

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18
SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER STANHOPE
AVENUE**

PRESENT

Councillors: A Pestell (Chairman), G Baker, D Hill, D Waring

5260 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Reasons for absence were accepted from Councillors C Astill, D Clarke, P Franklin, A. Midgley, J Nelstrop, D Robinson, S Roy.

5261 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none at this stage of the meeting.

5262 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/215/01824/07 P.P. Extension to existing dwelling to provide a utility room and provision of roof light and erection of a front boundary wall with railings, brick piers and electric gates to a maximum height of 1.65m on site of existing boundary wall and gates which are to be demolished: Welby Lodge, The Broadway. The Council supported the application.

S/215/01618/07 O.E. dwellings (with access to be considered) on site of existing building which is to be removed: E Skinns Ltd, Witham Road. The Council drew attention to various problems with this site:

- the possibility that the land is polluted by reason of its close proximity to the former gas works;
- pressure on the sewerage system in this area;
- potentially dangerous access in an area where the traffic comes over a raised bridge and visibility is poor;
- there are other developments in the pipe line for this area which will aggravate the existing problems.

S/215/01840/07 P.P. 2 storey extension and alterations to existing house to provide an en suite ground floor bedroom and a lounge on the first floor: Beck Farm, Abbey Lane. The Council supported the application.

5263 CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

This was dealt with briefly because of the low attendance (many councillors on courses).

It was agreed to arrange for the consultant a tour of the significant places in the Conservation Area, on Tuesday 16 October starting at 4.30 pm. This would be followed by the planning meeting which would start earlier so the consultant could attend.

A preliminary discussion on the Conservation Area would take place at the next scheduled council meeting on Tuesday 2 October, for which the clerk would provide a pro forma to be completed in advance of the meeting, so that councillors could prepare their responses.

5264 REVIEW OF THE SIGNAGE IN THE VILLAGE

It was agreed that to do a comprehensive review of the signage volunteers were needed to walk the village, noting the condition of existing signs and the places where signs were needed. Request for volunteers to be included in the newsletter.

5265 ANY URGENT CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.05 pm