

MYNDTOWN COMBINED PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2009. 7.30pm

Present:

- Mr K Mansell (Chairman)
- Mr S Buxton
- Mr T Betton
- Mr A Semple
- Mr P Rogers Coltman
- Mrs S A Jones
- Mrs C Barnes
- Mrs L Thomas (clerk)

1. Apologies:

- Mrs A Parry, Mr P Owen, Mr O Goode, Cllr P Phillips

2. Minutes of: 7th September 09 were agreed & signed

3. Declarations of Interest:

- SAJ under 6i

4. Matters Arising:

- Correspondence from Planning & Building Control- Councillors felt that the response from P&BC was an improvement but firmer action against those who ignore building regulations should be taken. P&BC should do more than 'invite' retrospective applications to be submitted. Generally, retrospective applications are rarely refused which incites people to erect first, and then apply for permission later. Cllr PFP will support all action taken by this and other local parish councils for firmer action. **Action:** To write to the LPA monthly and copy correspondence to PFP and other clerks.

5. Finance:

Statement of Funds: Community Acc-£6128.80 B/P Acc-£2648.24. With effect from 7th Dec Barclays will convert the business deposit account to the new Business Saver Acc. BSA is a straightforward savings option for businesses needing easy access to their money. Key Benefits are: Unlimited access to funds without loss of interest and no minimum balance. The current interest rates are the same. The account number and sort code will also remain the same. NO ACTION REQUIRED

a) Donation Requests:

- Norbury Village Hall-Another request has been submitted re-a donation towards the deficit of loss of income from hiring out tables/chairs/cutlery of approx £500. The request was discussed at length with those present again raising concerns about the viability of building a new village hall if the present one cannot make an income. It was felt that the Village Hall Committee should review its hire fees with perhaps a differential hire scale (reduction) for regular lettings. The Village Hall with a new scale of fees, should be more visibly promoted than at present, in all available communication. Having a premises license would also promote better usage for i.e. funerals when a temporary licence cannot be submitted within the required time scale. It was felt that a contribution by this Council towards a Premises License or towards specific items required in the hall would make it more amenable to the whole community. **Action:** KM to write
- CAB

b) Cheques for Approval/Payment:

- E.On ¼ Maintenance (WPM)-£40.16 c/n: 100548
 - Npower (WPM)-£57.46 c/n: 100549
- AGREED-That LT set up D/D to pay the above accounts in future**
- NVH x 1 meeting-£15 c/n: 100550
 - L Thomas-clerks expenses (MAY-NOV) -£15.67 c/n: 100551
 - CAB-£50 c/n: 100552

6. Housing & Building Control:

Electronic notification of newly validated planning applications within their parish or ward on a daily basis, are now available to clerks. However LT no longer receives notification of applications that have been approved or refused. **Action** LT to contact H& BC

- 09/02245/F-Erection of Ag' livestock building on land @ Red House, Asterton SV: 28/9/09 IA: KM AS AP TB & LT. N/O
- 09/02422/F-Erection of an Ag' workers dwelling, formation of vehicular and pedestrian access @ Hollies Farm, Gatten SV: 15/10/09 IA: KM SB TB CB PO & LT. N/O
- 09/03004/F-Erection of detached building for garaging, playroom, general storage, garden room and garden tool shed @ Glebe House, Ratlinghope. A site visit was arranged for 13/11/09

7. Village Hall:

- SB reported that the architects and The New Hall Committee will meet to discuss the amended plans for the hall on 18th Nov 09 prior to another public consultation evening.

8. Leisure:

- N T R

9. Parish Environment:

- It has been suggested that affiliating to the AONB and CPRE may be of advantage to this council
Action KM to look into this

10. Roads:

- Rural Speed Limit Policy (Draft)-This Policy will be formulated and circulated accordingly. **Action** This Council to suggest more 'real time speed cameras' in rural areas.

11. Transport:

- Shropshire Link Review meeting-12/8/09 The Summary was read and noted and is available to view in Wentnor Shop and on the parish council website
- Rural Transport Strategy Review- A copy is available to view on the parish council website

12. Business:

- N T R

13. Communication:

- The main web address is www.myndtown.org.uk It is hoped to set up a Business & Service Directory on the website and also links to schools and other organisations. A donation is requested for all those interested. Details of your business please to the clerk or to Mike Ashwell at Enterprise House. The full Agenda for meetings is also available to view as are minutes of previous meetings. Please note these are also available directly from the clerk or to view at Wentnor Stores.

14. Tourism:

- N T R

15. Correspondence:

- SC/Proposed Electoral Fees-This was considered on 5/11/09. With effect from 1 April 2010:
 1. A policy of recharging parish/town councils election costs at a rate of £2 per elector, or actual cost whichever is the lesser, shall be introduced on a trial basis
 2. Any costs incurred shall be deferred to the following financial year to enable the parish/town council concerned to precept for the appropriate amount
 3. At any combined election involving a parish/town council, it shall only be required to pay the additional cost relating solely to its local election
 4. This policy shall be reviewed after 18mths in operation.
- BT-Following further communication from BT for local parish councils to adopt their kiosks Cllr PFP gives 'absolutely clear advice from Shropshire Council that "there is no need to adopt anything if you don't wish to. SC has the power of local veto over permanent removals of telephone kiosks and BT would have to seek authorisation from SC if it wishes to remove any" PFP also says 'that BT seems to be making an annual event of putting notices in phone boxes and writing to local councils in a heavy sell on adoption where as in fact local councils are often frightened into thinking that this is an effective foreclosure. NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED
- SC-Standards in Local Government booklet-Issued to each Cllr

16. Other Matters:

- Meeting Dates for 2010: 11th Jan, 8th March, 11th 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.
 - MPM-Marquee-The internal Auditors have remarked that there is no income from the marquee that was purchased by the parish meeting. It has been hired out 4/5 times and it seems the fees have been paid directly into Myndtown Church Account. KM has spoken with Malcolm Corfield re the issue and has suggested that all hire fees should be paid directly into the parish meeting account and then perhaps a donation to the church be suggested and approved by the Combined Council. It was also suggested that the Church purchase the marquee from the parish meeting.
Action KM to consult further with MC
 - SAJ welcomes ideas at a meeting on 25/11/09 @ The Inn on the Green at 6.30pm for a Community Show, an initiative by Norbury CP.
 - Oil Club-Those interested in ordering heating oil en bloc and receiving a small reduction in the price please contact Richard Semple on 01588 650105
Meeting Closed 9.05pm