

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY 11 MARCH 2019, COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor P Blanchard – in the Chair
Councillor Mrs P Cox
Councillor C Elliott
Councillor C Kimberley
Councillor S Main
Councillor G Norris
Councillor P Smith
Parish Clerk
District Councillor – Councillor P Richards for part of the meeting

There were 12 members of the public present for all or part of the meeting.

1. Public Participation

Mr P Ellis-Smith expressed concern regarding the proposed licensing hours relating to the application for a licence for the sale of alcohol at Snitterfield Fruit Farm, and the Chairman explained that the Parish Council was to make representation at the hearing to be held on 12 March 2019, where any concerns would be raised.

Mrs H Hayter expressed that she wished for the business at Snitterfield Fruit Farm to thrive, but also raised concern regarding the proposed opening hours and felt that the hours should be from 7am to 7pm, not 9pm as specified in the application.

Mr J Kelsey, a member of the Playing Field Working Group (PFWG) raised concern regarding the current relationship between the PFWG and the Parish Council.

He also expressed his disappointment following the email from the Parish Council to the Cricket Club, requesting £800 for the letting of the cricket pitch.

The Chairman clarified the reasons for the request and explained that the matter was to be discussed later in the meeting.

2. Apologies

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Country Councillor Mrs A Parry

3. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest were received from Councillor Mrs C Elliott relating to the Sports Club and the Grass Cutting Contract and she left the room during consideration of these matters.

4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2019

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 February 2019, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

5. Report from County Councillor – Councillor Mrs A Parry

In the absence of Councillor Mrs A Parry, the Clerk read the following report;

Highway Matters

It was hoped that the storm drain outside 23 The Green has now been unblocked as this reported to WCC last month, but they were working to a 4 weeks schedule.

Tourist Signs

Councillor Parry had responded to Councillor Richards request to expediate the application for brown tourist signs at the new rural development by Lifestyle Destinations.

Council Tax

Warwickshire County Council has increased its Council Tax receipts by 4.99per cent with effect from April – 2% of the increase will be ringfenced to contribute towards increasing costs of Adult Social Care and Support.

The County Council is still facing large budget cuts and in the next financial year has to find savings of £9 million followed by an expected £16 million between 2019 and 2020.

This is on top of the £100 million it has had to save since 2010. Despite these cuts, the authority will use some of its £370 million budget to invest £5.7 million into Children's Social Care Services and an additional £1.3 million into adult social care and support. WCC will spend £2.5 million on a Digital Transformation Programme to make it easier for people to access its online services and help it to become "an enabler for residents to help themselves".

Other investments include £200,000 into digital fibre optic hubs to enhance communications in communities and £330,000 to convert six school-based Children's Centres into specialist provision for pupils with special needs, £100,000 to expand its transport planning team to "maximise the funding received from developers to deliver the infrastructure requirements for associated housing and business growth across the county.

An investment of £108,000 will be made into maintaining the Council's Library network including Sunday opening while £150,000 will go towards a joint project to integrate for those in need of support due to mental health issues, homelessness and drug abuse. The Council will also invest £1.4 million into home to school transport and invest £500,000 into Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service to reduce the service's savings target. Warwickshire Police has increased its precept by £24 per annum following the public consultation and the increase is being used to recruit and train an additional 100 more staff.

6. Report from District Councillor P Richards

Councillor P Richards reported that the 2019/2020 Budget had now been approved.

Ratification was still needed for proceedings on Wellesbourne Airfield for a CPO to protect the Core Strategy and maintain a five-year land supply.

7. Matters Arising

a) Hurdlers Lane

Councillor P Cox was pleased to report that all 8 affordable homes now have gas heating installed. However, 3 of these homes still have damp and mould. It had been hoped that after the remedial work to the roofs last year, this would have resolved the problem. Cllr Cox has received a communication from SDC regarding the damp and is liaising with them. There are still a few issues with the double-glazed windows and the new front door and frames. Also, there are still original problems which have not yet been investigated; where the water is draining to from the downpipes and investigating the flooring to find out the cause of wooden floors bowing after rainfall.

b) Play Areas

Councillor P Smith reported that the balance beam was now in working order following the replacement parts. Councillor Smith was to obtain quotes for the repainting of the climbing frame.

c) Playing Field Working Group (PFWG)

Seventy-four response forms were received from members of the public during the consultation process in February giving their ideas and suggestions on how the playing field could be developed/improved. It is the recommendation of the Group that an independent consultant should be engaged to provide assistance with the next step of the process - consultation with residents on the viable ideas/suggestions submitted. Further site visits to other playgrounds are to be arranged.

d) Pavilion

The Clerk reported that repairs to the ceiling were required and she would obtain quotes for the work and liaise with the Chairman.

e) Website

No matters to report.

f) Cricket Club & Use of Playing Field

Discussions took place regarding the email which the Chairman had sent the Cricket Club requesting £800 for its use of the cricket pitch. This figure was agreed as the pitch is also used by other cricket clubs.

8. Finance

Income & Expenditure

The Parish Clerk circulated schedules of Income and Expenditure relating to February 2019 and the schedules were accepted by members.

Stephen Hales Charity

Councillor C Kimberley reported that there was £1,700 held in the Stephen Hales Charity Account and that arrangements needed to be put in place to appoint new Trustees. Further information is to be provided at the next meeting.

9. Planning

The Clerk had previously circulated a schedule relating to all current planning applications which is appended to these minutes.

10. Correspondence

SDC Returning Officer - Election Packs

SDC – Licensing Workshop – 28 March

WALC – Additional Gritting Routes

11. Speed Watch Group

Councillor S Main had now received interest from 5 persons and was seeking further interest as a minimum of six was required.

12. Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC)

Councillor P Blanchard reported that the VHMC was awaiting quotes for the refurbishment of the store room and it was expected that this part of the project would take up most of the financial reserves. Grants were still being sought.

13. Observations from Parish Councillors

Councillor C Kimberley asked the Clerk to contact Warwickshire Rural Community Council for an update on the proposed development near Shaw Close.

14. Confidential Items

Under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press were excluded from the meeting for this item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to an individual, information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual, and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person

Notice Board

Councillor C Kimberley circulated quotations for the installation of a notice board at the Playing Field but following discussions it was agreed that the request was premature and should be deferred to a later meeting.

Grass Cutting Contract 2019

Councillor P Smith circulated quotations which he had received from three local companies for grass cutting and maintenance of parks and open spaces which were under the remit of the Parish Council.

It was agreed unanimously that Mees Wood should be awarded the contract for the 2019 season.

Playing Field Working Group (PFWG)

Councillor C Kimberley made a request to the Parish Council for the employment of an independent advisor for consultancy works relating to the PFWG and this was agreed in principle, but it was also agreed that two estimates were required. The Clerk suggested that WALC may be able to offer assistance

The Chairman reported that a request for £1,400 had been received from the Cricket Club for grass cutting and it was agreed that a payment of £1,100 could be made on an interim basis. It was also agreed that clarity was required as to whether payments to the Cricket Club should be made as a payment or a donation. The Chairman agreed to draft an email to the Cricket Club in regard to this payment.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed..... Designation..... Date.....

Planning Schedule – February 2019

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	SPC Comment	SDC Decision & Effective Date
18/01883/FUL	Construction of a south western relief road to Stratford-upon-Avon Land Between B439 Evesham Rd/Luddington Rd & A3400 Shipston Rd, Including Land Between Luddington Rd & Stratford Race-course, Land Between River Avon & River Stour/B4362 Clifford La And Land Between B4362 Clifford La And A3400 Shipston Road	31/10/18	No representation	
18/01892/OUT	Long Marston Airfield, Campden Road, Lower Quinton Outline application (with all matters reserved) for a phased development comprising up to 3,100 new homes (Class C2/C3), employment (Use Classes B1 (a)-(c), including business park of approximately 5.7ha (gross) and further employment space/land within mixed-use areas, village centre comprising a range of uses (Use Classes A1-A5/B1(a)/D1/D2), plus two primary schools and one secondary school. Provision of new open space including parks and amenity space. Provision of a new access junction from Campden Road. Associated infrastructure, utilities, engineering and landscaping works including sustainable drainage systems. The proposal incorporates the demolition/removal of the runways and other hardstanding and identifies existing structures	31/10/18	No representation	
18/02479/FUL	Block 2, Grange Meadow, Ingon Lane Proposed replacement storage building	24/10/18	Object	
18/03212/FUL	Appleton House, Elmdon Close Erection of one house and garage, re-alignment of vehicular Access off Church Road and associated development	8/1/19	Object	
18/03222/VARY	Snitterfield Fruit Farm, Kings Lane Variation of Condition 2 and 3 of planning permission 17/02840/VARY to allow internal and external alterations including extension to existing WC and amendment to external materials. Original description: Change of use of land and buildings to mixed use purposes comprising a Restaurant (A3), Retail (A1) and Craft or Artisan Production Studios (B1), Event and display space (Class D1), ancillary offices, storage and facilities; alterations and adaptations of buildings; formation of a car park and new access drive with other associated works. Diversion of Public Right of Way (SD146).	18/01/19	Support	
18/03545/FUL	Ingon Manor Hotel & Golf Club Extension to storage building used as green keepers store and workshop and erection of security fencing Amended application – detailing equipment to be stored	5/2/19 18/03/19	Object	
18/03578/FUL	The Barn, Snitterfield Fruit Farm, Kings Lane Conversion of listed barn to dwelling and associated internal and external alterations (amended scheme to that approved under 15/01426/LBC)	8/1/19	Support	
18/03579/LBC	The Barn, Snitterfield Fruit Farm, Kings Lane Conversion of listed barn to dwelling and associated internal and external alterations (amended scheme to that approved under 15/01426/LBC)	8/1/19	Support	
18/03666/COUR	Heath End Farm Prior approval for the change of use of 5no agricultural units to uses falling within Class D2 assembly and leisure (as a flexible use allowed under Class R of Part 3 of the GDPO 2015).	6/2/19		Withdrawn 28/02/19
18/03724/FUL	Bell Brook Farm Agricultural workers dwelling	25/02/19	Support	

19/00286/FUL	3 Bell Brook Demotion of Existing Front Conservatory, Erection of Single Storey Front Extension & Front Elevation Modifications	28/2/19	Support	
19/00410/FUL	Sharrow House, The Green Proposed single storey ground floor rear extension and first floor rear extension and replacement of all existing windows with double glazed units	20/03/19		

Tree Applications

Application Number	Application Detail	Comments required by	SPC Comment	SDC Comment
19/00117/TREE	Tudor House, Church Road T1 - Lawson Cypress - Fell	7/2/19	Support	No objection 27/02/19
19/00135/TREE	1 The Manor House T1 - cherry plum - Reduce height and spread from approx. 5metres to 3.5metres T2 - yew - Reduce height from approx. 6metres to 3metres	8/2/19	Support	Consent with Condition 18/02/19

Appeals:

Application(s) reference: 17/02551/FUL

Planning Inspectorate Reference Number: APP/J3720/W/18/3206743

Appeal by Mr S Singh

Site at: Land Adjacent to Telephone Exchange, Bearley Road, Snitterfield,

Proposal: Erection of three dwelling houses

Appeal Dismissed – 4 March 2019

Application(s) reference: 17/02565/FUL

Planning Inspectorate Reference Number: APP/J3720/W/18/3209676

Appeal by Messrs Taylor And Black

Site at: Land Off Jago Green, Snitterfield Lane, Snitterfield,

Proposal: Change of use of land to domestic and erection of 9 dwelling

Comments due by 13 December 2018

Planning Inspectorate Reference Number: APP/J3720/W/18/3213454

Appeal by Dr Eghbal Hamidy

Site at Avon Lodge Ryon Hill, Warwick Road, Stratford-Upon-Avon, CV37 0NZ

Proposal Detached dwelling with associated landscape works

Appeal Dismissed – 22 February 2019