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MINUTES OF AN ADDITIONAL ORDINARY MEETING
OF PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 5th AUGUST 2010
AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT THE SPORTS PAVILION, RECTORY CLOSE,
PULBOROUGH.

PRESENT: Councillors Jolliffe (Chairman), Mrs Black, Mrs Barnett, Clarke, Kipp, Kiverstein, Mrs Lawson, and Parker.

IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Norman (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Denison, Ellis, Queded, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Watson.

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were given.

54. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Chairman welcomed Mr Stephen Osborne who had given formal notice of wishing to speak and invited him to speak for 5 minutes regarding item 4 of the Agenda, the lane in Nutbourne.

Meeting adjourned at 7.04pm

Meeting reconvened at 7.09pm

Members thanked Mr & Mrs Osborne for all the information that they had researched into this issue.

55. OWNERSHIP OF LANE TO NUTBOURNE COMMON RECREATION GROUND

The Chairman advised Councillors that three letters of support for the Marquess' claim had been received by the Parish Office. Members went onto to discuss at length the subject after which all AGREED that the Parish Council was not aware of any reason to object to the Freehold claim by the Marquess of Abergavenny. It was noted that in previous years the Parish Council had deferred to the Neville Estate, managers for the Marquess' lands, regarding access to the Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground (NCRG).

It was noted that as per the Inclosure Award of 1855, the land in question is denoted as Highway 71 and is classified on said document as a Public Carriageway or Highway. Councillors stated that "Highway 71" had been used for decades not only for access, including vehicular, to the NCRG but also by residents as a primary and secondary access to properties. The Clerk confirmed that she had taken advice from Hedleys Solicitors who had advised that the Land Registry should be notified as soon as possible that this unfettered vehicular right existed and should continue in perpetuity and all members AGREED with this course of action.

Members queried the motivation for the freehold claim being made now and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Neville Estate and enquire as to the reason.

RESOLVED : That the response be sent to the Land Registry as soon as possible stating that whilst no objection to the Claim is being made, the Right exists for vehicular access, to the NCRG and other properties and this Right should continue, unfettered and in perpetuity. A letter be also sent to the Neville Estate to try and ascertain the motivation for the claim being made.

The meeting closed at 7.23pm

.....Chairman

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