. Committee meetings. No reports. JBB meeting needed.

PC5/10/124. Play Area. Now open the Play Area is a magnet for the village children who are swarming to it at every opportunity. RL felt that the facility is a credit to the village and to those who had worked so hard to establish it.

The Play Area committee asked permission to order two planters for the area and a bike rack.

*Resolution. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the items be ordered.

Clerk reported that the additional cost of insuring the new equipment would be £328.49

*Resolution. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the extra cost be paid.


It was reported that a bin had been upended and its contents spilled on the Green and that a padded chair had been ripped apart and the stuffing spread around. RL felt that this sort of behaviour had gone too far and a stand needed to be taken against the gatherings around this area, which were felt to be drug related. Clerk to express these concerns to the police. RL thanked David Thackray and Tony Wright for their help in clearing up after this. The Clerk reported that when he got to the scene, 3 village children were in the process of clearing up the mess. Holly Bastin, Lauren Gilkes and Christopher Rooney and Clyde the Alsatian were commended for their actions

PC5/10/126. Affordable Housing. No further information had been received.

PC5/10/127. Assets. Clerk reported that the cost of valuing Councils assets would be between £2-3000, which was felt to be an unjustifiable cost unless Council was compelled to carry this out.

PC5/10/128. Speeding. There were several volunteers to serve in a monitoring team, but 12 were needed. Clerk to appeal for more in the Prattler.

PC5/10/129. Grasscutting.

*Resolution. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Clerk to instruct Mr Busby to strim the area between Wickes entrance and the railway bridge, as of next year. 8 for; 1 against.

PC5/10/130. Linkman. Clerk to prepare a job description for the next meeting. Hours could be reduced to 45 per month if a contractor were asked to deal with the dog-waste bins. Clerk to obtain quotes.

To replace the Leisure and Amenity committee, Councillors agreed to take on the following tasks:

Lights. Monthly check and report faulty lights to EON. WA.

Roads and pavements. Two Councillors to do a monthly check and report problems to Streetdoctor. Overhanging hedges and trees – to be reported to Council. RW and LE.
The Green. Monthly check of the Green, reporting on any problems re. trees and seating. Check Play Area weekly and keep a book noting general condition and any problems. MW.

Playing Fields. Check Playing Fields and skateboard ramp monthly. Book to be kept noting condition of ramp. WO.

Tree Warden. To keep notes on condition of all trees. NH.

Allotments. Monthly report on allotments. RL.

Footpaths. Check state of footpaths and make monthly report. Report problems to Rights of Way team. BC

PC5/10/131. Ridgeway Furlong sewage. RW reported that meetings were taking place with Anglia Water and that he felt that the problem is in hand.


PC5/10/133. Youth Club. Clerk reported that there had been no reply to a further letter requesting a handover of accounts and “books”. RL felt stronger action needed taking. Clerk to request help from SNC and NCC.

Working party reported that there was a possibility of limited funding from SNH, and were investigating the situation regarding funding youth workers. RW had obtained 3 quotes for bringing the lighting up to legal standards. These ranged from £548 - £750.

*Resolution. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the quote from DG electrics for £548 be accepted.

RW said he would make repairs to the back door and internal doors free of charge, and the materials would cost £120 - £150

*Resolution. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that RW should proceed with this work.

RL thanked RW for his efforts.


PC5/10/135. Bliss Charity School Trustees. BC has become aware that Council are apparently responsible for the appointment of 4 of the Trustees. Clerk had no documentation regarding this, nor could senior Councillors recall anything other than Council appointing one member. Clerk to liase with Alan Watson.

PC5/10/136. Financial Declaration forms. Clerk reported that the internal Auditor wanted Council to maintain a file of these forms. As they have been sent to SNC, it was felt that the best course of action was to repeat the exercise filling in two forms each.

PC5/10/137. Heygates Lorries. MW reported that this problem had been raised at highways meetings. Clerk to write having liased with Mrs Randle who has already raised the issue.

PC5/10/138. TV interference. Mrs Webb of Rolfe Crescent reported heavy interference. Clerk to contact EON and ask that the 2 nearest light fittings be checked and replaced if faulty.
**PC5/10/139. Clerk’s salary.** Nalc has finalised a pay award for 2009/10, which has resulted in a 1% pay rise for the Clerk. The award is backdated to April 1st, the hourly rate has risen by 11.4p.

**PC5/10/140. Kerbing in front of Baptist Church.** The Baptist Church has sought and gained permission to restore the kerb in front of the church and install kerbing stones. They ask for Council’s permission, as Trustees of the Village hall, to do this. As Council is only the custodial trustee it was felt that permission from the Village Hall Management Committee was required, but was happy to agree to this course of action.

*Resolution.* It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Council approve the installation of kerbstones in front of the Baptist Church.

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**PC5/10/141. Correspondence**

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Income received. 2699.49 VAT refund 2008-09. Play Area £750 - Barclaycard.

**PC5/10/143. A.O.B.** LE reported that the hedge on the jitty between Middle St and Watery lane was very overgrown. Ownership to be investigated.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.43.

Next Meetings: November 2nd. And Nov 16th Finance committee Precept meeting
December 7th.

Minutes of the Nether Heyford Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd
November 2009 at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Rooms, The Green, Nether Heyford

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In Attendance, Cllr J. Kirkbride NCC, Cllr J. Curtis SNC, 4 Members of the public

Apologies for absence. R Lewis (Holiday)

Non-Councillors. Cllr G. Smith. (SNC)

PC2/11/144. Declarations of interest. None. Clerk outlined the nature of personal and prejudicial interests, and the relevant appropriate actions.


Bob Wilson referred to the September minutes, which said that he was requesting that an independent survey be commissioned to ascertain the need for further housing. This was incorrect; he had asked that there be an independent survey into the sites. Having asked various questions about the choice of sites, he recommended that Council did look into this course of action. Cllr Curtis also recommended that Council do this. Cllr Kirkbride reported that NCC had rejected the WNJPU Emergent Joint Core Strategy as inadequate, poorly planned and having no infrastructure, but warned that this does not mean it is all over as regards the proposed development around Junction 16.

Cllr Curtis reported that there was current uncertainty regarding SNC's ability, via the Interim Rural Housing Planning Policy, to totally control developers wishing to build outside village confines. This uncertainty could last for some 18-24 months.

PC2/11/146. Minutes 5th October 2009. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the minutes of 5th October 2009 be signed as a true record. The chair duly signed the minutes and agenda.

PC2/11/147. Matters Arising. Cllr M. Walker had contacted clerk and resigned with immediate effect. Mr Haynes thanked him for his work as a councillor.

Clerk still pursuing information concerning the post of Flood Warden.

PC2/11/148. Planning 1) Gravel Extraction. BC reported that there would be an inspectors report on the Core Strategy by the end of December, followed by an independent inspection of the proposed locations for Minerals and Waste Development.

2. SNC Decisions


Single storey rear extension and rear conservatory at 3 Close Road

SNC decision to permit


First floor extension, garage with room over at Heyford Cedars, Watling Street
SNC decision to permit
c) Application No. S/2009/0822/FUL
Replace single storey side extension with a new single storey side extension at 2 The Green

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New dwelling (amendment to planning permission S/2008/0321/P) at 8 The Green

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Garage, car port and studio over (Retrospective) at The Old Stables, Weedon Road

3.- Withdrawal of Planning Appeal

Appeal Reference No. APP/Z2830/A/09/2103705/NWF
Demountable 4m x 4m umbrella on pole support. Screen fence 1m in height plus glazed panels at the Olde Sun Public House, Middle Street.

The Appeal was made against the condition imposed that the retrospective permission shall expire on or before the 19\textsuperscript{th} February 2012 at which time the umbrella and timber fence shall be removed from the land and the land restored to its previous condition.

4. - New Applications for consideration by Council

Single storey garden room to rear at Stantons Barn, Heyford Lane
Council had no objections and made no comments.

b) Application No. S/2009/1012/FUL
Conversion of rear outbuildings to ancillary living accommodation at 9 Church Street
Council had no objections but made the following comments.

· The property is within the Nether Heyford Conservation Area and as such the proposed development would result in a further erosion of the character of this area.
· While appreciating the applicant’s desire to look after an elderly relative the question must be asked as to what happens to the proposed development at some time in the future? Will it be sold on as a private residence? If this is the case it should be regarded as a new private residence now and be treated as one of the 34 properties allocated to Nether Heyford under the SNC’s Interim Rural Housing Planning Policy.
· The building of a new residence on this site may also impinge on the criteria for Backland Development.
· Concerns have been raised by the neighbour at 11 Church Street regarding the potential impact of the construction work on the delicate structure of his property.
· Concerns have also been raised regarding the impact on the underground sewage and water pipes.

*Resolution. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that these comments be passed to SNC.

PC2/11/149. Co-option of Councillors to fill casual vacancies.
*Resolution. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Mr Liam McCormack be accepted as a Councillor.

PC2/11/151. Reports. 1. Lights. WA had reported 3 lights as not working; all had been repaired within 4 days.
   2. Roads and pavements. LE felt that the Weedon Rd entrance to the village needed a sign to denote a bend and the junction with Church Lane, and that the junction there should perhaps be assessed, as turning right into Church Lane could be dangerous. Clerk to contact NCC. Road surface along bottom of the Green terrible.
   RW reported poor road surface on Furnace lane around the Winston Close junction. The fire hydrant outside the Youth Club was broken. There were potholes on Rolfe Crescent, South view, Western Avenue and Close road – but worst of all was the Pound, where there were large potholes.
   3. The Green and Play Area. MW commented on state of the ground.
   5. Tree Warden. NH reported no problems with trees on the Green.
   7. Footpaths. BC had contacted the Rights of Way team and been told that there was already someone monitoring the footpaths. WA to contact Mick Collins and ask him to pass reports to Council.

PC2/11/152. Play Area. NH gave a report on the official opening of the Play Area and thanked all those who participated and those involved in the organisation of this enjoyable event.

PC2/11/153. External Audit completion. Clerk had received the Annual return from the external auditors, who had made no comment or recommendations.

*Resolution. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the external auditors report be accepted.

PC2/11/154. Emergency planning. Due to Mr Walker’s resignation, this was deferred until the next meeting.

PC2/11/155. Speeding. Due to Mr Walker’s resignation, this was deferred until the next meeting. LM to look at information gathered so far.

PC2/11/156. NCALC AGM report. Clerk had attended this on Council’s behalf and reported that there had been much concern about Wind farms. There had also been a presentation about making Council owned land as wildlife friendly as possible. Clerk to approach Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust to see if they were willing to give advice regarding land in Nether Heyford.

PC2/11/157. Linkman. The clerk had ascertained that employment law had changed since the linkman’s contract was drawn up, and wondered whether seeking tenders for the work was a better way of proceeding. Mr Cox had offered to stay on if there were problems replacing him, and there were other volunteers to do the work should...
there be a problem.

**PC2/11/158. Dog Bins.** Clerk had been able to get two quotes for emptying dog bins. AH contracts and Marcus Young. The latter was slightly cheaper, but the former had a proven track record at Bugbrooke and Harpole

*Resolution.* It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that AH Contracts should be asked to clear the dog bins.

**PC2/11/159. SLCC conference and AGM report.** Clerk had attended this event on Council’s behalf and gave a report. This was a national event, held for the first time in Northamptonshire. Clerk felt that it was not as useful in terms of learning and keeping up with changes as the SLCC annual regional conferences.

**PC2/11/160. Bench on Village Green.** Mr Masters to choose a bench. Clerk to arrange with Roy Lee to site it on the Furnace Lane side of the Green to replace a lost bench.

**PC2/11/161. Youth Club.** There had been no contact from Mrs Davies, no handover of accounts, no return of removed material. The previous management had, however found time to transfer the gas account to Council, and it is presumed they will have done the same with the electricity and water accounts. NCC are unable to help at present, although Cllr Kirkbride intends to pursue the whereabouts of items funded by NCC grants. SNC legal advisor has been unavailable, but clerk to try and contact for advise. Failing this clerk will obtain a solicitors letter.

D&G Electrics had carried out the works quoted for, but had had to replace further unexpected burnt out wiring, and had therefore exceeded their original quote.

**PC2/11/162. Playing Fields.** LE reported that there were problems with rabbits burrowing on the playing field, and that there were fears that there could be broken ankles or legs as a result.

*Resolution.* It was proposed, seconded and agreed 7-1 that the rabbits be culled.

**PC2/11/163. Bliss Charity School Trustees.**

It was agreed that Council wish to appoint experienced people with a strong connection to the School e.g. have children or grandchildren at the School”. Clerk to contact Mr. A. Watson, Secretary to the Bliss’s School Foundation to agree on a way forward.

**PC2/11/164. Financial Declaration forms.** Clerk distributed 2 sets of these, in order to keep one set on file for the internal auditor, and send in another to SNC as an update.

**PC2/11/165. Lighting.** Clerk to choose the four concrete column lamps thought to be causing TV interference, which are to be replaced.

**PC2/11/166. TV interference.** In addition to the above measure, two more light fittings can be replaced under last years budget. Clerk to identify two more to be replaced

Clerk
PC2/11/167. January Meeting. It was felt that this could continue as normal on January 4th 2010.

PC2/11/168 Correspondence

| British Gas – bills for Youth Club | Janet Randle – re Heygates lorries | Marcus Young – quotes. - noted |
| SNH - review of recent works - noted | NCALC – annual report -- noted | Record RSS re Play Equipment - noted |
| NALC – update - noted | NCC Local Transport Plan | Streetdoctor - noted |
| SNC –. State of District ‘s economy- - noted | Consultation- BC to check | “S Northants Bus Co” - noted |
| | Re Pocket parks -- noted | Weendon Bec First Responders. |
| | - re Lorries etc- noted | Representative to address December meeting. |

PC2/11/169 Financial Matters. a) Bank balances

| Parish Council D/A £10733.18 1/10/09 | Robert’s Field C/A 279.24 | Play Area C/A 17256.64 1/10/09 |
| Parish Council C/A £31770.27. 1/10/09 | Robert’s Field D/A 11593.36 |

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Play Area

| Scott Cullen – Bouncy castle hire | PA005 | 65.00 | Local Govnt.(Misc Prov.) Act 1976, s19 |
Grafton District Scouts Council  PA006  60.00  Local Govnt. (Misc Prov.) Act 1976, s19
Rynat Ltd replaces Paoo4 – rospa inspection  PA007  632.50  Local Govnt. (Misc Prov.) Act 1976, s19
Spotty Gift Boxes Ltd  PA008  602.74  Local Govnt. (Misc Prov.) Act 1976, s19
Original Organics Ltd  PA010  240.78  Local Govnt. (Misc Prov.) Act 1976, s19
HAGS – 95% of the play Area  PA011  60,101.95  Local Govnt. (Misc Prov.) Act 1976, s19
HAGS – lowering the kerb for the path to the play area  PA012  287.50  Local Govnt. (Misc Prov.) Act 1976, s19

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PC2/11/170. A.O.B. LE reported that mounds of leaves had been set fire to in Manor Walk, apparently by an adult. This was felt to be inappropriate and potentially dangerous behaviour.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35

Next Meetings: November 16th Finance committee Precept meeting
December 7th,
January 4th 2010

Minutes of the Nether Heyford Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th December 2009 at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Rooms, The Green, Nether Heyford

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In Attendance, Cllr J Curtis SNC. 6 Members of the public.


Council accepted apologies.

Non-Councillors. Cllr J Kirkbride NCC.

7/12/172. Declarations of interest. None.

7/12/173. Public Question Time.

Colin Thompson informed Council that the War Memorial was being affected by the roots of the adjacent Oak tree. He gave details of the problem and had explored avenues for remedy and grants to achieve it. Subject to be discussed at January meeting and Mr Thompson volunteered to continue his enquiries.

Shirley of Weedon First Responders, thanked Council for their donation, and gave a short talk about their activities. They are one of 950 groups complimentary to the Ambulance service, who can often give assistance prior to the arrival of an ambulance. This substantially increases chances of survival, particularly with regard to cardiac cases. There is one volunteer in Heyford at present, but there are 5 awaiting training.

7/12/174. Minutes 2nd November 2009. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the minutes of 2nd November 2009 be signed as a true record. The chair duly signed the minutes and agenda.

Matters Arising.

7/12/175. Lighting. Clerk had instructed Eon to replace four old concrete columns
and two light fittings.

7/12/176. Flood Warden. Mr Cawley was still willing to be Flood warden. Clerk still trying to obtain information to pass on to him.

7/12/177. Bliss Charity school. Clerk corresponding with Mr Watson to try and update the situation re trustees. LM and Mark Taylor, who both have children at school, would be willing to stand. BC would be willing to stand down to accommodate one of them.

7/12/178. Planning-a) BC reported that the Mineral extraction consultation was ongoing. It was reported that the Interim Rural Housing Planning Policy had now been adopted by SNC.

b) Application No: S/2009/1158/FUL
Two storey extension to side at 8 Church Street
Recommendation to object to application for the following reasons:-
- The property is within the Nether Heyford Conservation Area and the proposed development will result in a further erosion of the character of this area.
- The almost doubling of the size of the property will greatly affect the neighbours by significantly reducing their natural light and be a great intrusion into their privacy.
- The neighbours are greatly concerned about the impact this development will have on their sewers, drains and water supplies.
  - The question as to how the building materials are to be delivered to the site has not been detailed. The shared pedestrian access must be kept open at all times for disabled access. There is also the question of the total lack of parking facilities in this area.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the recommendation be made.

c) SNC decision to permit
Application No. S/2009/1002/FUL
Conversion of rear outbuildings to ancillary living accommodation at 9 Church Street
The decision of SNC was noted

7/12/179. Co-option of Councillor.
*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Mr Bryn Curtis be accepted as a Parish Councillor.
Clerk to inform SNC of WO’s resignation. Mr Colin Thompson and Mr Clark Gilkes had expressed willingness to become Parish Councillors.

7/12/180. Committee Meetings. A meeting of the Finance Committee had taken place on Nov 16th. Its recommendations are referred to below.

7/12/181. Reports. Lights. WA reported that lights 89 and 18 had been reported, and rapidly repaired.

Green and Play Area. No report.
Rocks and Pavements. LE reported that the hedge on the jitty between Watery lane and Middle Street had been cut – but the cuttings had been left in the jitty.
Gate on footpath to Bugbrooke reported as broken. Clerk to report.
Trees. NH reported that Limes on Bugbrooke road needed attention. Clerk awaiting quotes.
Allotments. RL reported that they are in good condition, and felt Mr Cawley had been maintaining paths and hedges very well.

7/12/182. Play Area. RL felt that the project would not be complete until the muddy ground around it had been sorted out. This could be paid for from the Roberts Field fund and repaid over 5 years. Quotes had been obtained for an Astroturf surface, ranging from £5 – £15,000. B Curtis would investigate other surfaces and bring quotes to next meeting.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the whole area be resurfaced.

7/12/183. Housing. At the November meeting it had been suggested that Council commission an independent survey of sites for housing in the village. RL felt this unnecessary and that it would be expensive.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Council should not commission a survey.

7/12/184. Precept. The Finance Committee recommended that a precept of £44,500 be requested.
1. Allotments. The matter of the water rates had not yet been settled. Allotment rents to be raised to £3.00 per pole.
2. Play area. £2,000 allocated. To include Rospa inspection and £1,000 towards cost of surface
3. Burial Board. The JBB precept to be kept at £5,000.
4. Youth club. As situation not yet regularised there will be further expenditure incurred. Committee felt £2,500 incl insurance should be allocated.
5. Trees – work to be done in this financial year. This would be ongoing.
6. Lighting. Four more concrete columns to be replaced in 2010-11 at a cost of approx £800 per column.
7. Grants. Playing field association had applied for £500 towards grass cutting. Committee agreed to this sum.
8. Clerk’s salary. Hours and office allowance to remain the same. Telephone/internet allowance to be raised to £250 p/a. Clerk would be eligible to claim holiday pay in lieu as per SLCC formula. This would amount to 72.3 hours for 09-10.
9. Training. Clerk would present a scheme for self, and provision made for councillors to attend courses. £750 allocated.
10. Recommended increase in reserves. There were conflicting
opinions regarding this and it was not felt appropriate in the current climate to try and do this.

11. Precept. Anticipated expenditure was estimated at £52,570. Non precept income estimated at £1950. Vat to be reclaimed would be approx £3000. Precept to be set at £44,500. Any overspend to be met from reserves.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Precept should be set at £44500

7/12/187. Speeding. In the absence of LM, deferred until January. WA reported Vernon Ilott and Colin Thompson were willing to volunteer to monitor speeding.
7/12/188. Linkman. Clerk had advertised for tenders for the work. Mr Cox could continue until the end of January. A contractor was now emptying the dog bins.
7/12/189. Light no 33. Eon had reported that this light needed to be replaced at a cost of £537.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the lamp be replaced.

7/12/190. Bench on Village green. Mr Masters to choose a bench.
7/12/191. Youth Club. Neither SNC nor NCC had been able to help on legal side of recovering equipment as yet. Clerk would instruct a solicitor to write. The Youth Club electricity had now been transferred to Council. LE said it would be impossible to re-open the club without the removed equipment. RW reported that the loft was full of rubbish, which he would clear; he was also seeking information regarding grants for upgrading the boiler and for insulation.
7/12/193. Vandalism. Mrs Barber had reported damage to her garden in Manor Way. Mr Roberts reported various events in Watery lane. Clerk to reply that this would be reported to the police, and to encourage parishioners to report such events to the police, who could not respond without having been notified.

7/12/194. 2010 Meetings. Clerk to prepare and distribute a list of all meetings, including committees to next meeting.
7/12/195. Village Hall Deeds. Mrs Reeves had asked that Council’s copy of the Village Hall Deeds be returned to the solicitor Howes Percival to be examined. It was felt that this was acceptable provided it was returned within 3 months.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Council’s copy of the deeds be passed to Mrs Reeves provided that it be returned within three months.
7/12/196. Correspondence.

SNH - review of recent works
NALC – update
SNC – ”A sustainable Rural Economy”
Parish Council reception invitation
SN Economic Development Strategy
CPR – stop the drop campaign
EON re light 33
CVS – funding newsletter.
D Roberts – re antisocial behaviour. Clerk to pass to police and reply
RHT Developments. - re house for sale in Roberts Field.
NHS – conf invitation.
--- Annual report
Brown and Barden- grass cutting.
Clerk to invite to tender for Linkman duties.
SSR Planning. - Clerk to reply that Council would be willing to discuss housing plan when plans were available.
The Link – poster and appeal

SNC-South Northants Council, NCC– Northamptonshire County Council, EMRA – East Midlands Regional Assembly, NCALC – Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils, CLASP – Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project, EMDA – East Midlands Development Agency

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Play Area

| Business Services admin – Plants for play Area | PA013 | 56.09 | Open Spaces Act 1906 ss. 9 & 10 |
| K Cawley - plants for Play Area | PA014 | 30.00 | OpenSpaces Act 1906 ss. 9 & 10 |
| Colorphaze – printing for Play Area | PA015 | 51.75 | OpenSpaces Act 1906 ss. 9 & 10 |
| Whitehill Direct Ltd | PA016 | 343.85 | OpenSpaces Act 1906 ss. 9 & 10 |
| Gilly Tompkins – Story telling | PA017 | 280.00 | OpenSpaces Act 1906 ss. 9 & 10 |
| St johns Ambulance – training course | PA018 | 575.00 | OpenSpaces Act 1906 ss. 9 & 10 |

Income received. Nil.

Clerk asked for permission to close Robert’s Field Current Account and the contents transferred to the current account.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the account be closed.

7/12/197. A.O.B. RL felt that the tradition of bringing food and wine to the January meeting was now outmoded, and perhaps inappropriate in the Baptist Church rooms, and
suggested an informal get together away from a Council meeting.

Next Meetings:

Jan 4th 2010
Feb 1st
March 1st
April 5th

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Minutes of the Nether Heyford Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th January 2010 at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Rooms, The Green, Nether Heyford

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In Attendance, Cllr J Curtis SNC. Cllr J Kirkbride NCC. Cllr G Smith SNC. 15

Members of the public.

4/1/198 Apologies for absence. None


Various members of the public spoke out against the planning application for private and affordable housing on Weedon Rd. The principal causes of concern were the effect the development might have on flooding, volume of traffic and speeding. All comments were against the development. Chair read out a letter in favour of it. Chair felt that this had initially been a private matter between the landowners and SNC, but now Council have received the outline planning application it will be fully considered during this meeting. Cllr Curtis said that it was a speculative action by the landowners Cllr Smith felt that Council should write to NCC and ask that the salt bins be refilled regularly. The previous contractor tasked with filling the bins, David Banner, had been replaced with another who was rather tardier in refilling the bins. Cllr Kirkbride said that there was a shortage of salt and this was a contributory factor.

4/1/201. Minutes 7th December 2009. It was proposed, seconded and agreed 8-1 that the minutes of 7th December 2009 be signed as a true record. The chair duly signed the minutes and agenda.

Matters Arising.

4/1/202. Flood Warden. Mr Cawley was still willing to be Flood warden. Clerk still trying to obtain information to pass on to him.

4/1/203. Bliss’s School Foundation-appointment of Trustees. -It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the four Council appointees will be Messrs. A. C. Clewett, M. S. Essery, M. McCormack and A. L. Sawyer to serve for a period of three years ending 31st December 2012. Clerk to notify Mr A. Watson, Clerk to the Foundation, of Council’s decision.

4/1/204. Meeting Dates. Clerk distributed a list of full and committee meetings for the year.
MINERAL EXTRACTION AT UPPER HEYFORD

1) Core Strategy
As a result of the Inspector’s review suggested changes have been made to the Core Strategy by NCC. Representations (on the suggested changes only) can be made up until 7th January 2010 when they will be considered by the examination Inspector. From a review of the suggested changes it does not appear necessary for Council to make a representation.

2) Locations for Mineral Development
All representations will be considered by an independent planning inspector when they are submitted for examination, which will be after the Core Strategy Inspector has reported.

b) SNC DECISION
Application No: S/2009/1016/FUL
Single storey garden room to rear at Stantons Barn, Heyford Lane
Decision of SNC to refuse to permit.

c) NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS
1) Application No. S/2009/1252/FUL
Rear extension to link Nos. 5 and 9 The Green to form one property.
Recommended that Council have no objections in principle to the application but would comment that the method proposed to join these two properties appears out of keeping with the general street scene and the requirement to retain the character of the Conservation Area.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the comments be made.

Residential development for 34 dwellings including affordable housing and associated works (outline) at land off Weedon Road.

Recommended that Council objects to the application for the following reasons
* There is apparently a “need” for some 30 affordable dwellings, which would have unfortunately to be built outside the current Village confines.
* There is no “need” for any private dwellings either within or outside the Village confines.
* There is no merit whatsoever in the outline planning application. The cramming of 34 dwelling into such a small space is totally out of keeping with the open layout of the rest of the Village. If the dwellings were all to front the Weedon Road it would at least not be such an eyesore.
* Serious concerns have been raised which require detailed consideration by the SNC Planning Department as follows:-
  - The increased flood risk and impact on the brook with a potential overloading of the already stressed drainage system.
  - The potential land slippage. The possibility of a cemetery extension on the land was rejected due to concerns regarding the land’s instability.
The traffic dangers of possibly some additional 60 vehicles using what is an unsuitable narrow road.

The impact on the nearby canal and the electricity grid.

* If this proposed development proceeds in its current (or an amended) form the Council will expect to secure a S106 agreement with the developers to fully compensate the Village for the required improvement in the Village’s facilities to meet this major increase in population.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and agreed 5–4 that the recommendation be made.

d) “WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT PLANNING UNIT-DRAFT STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT”

This indicative assessment covering all towns and villages in West Northamptonshire including details of the land available for development outside the Village’s confines was considered. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that no Council response would be made at this time.


Unfortunately permission to co-opt had not yet been received from SNC.

4/1/207. Committee meeting reports. None.

4/1/208. Reports.

Lighting. WA reported no further problems. Clerk had reported lights in Church St no 18, and also one in Winston Close, that had been hit by a vehicle.
EON reported that light no 25 in Church St needed to be replaced.

As Council would have to replace the light anyway it was proposed to replace the light – if possible, instead of one of the lights that had been asked for and not yet done.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that light no 25 be replaced.

Roads and Pavements. WA reported that the hedge on the corner of Rolfe Crescent and South View was again overgrown.

Green and Play Area. LM reported a broken slat on the back of a bench. WA to approach Roy Lee to repair it.

Playing Fields and Skateboard Ramp. BCs distributed a risk assessment for the Playing Field, making recommendations for the maintenance of the skateboard ramp. Sign needed to stress necessity of protective wear. Assessment to be passed to the Playing Field Committee.

Trees. Nothing further to report. NH happy to report on trees on the Green, but would prefer someone else to check on other areas.

Deferred until January meeting.

Allotments. RL reported that they are in good condition. He would
put up a sign prohibiting bonfires before 7pm in summer and before 3pm in winter. He would get quotes for standard low height tool storage “bunkers”.

4/1/209. **Play Area.** BCs had examined the Astroturf quotes for the Play Area, and recommended the “As Good as Grass” quote at £4931 plus VAT. The other quotes were for c£15000, and a quote for the Astroturf alone.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the “As Good as Grass” be accepted.

4/1/210. **Police meeting.** Council had been asked to host and pay for a meeting in 2010.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Council should pay for a room.

4/1/211. **SNVB Meeting.** No decision made on whether to send a delegate.

4/1/212. **Arnold Charity.** BCt to become the council representative.

4/1/213. **Salt Bins.** NCC is willing to review salt bin provision. A request has been made for one in Winston Close. Clerk to ask for this and another in Rolfe Crescent.

4/1/214. **Emergency Planning.** LM had looked at this, but asked to defer until February meeting.

4/1/215. **Speeding.** LM has arranged for a police speeding survey in Weedon Road. 500 signatures of support are required before the Village can become part of the official police programme to train volunteers as speed monitors. Accordingly LM will put approval signature forms in the butchers and One-Stop shop to hopefully achieve the required number. Volunteers so far are Mr Reeves, Mrs Gilkes, Vernon Ilott and Colin Thompson

4/1/216. **Linkman.** No tenders had been forthcoming; Clerk would continue to seek them. Mr Cox could continue until the end of January. A contractor was now emptying the dog bins.

4/1/217. **Bench on Village green.** Clerk has not received any information.

4/1/218. **Correspondence.**

| C Collins in favour of affordable housing. | NCC – re Highways grant Busby re linkman job. V Masters – re salt bin. Clerk to ask for one for Winston Close | MGSWP – satisfaction survey EON-Public Lamp 25 |

Financial Matters. a) Bank balances
**Parish Council D/A £10733.18 1/12/09**  
**Parish Council C/A £11948.05 1/12/09**  
**Robert’s Field C/A 279.24 1/12/09**  
**Robert’s Field D/A 11593.36 1/12/09**  
**Play Area C/A 3314.94 1/12/09**

b) Accounts for payment

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*Resolved.* It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the payments be made.

7/12/197. **A.O.B.** RW reported that the Youth Club now had a 4 star rating for serving food. RL would arrange a social evening.

Next Meetings:  
Feb 1st  
March 1st  
April 6th

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm*

**Minutes of the Nether Heyford Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st February 2010 at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Rooms, The Green, Nether Heyford**

Present  
R Lewis (in the Chair)  
B Curtis  
R Wray  
W Allen  
L Eales  
N Haynes  
A Booker  
B Caucutt  
L McCormack  
C Gilkes  
C Thomas  
G. Ravine (clerk)

In Attendance, Cllr J Kirkbride NCC. 4 Members of the public.

1/2/220 **Apologies for absence.** Cllr G Smith SNC

1/2/221. **Declarations of interest.** None.

1/2/222. **Public Question Time.**

Mrs Reeves referred to the appalling state of the road surface on Bugbrooke Road, and to the fact that a token attempt had been made to fill them, which had failed and resulted in granite chips being spread all over the place. Cllr JK said that all roads were in a poor state after the worst winter weather for many years, and that NCC were trying to deal with the worst roads first, and were struggling to do this within their budget – not least because each gritting exercise cost £32,000. A plea for more funds was being made to government.

Concerns were raised about the recent West Northants Joint Planning Unit Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, with fears being expressed about the potential size of a development between Bugbrooke Rd and Rolfe Crescent on land that belongs to the County Council. It is felt that until there is a proper strategic plan, there will be attempts at speculation – but that SNC is still the planning body for this area, and any plans must go through them. The Chair stressed that Council would
object to large scale plans should they materialise.
Councillors and public were reminded of the First Aid course taking place on Saturday 6th at Bliss School between 1.30 and 4.30.

1/2/223. Minutes 4th January 2010. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the minutes of 4th January 2010 be signed as a true record. The chair duly signed the minutes and agenda.

BCs felt that it needed to be recorded that Council had been willing to meet the developers behind the Weedon Rd proposal, but that no reply had been made in time for a meeting to be arranged

1/2/224. Co-option of Councillors. Permission had been received to co-opt from SNC.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Mr Clark Gilkes and Mr Colin Thomas should be co-opted as councillors.

Matters Arising.
1/2/225. Flood Warden. Clerk had obtained some information to pass on to Mr Cawley.

1/2/226. Daventry Express had asked for comment on the objections to the Weedon rd development. Clerk instructed to send January minutes.

1/2/227. Planning

Mineral extraction at Upper Heyford

Core Strategy
It was reported that representations on the Suggested Changes to the Core Strategy are currently being considered by the Inspector.

Locations for Mineral Development
It was reported that all representations will be considered by an independent planning inspector when they are submitted for examination, which will be after the Core Strategy Inspector has reported.

SNC Decisions

Application No: S/2009/1158/FUL
Two storey extension to side at 8 Church Street
The decision of SNC to refuse to permit was noted

Application No: S/2009/1222/NMA-No documentation issued
Non material amendment (consisting of alterations to the approved roof lights) to planning permission S/2009/0865/P (Garage, car port and studio over) at The Old Stables, Weedon Road
The decision of SNC to refuse to permit was noted

New Planning Applications

Application No. S/2010/0041/FUL
Porch at River Farmhouse, Watling Street
Recommended that Council have no objections and no comments

Application No. S/2010/0069/FUL
Single storey side extension with hipped tile roof (amendment to S/2009/0822/FUL) at 2 The Green
Recommended that Council object to this application because viewed from the front
and side the proposed extension roof would be harmful to the current excellent aspect of this dwelling and the wider conservation area. Viewed from the side anything other than the already approved flat roof would be totally out of keeping.

**Application No. S/2010/0070/FUL**

First floor side extension at 28 Manor Park

Recommended that Council have no objections and no comments

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously that the recommendations be made.

**Proposed development of land off Weedon Road**

SNC Planning Department’s input to the Development Control Committee Meeting to be held on 4th February 2010 recommending the granting of outline planning permission for this development was considered.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that, if this development proceeds (in its current or an amended form), Council will be prepared to accept the transfer and responsibility for the future maintenance of the proposed areas of public open space, the hedge and the play area SUBJECT to the following:-

Satisfactory financial arrangements being agreed with the developers regarding the aforesaid future maintenance.

Such aforesaid financial arrangements to be in addition to those the Council expects to secure under a S106 agreement with the developers to fully compensate the Village for the required improvement in the Village’s leisure and amenities’ facilities to meet the proposed major increase in population.

The involvement of Council in the planning stage of the areas of public open space and the play area.

To meet these ends Council are prepared to meet with the developers at any mutually agreed time.

1/2/228. Committee Meetings. WA gave a report on the recent JBB meeting. Cemetery felt to be in good order. Clerk to be sent on management course. New MP to be lobbied regarding re-use of land for burials.

1/2/229. Reports. 1. Lights. Clerk had instructed EON to replace four lamp columns in Rolfe Crescent and Western Avenue, and to replace lights 18 and 25.-which had been quickly replaced. WA had reported lights that had quickly been repaired.

2. Roads and Pavements. Bugbrooke Road already referred to. NH reported pavement in Furnace lane crumbling.

3. The Green and Play Area. LM produced copies of a map of Green and play Area identifying trees that needed work and other problems. Telephone box door broken. Chair thanked LM for his efforts. Dogbins not felt to be in great condition. Clerk to contact AH for prices for replacements.

5. Trees. Clerk had obtained 3 quotes for work on trees on the Green and Hillside Crescent. Busby £750 Treemenders £800 and Stanford £500. It was felt that the Stanford quote was more comprehensive as well as cheaper and that his work had always been of high standard. *Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously that the clerk instruct Mr Stanford to carry out the work.

6. Allotments. Some reservations were expressed about sheds being allowed. It was felt that if they were to be allowed; that it should be made clear to plot holders that they should not store equipment of any value. *Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that low rise bunkers for storage should be allowed.

7. Footpaths. Mr Collins only reports once per year to NCC. NH and CG offered to monitor some paths for Council.

1/2/230. Play Area. Clerk had instructed As Good as Grass to proceed with resurfacing the play Area, but it transpired that they had misquoted and were proposing to use a different (albeit higher) quality artificial turf. They were also asking for an additional £875 for unanticipated soil removal. *Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the revised quote be accepted.

1/2/231. Training Statement of intent. Deferred due to lateness of the hour. Clerk asked for permission to attend a short course on the Code of Conduct and claim appropriate overtime. *Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Clerk should attend this course.

1/2/232. Affordable Housing. No further reports.

1/2/233. Emergency planning. LM felt that a working party was needed to progress the plan, and examine a cold weather strategy at the same time. LM, BCs, NH and LM to form working party.

1/2/234. Speeding; LM reported that a representative from Acre would like to attend the March meeting. No results were yet available from a speed survey on Weedon Road. LM appealed for all to sign the petitions in the shop and butchers so that the requisite number was met to enable the official police programme to be initiated.

1/2/235. Linkman. Mr Cox had decided to stop work on Dec 31st. Clerk had taken on the work when he realised and had done 4 hours work on the bins, before speaking to Dave Booker who agreed to take on the duties on a temporary basis with a view to taking on the job. *Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Clerk’s actions be endorsed.
As Mr Booker was the only person to show an interest in the position, it was suggested that he be offered the post of Linkman on a six month trial period at 45 hours per month at £5.80 per hour, and be able to claim expenses for bags etc. Clerk to draw up a temporary contract.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mr Booker be appointed as Linkman.

1/2/236. Youth Club. Clerk had had no success in obtaining a solicitor’s letter - either on grounds of excessive expense, or difficulty in persuading solicitors to actually do anything. After liaising with the chair he had written another letter to Mrs Davies requesting the return of all the removed equipment, an inventory, and the accounts. There had again been no reply. However, the NCC legal department had offered to write, and this was felt to be the best course of action, especially as equipment funded by NCC appeared to be amongst the missing equipment.

1/2/237. Village Fete. The village hall management committee had asked permission to hold a fete on Sat 12th June.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the fete should be permitted.

1/2/238. Correspondence

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1/2/239. Financial Matters. a) Bank balances

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| Parish Council C/A | £10096.20 31/12/09 | Robert’s Field D/A | 11593.36 |

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1/2/240. A.O.B. Social evening to take place after Parish meeting on April 19th.

Next Meetings: Monday March 1st

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm

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**In Attendance**, Cllr J Kirkbride NCC. 4 Members of the public. 2 Acre and 1 Police representative

1/3/241 **Apologies for absence**. B Curtis (work), R Wray (illness), W Allen (illness), Apologies accepted by Council.

1/3/242 **Declarations of interest**. None.

1/3/243 **Public Question Time**.

Beth Milne of Acre gave the history of the Speeding Survey project that had been set up in 2000 and now included 72 villages within the County. She gave details of the training scheme and stressed that the aims of the project were speed reduction and education of drivers. PC John McQuaide spoke about Speedwatch – stressing that honesty and openness were very important; there should be no attempt to entrap drivers by jumping out from behind hedges. He gave details of the proposed training sessions and demonstrated the laser equipment to be used. Volunteers would use high visibility jackets and there would be signs used. In the initial stages “offenders” would receive letters rather than “tickets”, which only the police can issue.

Matthew Raybould and Lee Pratt expressed disappointment at Councils actions regarding the proposed Weedon Rd development feeling that there had not been enough publicity. The Chair outlined the history of how this situation had arisen, beginning with the SNC survey two years ago, going through the rejection of the various sites identified by SNC, through to this proposal of mixed private and low cost accommodation – which had been objected to by Council – but which SNC seems minded to allow in any case, driven as they are by Government policy. BCt gave the details of the Council response to the proposed development and explained that the Government had changed planning rules to allow such developments. Cllr Kirkbride suggested that MR and LP complain direct to SNC about the nature and speed of this proposal.

Many questions were raised regarding the events that led to SNC’s approval of the development, especially the lack of communication to local residents and the apparent shortness of the consultation period. It was agreed that Matthew Raybould would e-mail the Clerk detailing all the concerns raised, and the Clerk would respond accordingly.

The Chair suspended the Public Session, which had already overrun by 30 minutes, after being asked if he “was on a backhander”.

1/3/244. Minutes 1st February 2010. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the minutes of 1st February 2010 be signed as a true record. The chair duly signed the minutes and agenda.

1/3/245. **Matters Arising**. None

Mineral extraction at Upper Heyford

Core Strategy
It was reported that the Core Strategy is currently being examined by the Inspector.

Locations for Mineral Development
It was reported that all representations will be considered by an independent planning inspector when they are submitted for examination (this will be after the Core Strategy Inspector has reported).

SNC Decisions
Application No: S/2009/1252/FUL
Rear extension to link Nos. 5 and 9 The Green to form one property
The decision of SNC to permit was noted.

Application No: S/2009/1237/MAO
Residential development for 34 dwellings including affordable housing and associated works (outline) at land off Weedon Road
The decision of SNC to permit (subject to conditions) was noted – see below.

New Planning Applications
There were no new Planning Applications for consideration

Development of land off Weedon Road
It was reported that following the SNC decision to permit the development (subject to conditions), discussions and negotiations are currently on-going between SNC and the developers to achieve a Section 106 Legal Agreement (attached to which will have to be details of an agreed indicative landscape buffer around the site). If the negotiations are concluded to SNC’s satisfaction, formal SNC approval will be given.

Mr Pratt interrupted the meeting and was asked to leave.

Environmental Committee Meeting
It was reported that a meeting of the Environmental Committee has been arranged for 7.30pm on Monday 15th March 2010 in the Village Hall Committee Room

2. Roads and pavements. LE referred to continuing poor state of Bugbrooke Road.
3. The Green and Play Area. The vandalised bench had been repaired, vandalised again and refixed. Clerk confirmed that Nigel Stamford had been asked to attend to the trees.
4. Playing Fields and skateboard ramp. LE read the Playing Field Committees response to BCs report, and referred to the poor state of the Skateboard ramp. It was felt that this was being misused and was becoming dangerous and attracting antisocial elements and behaviour.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Skateboard ramp be removed and that Mr Cawley should be asked to quote for its removal.

Clerk
5. Tree Warden. No report.
6. Allotments. RL reported that the majority of allotment holders he had spoken to had spoken to did not feel sheds were appropriate.
   *Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that sheds should not be allowed.
7. Footpaths. No report.

1/3/250. Play Area. The Astroturf had now been installed and was felt to be functional and a great improvement. There was however, still felt to be a problem with mud getting on to the equipment, and RL felt it may benefit from jet washing. Situation to be reviewed to see if the problem is cured by dry weather.

1/3/251. Police meeting. – Next meeting on March 4th. LM will go if possible.

1/3/252. Self Help Plan. LM to write article for Prattler asking for sources of suitable equipment.


1/3/254. Speeding. Nothing to add to what had been said at the start of the meeting.

1/3/255. Press policy. In future any request from the press to be referred to the Clerk, who will only proffer written answers after consulting the chair and other councillors if necessary.

1/3/256. Youth Club. Clerk had asked the NCC legal dept to write to Mrs Davies to ask for the return of the books and removed equipment, as they had offered, but had received no reply. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Kirkbride.

RW had requested that potentially dangerous redundant pumping station well be filled with concrete. RW’s action endorsed by Council.


1/3/258. Standing Orders New specimen standing orders had been received. Councillors to study them and decide whether a working party was necessary, prior to the next meeting.

1/3/259. Correspondence.

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<td>NSPCC - newsletter– noted</td>
<td>Mrs V Wilson – re SHLAA –</td>
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<td>Grand union Affordable housing– noted</td>
<td>Lee Pratt – re Weedon Rd Housing. – noted</td>
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<td>Matthew Raybould - re Weedon Rd Housing. – noted</td>
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b) Accounts for payment

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Cheque1231 As Good as Grass cancelled. Replaced by 1241.
Clerk asked permission to transfer £6837.23 from Robert’s Field acct to current Acct to pay for New play area surface.
Clerk asked permission to transfer £5000 from Deposit Acct to Joint Burial Board being 09/10 precept.

*Resolved. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the payments and transfers be made.

1/2/240. A.O.B. The state of the lay- by in on the lane to Upper Heyford was mentioned. Clerk to report to David Banner, chair of Upper Heyford Parish meeting. Paul Newman reported that he and a team of young people had cleaned up a great deal of graffiti around the village and canal and made various comments regarding access to the Playing Fields and skateboard ramp. The chair thanked him for his contribution to the wellbeing of the village.

Next Meetings: Tuesday April 6th