

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee held, in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield on Tuesday 27th November 2007 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman: Councillor J Rice
Councillors: Buckle, Rowlands and Woodings

Also in Attendance: Clerk: Mrs S Bygraves
Assistant Clerk: Mrs S Smith

Apologies for Absence

917 Apologies were received from Councillors England and Short

Declaration of Members Interests

918 Cllr Woodings declared an interest in Duffield Cricket Club as Vice President of the Club. Councillor Rowlands also declared an interest in Duffield Cricket Club as an Honorary Member and Trustee of the Club.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purpose Committee

919 **Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committee Meeting held on 19th July 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Update of Action Plan

An update on the action plans for items outstanding at 27th November 2007 was given and is attached in Appendix A.

920 **Resolved:** that further to item 798, it was decided that not all Councillors would be required to undertake staff review and appraisal training.

921 **Resolved:** that the action plan dated 27th November 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

Items for Exclusion

922 None were recorded

Appointments to the Committee

923 **Resolved:** that Mrs Pauline Buckle be appointed to the Finance and General Purpose Committee, as approved by the Parish Council at the meeting of 10th September 2007.

Applications for Grant Aid under s137.

- 924 **Resolved:** that the application for grant aid from the Duffield Cricket Club, be referred to the Full Council meeting as Councillors Woodings and Rowland declared an interest which rendered the meeting below quorum, in this matter only.
- 925 **Resolved:** that all other applications be referred to the Full Council with the following recommendations:
- 1) that a grant of £100 be awarded to Hearing Help.
 - 2) that a grant of £50 be awarded to Victim Support
 - 3) that grant applications by Derbyshire Coalition for Living and Derbyshire Children's seaside home be refused this year.

Parish Council Charges

Further to a report previously circulated showing increases in charges as a result of application of the Retail Price Index, it was:

- 926 **Resolved:** that a decision regarding the increase in charges would be delayed until a comparisons could be made to similar charges levied by Amber Valley Borough Council.

Parish Council Budgetary Control for 2007/2008

The Parish Councils' Budgetary Control for 2007/2008 together with the longer term five year budget plan was received by members, and is attached in Appendix B. Further to a review of the Financial Reports, it was:

- 927 **Resolved:** that a working group meet to discuss the 2008/09 budget as detailed in the report attached together with the precept request for 2008/09. The recommendations of the working party should then be presented to members of the Full Council at their meeting of 8th January 2008 at which the precept request will be determined.

Transport

- 928 Further to an email, as previously circulated, from Derbyshire County Council, regarding road speed on the A6 and the B5023, and traffic calming measures on Hall Farm Road and Avenue Road, it was noted that there were no plans to limit the speed on these roads or introduce traffic calming due to the low collision history. A review and investigation on the collision history at the B5023 Broadway and Cumberhills Road junction and road speed on the B5023 was expected in the near future. Details of this correspondence had been forwarded to Alan Dungworth and Jim Banahan for comment.
- 929 The Clerk confirmed that action had been taken by Derbyshire County Council to address the profile of the speed bumps on Holloway Road.

Child and Youth Facilities

- 930 Further to email communication with Amber Valley Borough Council planning department, doubt had been cast upon the suitability of Eyes Meadow as site for a Youth Facility, due to its

designation as Green Belt. A firm opinion from the planners on the suitability of the site is anticipated shortly.

No update has been received from the Youth Development Group. It was

931 Resolved: that the Youth Development Group be requested to submit details of their ideas to committee.

932 The playground project had been delayed as Amber Valley Borough Council had deferred a decision on funding until the 17th December 2007. The Clerk would speak to HAGS to ensure the tender for the playground remained valid until after this date.

Environment

933 Amber Valley Borough Council has confirmed its intention to introduce a Green Waste Collection at a cost of £39 per annum for a two weekly collection per household. Details of their service were placed in the Parish Newsletter.

Operation and Administration of the Parish Council

The Clerk was currently making updates to the website including the minutes and calendar.

934 Resolved: that a review of the website would be undertaken and amendments made regarding the committee structure.

935 The Clerk confirmed that paperwork distribution requirements had been introduced. Newsletters, letters and circulars were now being sent on separate emails as requested and could be identified more easily.

Meeting Dates 2008

936 Resolved: to accept the schedule for next years meeting dates with the exception of the meeting on 25th March 2008 to be brought forward to 18th March 2008 for the convenience of the Chairman.

Date and Time of the next meeting

937 Resolved: that the next meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee will take place on Tuesday 18th March 2007 at 7.00pm, in the Meeting Room on Hazelwood Road, Duffield.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed _____ Date _____