

MYNDTOWN COMBINED PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF MONDAY 8th MARCH 2010. 7.30pm

Present:

- Mr K Mansell (Chairman) # Mr A Semple
- Mrs A Parry # Mr T Betton
- Mr S Buxton # Mrs C Barnes
- Mr O Goode # Mrs S A Jones
- Mrs L Thomas (clerk)

1. Apologies:

- Mr P Rogers Coltman IA: Cllr P Phillips

2. Minutes of: 11th January 2010 was amended under Item 5. Finance (Draft Budget). 'When preparing the draft budget it was realised that no rent had been received in 2009 for Wentnor Parish Land. **Agreed:** That KM writes to the tenant requesting payment for 2009'. Agreed & signed

3. Declarations of Interest:

- None

4. Matters Arising:

- £3500 Precept request from this council has been returned to SC.
- Conclusion of Audit Notices: Displayed on all notice boards.
- Recycling Facilities (paper/cans/textile/glass/shoes) are in situ @ Norbury Village Hall. Discussion: A plastic bottle collection will be trialled in the area later in the year. There are facilities for cardboard recycling @ BC.
- Npower D/D facility is operative. Amount to be debited: £6.58 p/m beginning: 11/2/10
- Grass Verge @ Norbury Church-Correspondence from John Glover has been passed on to Gary Jones HMT @ Craven Arms. Gary will meet John to discuss options available to improve the site.
- Embrey's re: Better signage-LT has written to Embrey's and as yet received no reply.
- Wentnor Parish Land-LT had met with Trevor Sheard for the new rent calculation figures, and to verify the particulars of the tenancy agreement, copies of which were provided for all councillors. The Tenancy began in Dec 2005 with the first payment due-in arrears-on 1st April 2006 and subsequently due in arrears on 1st April each year until 1st April 2011. However it was noted that the last payment is due in advance prompting this council to determine 2 payments are now due. The agreement is for a term of 5yrs and then from year to year until determined by either party giving to the other not less than 12months previous notice in writing. There is a basic rent, to which are added single payment additions: i.e. 60% of Regional Average Payment & Entry Level Stewardship-these figures vary each year and also take into account the exchange rate. Because of this the rent has increased each year and by nearly £100 during the last year. The Entry Level Stewardship scheme is due for renewal in July, this renewal will cost approx' £150 through Balfours land agents. It was questioned whether other local tenants may like to tender for the land or it could be used to provide allotments for those who so wished. Those who knew the land deemed it to be of poor quality and very wet, it is classed as disadvantaged land. LT reminded those present that the current tenant required 12 months notice in advance of the end of the tenancy (Nov 2009) to vacate the land in Dec 2010. TB stated that the current rental figure due for 2009 (£626.47 for 6.29acres) far exceeded the usual rate for (poor) grass keep and felt this council would not accomplish that figure if the land was openly tendered for each year. **Agreed:** That KM would seek advice from Trevor Sheard as to the best course of action.

5. Finance:

Statement of Funds as at 10/2/10: Community Acc-£5503.91 B/P Acc-£2648.57.

a) Donation Requests:

- Rev. N Morris re: Restoration of the Munslow Memorial-It was decided to defer the request until after a fundraising event to be held in May 2010. **Action:** LT to supply Rev. Morris with contact details of LJC where he might apply for funding.
- Crucial Crew (Norbury School)-£35 Approved

b) Cheques for Approval/Payment:

- Crucial Crew (Norbury School)-£35 c/n: 100557
- NV Hall x1 meeting-£15 c/n: 100558
- Mazars Auditors-£184 c/n: 100559

6. Housing & Building Control:

KM has written to H & BC but received no reply as yet. A further discussion of continued planning breaches within the area was held. Cllr PFP supplied that Shropshire Council did not have enough staff to enforce building irregularities. He suggested that the Building Regulations Officer could also ensure plans are being

adhered to. This Council felt that there was no consequence for those who do not obtain planning consent at all and continue to ignore invitations to apply for retrospective permission from the local planning (South) authority. **Agreed:** KM & LT write to Salc to hi-light the dissatisfaction and 'copy' to Cllr PFP.

Applications recently approved:

- 09/02004/F-Erection of detached building for garaging, playroom, general storage, garden room and garden tool shed @ Glebe House, Ratlinghope
- 09/00809/F-Erection of x3 holiday units @ Walkmill House, Norbury
- 09/03452/F-Retrospective application for the erection of a general purpose agricultural building @ Brow Fm, Ratlinghope.
- 09/03559/F-Erection of a village Hall (revised scheme).

Other planning matters:

Mr & Mrs C Cahan-Confirmation of local connection

10/00595/HRM-Removal of 137m of hedgerow on land @ Lea Farm, Norbury. The application was inspected and deemed that No site visit was necessary

7. Village Hall:

- The architect has asked a Quantity Surveyor to assess costings for a new hall. The consultation event had been successful. A programme of fundraising suggestions-aimed at 'Green' events is being developed. The Business plan suggests that the running costs of a new hall will be lower than the current hall. It is hoped that more income can be generated by the new building being more attractive to a wider clientele. This Council's previous agreement that they pay for a yearly premises licence will be put to the Village Hall Committee at its forthcoming meeting.

8. Leisure:

- N T R

9. Parish Environment:

- N T R

10. Roads:

- LT has spoken to Gary Jones HMG re: Myndtown Lane (due for some overlay repairs in 2011 depending on budget) and the many pot holes within the area. These would be repaired asap. Gary Jones suggests that instead of waiting for each meeting, the public may like to contact him directly to report pot holes etc.. That way repairs can be carried out within a shorter time scale. Gary is based at HMG, Craven Arms Business Park. Contact: 0345 678 9006.
- It was reported that last year's improvement work to the road outside Rock Cottage, Wentnor has still not dealt with the problem. Water is still seeping across the road.
- Finger posts and signage within the area is looking the worse for wear.

11. Transport:

- N T R

12. Business:

- Those interested in an inclusion in the Business Directory or on the parish website or a link/ advertisement should contact phillip@myndtownwines.co.uk

13. Communication:

- The main web address is www.myndtown.org.uk A recent user had found the website a little confusing.

14. Tourism:

- N T R

15. Correspondence:

- Land Registry: LT has been contacted about this council registering their parish lands with the Land Registry. Proof of continued ownership must be supplied. **Action:** LT to contact Shropshire Council for title deeds.
- SC/LDF & Shropshire Core Strategy Documents: The consultation ends on 20/3/10. This council should comment on whether any more development is needed within the area. A new addition to the strategy is-if developing executive houses for the open market within settlements, the penalty payment that was previously payable to the local authority can now be donated to local projects.

16. Other Matters:

- Meeting Dates for 2010: 12th April x4 Parish Meetings from 7pm, 10th May AGM, 5th July, 6th Sept, 8th Nov. All at Norbury Village Hall @ 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.
- Cheques for approval/signing MPM: Mazars Auditors-£103.50 Severn Trent-£21.17
- Cllr PFP reported there were problems with the present authority running the SpARc Centre and a SC Scrutiny meeting would be held on 29th March for those interested.

Meeting Closed 9.06pm