

MYNDTOWN COMBINED PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF MONDAY 11th JAN 2010. 7.30pm

Present:

- Mr K Mansell (Chairman)
- Mr A Semple
- Mrs A Parry
- Mr P Rogers Coltman
- Mrs C Barnes
- Mr O Goode
- Mrs L Thomas (clerk)

1. Apologies:

- Mr S Buxton, Mr T Betton, Mrs S A Jones, Cllr P Phillips, Mr P Owen,

2. Minutes of: 9th November 09 was amended under 13.i. 'Details for the business directory to the clerk or Phillip Rogers-Coltman'. Agreed & signed

3. Declarations of Interest:

- None

4. Matters Arising:

- D/D instructions for Npower were completed & signed
- CAB re Donation. A letter of thanks has been received
- Audit Forms-These have now been sent to the External Auditor

5. Finance:

Statement of Funds as at 10/12/09: Community Acc-£5783.85 B/P Acc-£2648.57.

Precept for 2010/11- A Draft Budget was discussed & Agreed to remain at £3500. An increase of £100 p/y for the clerk's wages was included. **Action:** KM to complete & return

a) Donation Requests:

- None

b) Cheques for Approval/Payment:

- NV Hall x1 meeting-£15 c/n: 100553
- L. Thomas expenses (Dec/Jan)-£14.80 c/n: 100554
- Npower (WPM)-£57.45 c/n: 100555
- E.On ¼ Maintenance (WPM)-£41.03 c/n: 100556

6. Housing & Building Control:

A further discussion of continued planning breaches within the area was discussed. It was felt that those who have still not submitted retrospective applications should be made to remove the offending buildings/caravans etc until an application has been submitted and approved by H & BC. It was noted that the owners of Rockfield have a satellite dish attached to an agricultural building and a chimney protruding from the rear side. The owners are also claiming to have permission for a log cabin on the site and are reported as having asked local builders to dig footings in preparation for the structure. The clerk reported that she has received no planning application for a building on this site. The activities on this site are causing major concerns for those living locally. **Agreed:** KM & LT to write again to H&BC and send correspondence to Cllr PFP.

- 09/02004/F-Erection of detached building for garaging, playroom, general storage, garden room and garden tool shed @ Glebe House, Ratlinghope SV: 13/11/09 IA: KM AS TB CB & LT. N/O with comment- 'velux windows on 3rd floor instead of dormer style may suppress the 3 storey element'.
- 09/03146/F-Erection of an Ag' livestock building @ Lower Gravenor Farm. SV: 13/11/09 IA: KM AS TB CB & LT. N/O
- 09/03452/F-Retrospective application for the erection of a general purpose agricultural building @ Brow Fm, Ratlinghope. SV: 16/12/09. IA: KM TB CB AP & LT. N/O although it was noted that this Council could do little if they objected as retrospective applications are rarely refused consent.
- 09/03559/F-Erection of a village Hall (revised scheme). SV: 16/12/09. The plans were discussed at length. It was agreed the revised scheme was more in keeping with the area, however it was noted that the application has been made prior to a further consultation event on 23rd Jan 10. This is presumably before the previous application runs out and a further fee has to be paid. **Action:** Following this site visit the clerk was asked to provide further plans to be displayed locally so those wishing to make representations could do so within the appropriate time scale.

7. Village Hall:

- During the discussion of the draft budget it was **Agreed:** That this Parish Council would bear the cost of a Premises License for the present Village Hall to promote better usage and attract more functions. **Action:** OG to notify the Village Hall Committee of the PC's intentions.

8. Leisure:

- N T R

9. Parish Environment:

- N T R

10. Roads:

- Following the recent demolition of the downstream parapet of Walkmill Bridge due to a car accident, temporary traffic lights have been installed. The repair work is scheduled to start on 22nd February. The bridge may be closed for up to 4 weeks and diversions will be in place, however the work will be phased to enable the school buses to continue to use the route during this period. Advance closure notices will be erected at the beginning of February and a press release will also be issued.
- Road Conditions during recent cold spell: The repair to pot holes and gritting procedures were discussed. It was noted that only main routes were cleared during the heavy snow. Myndtown Lane was scheduled for repair during 2009 which has not been completed. **Action:** LT to contact Highways Maintenance Group.
- Grass verge @ All Saints, Norbury: Following a letter from a Norbury resident concerning the poor state of the verges around the church, it was **Agreed:** LT to contact HMG re laying of curbs or widening the road to reduce the width of the verge.

11. Transport:

- Embrey's-A discussion was held following recent damage to a house at Walkmill due to an articulated lorry trying to turn in the owners driveway having missed the turn into Embrey's meat production site at Shuttocks Wood, it was also noted that a local driver had encountered an articulated lorry reversing back around Alma corner as the driver had also missed the left turning. It was **Agreed:** on the basis of community concerns this Council contact Embrey's with the suggestion of more prominent signage either before the site turning or nearer the site entrance. A copy of correspondence should also be sent to Community & Environment Services @ SC

12. Business:

- A notice will appear in the Parish Magazine advertising the business directory on the parish website. Those interested in a link or an advertisement should contact phillip@myndtownwines.co.uk

13. Communication:

- The main web address is www.myndtown.org.uk

14. Tourism:

- N T R

15. Correspondence:

- SC-Improvement project to the Shropshire Way: It was noted that the Shropshire Way does not actually benefit rural businesses in sparsely populated areas such as these parishes. A suggestion was made that the Shropshire Way website could include local holiday accommodation, Inns etc within these parishes.
- Community Tree scheme-Notices have been erected and interest was shown by several councillors who took information.
- Shropshire Partnership-Final draft of Community Strategy 2010-2020 (N)
- Shropshire Partnership-consultation portal & SC-Rural Community engagement (2 papers) **Action:** KM & LT to view
- WMPA-Consultation evenings (N)

16. Other Matters:

- Meeting Dates for 2010: 8th March, 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.
 - MPM-Marquee-As the responsible finance officer, LT felt that the present situation of hire fees for the marquee being paid into Myndtown Church account and not Myndtown Parish Meeting account was not lawful. It was reported that there had only been 3 lettings, 1 of which was for free and 1 still to be paid. **Agreed:** That it is proposed at the annual parish meetings that Myndtown Church purchase the marquee from the Parish Meeting.
 - Cllr PFP re SpARc management-This Council felt that there was no basis or information to support that Enterprise South West would be more adept in running the facilities. Those who use the facilities and administrative staff would be best placed to comment. **Agreed:** No Action
 - Recycling Facilities at NVH **Action:** LT to request Bottle & Can recycling banks.

Meeting Closed 9.15pm