

Prior to the commencement of ADPC's monthly meeting, at 7.30 pm, there was a short presentation by Sarah Brooke-Taylor of Warwickshire Community Oil Syndicate followed by questions from the public.

## Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 4th November 2013

The meeting commenced at 7.50pm

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1. APOLOGIES: Trevor Gill, Daniel Robertson

Present at Meeting: Chris Campbell, David Hutt, Councillor Williams, Alastair Whetstone (arrived at 7.45pm), Clerk

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None

3. CONFIRM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Signed by David Hutt

4. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

5. MATTERS ARISING:

### Community

- a) Community Policing/Neighbourhood Watch: No report from Neighbourhood Watch.
- b) Playground (including monthly check): Alastair Whetstone confirmed that he had undertaken a visual check of the play area and equipment.
- c) Superfast Broadband: Trevor Gill asked the clerk to report that he had not had chance to contact the village with the alternative internet system, highlighted at the last meeting. He will be contacting them when he is able to progress this matter. Chris Campbell reported that broadband speeds have been very slow recently and this was confirmed by other PC members.
- d) Post Office: Nothing to report.

### Roads

Traffic, Roads and Drains

Councillor Williams advised that the road through the village will be closed from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013 for surfacing works. Refuse collection will still take place during this period.

### Environment/Maintenance

- e) St John's: Nothing to report.
- f) Green areas: The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who volunteered at the recent Village clear up session. The next session will take place on Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, meeting at the Reading Room at 9.30am. Once again, any volunteers to help will be most welcome. A list of jobs will be drawn up prior to the next date. **ACTION: Alastair and Trevor to draw up a list of jobs for the next village tidy up session.**
- g) Wayleave Agreement: The Clerk confirmed that the signed papers have now been sent off for processing and that copies will be returned once this is completed. She has been advised that this will take some time.

### Communication/Administration

6. COUNCIL REPORTS: Councillor Chris Williams.

1. **Highway Matters** – The improvements to the roundabout at Gaydon were carried out with the minimum of delay. All work was carried out during the night.

2. **County Council Budget** – Public Consultation has been actively carried out within our area. Last week there were meetings in Stratford and Wellesbourne market. The Big Debate appears to be whether or not there should be an increase in Council Tax of 2% for the next three years. For an average Band D house this would amount to an increase of some 45p per week. If an increase is not effected a further £15 million in savings will have to be found in addition to the £92 million over three years.
3. **Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service** – It was hoped that the industrial dispute that involved the withdrawal of labour appeared to be resolved. However, although the proposed strike action on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013 did not take place, the Fire Brigade's Union has indicated that settlement has not been achieved that two further dates have been declared. Strike Action was carried out on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November for four and a half hours in the evening and further action on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. A temporary resilience strategy is in place and we will, of course, respond wherever there is risk to life. We will not be attending road traffic accidents unless absolutely necessary and I suspect that cats will be left up trees.
4. **Draft Core Strategy** – A further delay had reared its head with the adoption by the Council of the Draft Core Strategy which has to be agreed before it is submitted to the government for assessment. The delay is focused on meeting a balance of the housing allocation and industrial use by Jaguar Land Rover for the proposed settlement at Lighthorne Heath. New proposals have been submitted which will have to go to consultation and this is why there is yet another delay. Two further large development sites have been presented to SDC and these revolve around a site to the west of Southam and a further large proposal for housing on the Cemex site between Southam and Long Itchington. Both of these sites failed the initial sustainability test and I doubt whether they will be allowed to be evaluated at this late stage. It is hoped that a much revised Core Strategy will be adopted by the full council in January 2014.
5. **Local Government** - As you know Stratford District Council is considering reducing the number of elected members from 52 to 36. This will result in public consultation organized by the Boundary Commission. The Fenny Compton Ward of which Avon Dassett is a member is likely to be altered quite considerably. One proposal is that historical villages with close association to Fenny Compton are lost and that Napton should be joined with Fenny Compton. I will be objecting to the proposal.
6. **Starbold Windfarm** – The Broadview Energy Ltd Appeal to erect four wind turbines on land between Gaydon and Knightcote has now been elevated to the Secretary of State, one Mr Eric Pickles MP. The outcome is awaited.
7. **Car Parking in Stratford** – The District Council, as an incentive to the retail trade, is offering free car parking on Thursdays only from 16:00 on 21<sup>st</sup> November until Christmas Eve.
8. **Rural Economy** – Indicators published by DEFRA for our area within Warwickshire suggest that house prices are up, unemployment down, redundancies down and unemployment benefit claims down. This is clearly good news.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Paper copies circulated at meeting. Electronic mail circulated prior to meeting.

Clerk read out a letter from Jill Burgess on behalf of the Local history Group who are seeking a financial grant to assist with their next project. The Parish Council felt that they needed further information in order to consider the grant application at the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to contact the Local History Group and relay the questions posed by the Parish Council in order to assess the request for funding.**

The Clerk asked David Hutt if the letter of thanks had gone off to the Fete Committee. **ACTION: David Hutt to check his records and establish if the letter of thanks has been sent to the AD Fete committee and confirm back to the Clerk.**

8. PLANNING (Declarations of interests): No new planning applications.

**Notice of Decision:** 13/02104/LDP Mr Heard, Honeywood House: Certificate of lawful proposed use or development.

**Outcome of Extraordinary Planning Meeting:** 13/02387/FUL 1 Lower Terrace: No Representation

## 9. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### Balance at close of business 31/10/13

Current Account	£ 9,076.82
Savings Account	£ 1,174.90 *

This figure represents ring fenced funds for ADPC plus any interest received into the account.

### Bank Transactions

<u>Current Account</u>		<u>Chq/SO/DD</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
7 Oct	N Power	DD		55.00
9 Oct		1249		508.90
11 Oct		1252		8.53
14 Oct	Headstone	Deposit	200.00	
15 Oct		1250		189.00
15 Oct		1253		242.00
16 Oct		1251		14.00
25 Oct	Chubb Refund	Deposit	62.64	
31 Oct	Douglas Tonks	DD		214.06

<u>Deposit Account</u>		<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
9 Oct	Bank Interest	0.04	

<u>Cheques issued from mtg</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Amount</u>
H. Hide-Wright (expenses Oct)	1254	15.80
J. Sherriff (coffee Morning Sept)	1255	10.65
Total cheques		<b><u>26.45</u></b>

Notes:

### New Balances for Ring Fenced Funds:

Neighbourhood Watch	£ 185.00
<b>St John's Steps appeal Funds</b>	<b>£ 358.82</b>
Community Grant Fund (Laptop)	£ 431.00
Interest Received	£ 0.04
<b>Play area lease grant (from AD Fete Committee)</b>	<b>£ 200.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1,174.90</b>

Cheques were signed by David Hutt and Alastair Whetstone. All cheques were unanimously approved by the meeting.

Budget 2014/15 – forthcoming projects/expenditure items: Nothing was highlighted at the meeting.

10. MEMBER REPORTS: Alastair Whetstone asked Councillor Williams whether he had enough information to progress the grant application for a village entrance feature in an attempt to reduce traffic speed through the village. Councillor Williams confirmed that he had everything he needed and would submit the application in January 2014.

Councillor Williams outlined emergency planning which is now called resilience planning. Councillor Williams outlined the aim of the scheme and highlighted the need for contact telephone numbers for key individuals. Councillor Williams will send the form to Trevor Gill for his input on this matter and to see if he would be willing to complete the form.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2013. 2014 dates: 6<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar, 7<sup>th</sup> Apr, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> Jul, 4<sup>th</sup> Aug, 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.

**The meeting closed at 9.00pm.**