

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategy, Finance and General Purpose Committee, held, in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield on Monday 15th December 2008 at 10.00am.

Present: Chairman: A Woodings
Councillors: Buckle, England, Greenwood, Rice, and Rowlands.

Also in Attendance: Mrs S Bygraves - Clerk

Apologies for Absence

1399 None

Declaration of Members Interests

1400 Councillor Buckle declared an interest in item 6.a as a member of Duffield Lawn Tennis Club

Items for exclusion

1401 The Clerk advised that agenda item 8, as an exempt item fell within the meaning of exclusion as defined in The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 sch.12a and would therefore require the exclusion the public and press if present.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategy, Finance & General Purpose Committee

Members reviewed the minutes of the Strategy, Finance and General Purpose Committee meeting held on 1st July 2008, and approved by the Parish Council on the 9th September 2008. It was

1402 **Resolved:** that items arising would be reviewed as they appeared on the Action Plan.

Action Plan

An update on the action plan was given by the Clerk and is attached to Appendix A. It was noted that all items on the action plan had been completed.

1403 **Resolved:** that the action plan dated 15th December 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.

Applications for Grant Aid under s137

Further to local advertisements placed in the Parish Council newsletter, applications for Grant Aid under s137 had been received from the following organisations:

Duffield Lawn Tennis Club: an application for £650 for a youth coaching programme,
Choose Cycling: an application for funding towards a borrow a bike scheme and teaching programme for £1000, 1st Duffield Rainbow Guides: an open request for funding for resources for activities with children.

A formal application for funding under this provision from the youth project was still under discussion with members following a presentation to the full council concerning the project at their December meeting.

Following a review of the applications additional information regarding access to activities and fees was requested from the Duffield Lawn Tennis Club and more information about the number of people helped by the project was requested from Choose Cycling. It was

- 1404 Resolved:** that a grant of £100 be awarded to Duffield Rainbow Guides, and that further awards be held over until the requested for information had been received.

Parish Council Charges

A report showing increases in charges as a result of application of the Retail Price Index was distributed to members. The charges were reviewed in accordance with the Parish Councils Financial Regulations and following this review it was.

- 1405 Resolved:** that the following charges be adopted by the Parish Council effective from 1st April 2009

Activity	Duffield Parish Council Charges 2009/10
Football	
Senior with change with supervision	39.00
Senior pitch only	21.00
Senior pitch with self supervision	29.00
Junior pitch with supervision	23.00
Junior pitch only	10.00
Junior pitch with self supervision	13.00
Adults Changing Rooms Only	18.00
Junior Changing Rooms Only	5.00
Allestree FC (new pitch) fixed for period of loan until Feb 2009	tbc
General Open Spaces	
Duffield Cricket Club	
This is reviewable every 5 years and was notified 6 months prior to 25/01/2006. No adjustment is due until 2011.	n/a
William Gilbert School (Grays Rec)	510.00
Hire of Eyes Meadow for Weddings and Parties	120.00
General	
Notice Board maintenance fee	6.50
Allotment Fee	6.50

Furthermore, it was:

- 1406 Resolved:** that a decision regarding the increase in charges for the Cemetery would be referred to the Cemetery Committee for consideration and that the matter of charges payable by Allestree Football Club passed to full council for consideration.

Parish Council Budgetary Control for 2008/2009 and Precept requirement for 2009/10

The Parish Councils' Budgetary Control for 2008/2009 together with the three year budget plan including precept estimates for 2009/10 were received by members, and are attached in Appendix B. Members considered applications from standing committees for the allocation of specific reserves in accordance with Parish Council policy. It was noted that the requests principally related to urgent work required at various sites owned by the Parish Council.

- 1407 Resolved:** that an applications for a specific reserve from the Cemetery Committee for £4000 to install paths and a water supply at the allotments gardens at the Cemetery be approved. An application for a specific reserve for £6000 from the Open Spaces Committee for repairs to the car park at Eyes Meadow, and Grays Recreational Ground boundary wall was also approved. A request for a specific reserve from the Recreational Committee for £4000 for professional fees was rejected. It was also;
- 1408 Resolved:** that a precept for 2009/10 of £96,485 be recommended to members for approval at their meeting to be held on 13th January 2009, and such demand be presented to Amber Valley Borough Council on such approval.

Operation and Administration

Further to the adoption of the Model Publication Scheme under the Freedom of Information Act, the Clerk reported that an information Library had been placed on the Parish Council's website, and work was taking place to allow the required information to be placed on the website.

The Clerk informed members that the main laptop computer used by staff was having difficulty connecting to the server due to damage to the wireless card. It was confirmed that the computer was almost three years old, and under Parish Council policy was soon due for replacement.

- 1409 Resolved:** that the Clerk purchase a replacement laptop and projector for use by the Parish Council.

Meeting Dates

- 1410 Resolved:** that meeting dates as advised by the Clerk for 2009/10 be recommended to the Parish Council for adoption.

Date and time of next meeting

- 1411 Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Strategy , Finance and General Purpose Committee will take place on Tuesday 24th March 2009 at 7.00pm, in the Meeting Room on Hazelwood Road, Duffield.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.50am.

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