

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield on Tuesday 13th January 2004 at 7.15pm

Present: Chairman: Councillor J C Rowlands
Vice Chairman: Councillor N G Storer
Councillors: Buckle, Carmichael-Smith, England, Hibbert, Rice, Sartin, A Woodings and B J Woodings

Also in attendance: Mr D R Bostock – Parish Clerk & R F O
Mrs S Bygraves – Treasurer / Assistant Clerk
County Councillor P Clark (Part)
Mr D Beauchamp & Mr D Fleay of Allestree F C (Part)

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillors Fletcher and Knibbs

Prior to the meeting the Reverend Mark Pickles, led those assembled in prayer.

001/04 Guest Speaker – County Councillor P Clark

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow County Councillor P Clark to address members present.

Councillor Clark advised members that unfortunately the Parish Council's Right of Way Claim for the Chapel Street to Kings Head P H footpath had failed, following claims by two residents that the footpath had been closed to the public one day per year, together with the necessary notices being posted.

He also confirmed that no highway or footway work had taken place on Ecclesbourne Avenue during the last 25 years and that the local Member of Parliament was now involved in trying expedite repairs to the footways. He further reported that the County Council was to receive an additional £17 million for road works in the coming year.

Thereupon the Chairman reinstated Standing Orders.

Resolved: that the Footpaths Committee consider the outcome and any further options open to them regarding the Chapel Street to Kings Head footpath, at their next meeting.

002/04 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

The Clerk gave members an update on matters arising from the minutes, as follows:

129/03 Res.a) The Clerk reported that he had contacted Stephanie Palmer at the Borough Council who had agreed to reproduce the Millennium Banner Graphics, however she stated that it could take some time.

147/03 The Clerk confirmed that he had transferred, via floppy disc the November Parish Council and Committee minutes to Councillor Buckle for use on the Council's Web Site.

Resolved: that the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 December 2003, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the resolutions referred to in item 137/03 being renumbered to read "129/03" in both cases and also that the words "and also approaches Councillor Carmichael-Smith" be removed from resolution 146/03.

003/04 Special Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

Resolved: that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 6 January 2004, be received and adopted as Council policy.

004/04 Planning and Licensing Matters

Members noted the Planning and Licensing Matters circulated and agreed the following representations on current applications:

AVA/2003/1530 – 2 storey side extension and garage at Station House, Station Road, Duffield for Mr Mark Gray of Manor Farm, Duffield Bank (no representations).

005/04 Clerk's Report

Correspondence was tabled and received in accordance with Appendix "B"

Further to item 1, the Clerk expressed his concern at the two mobile phone robberies from actual persons on Station Approach on the same day.

Further to item 2, the Clerk reported that the A6 was to remain a primary route with no change in signage as a result of de-trunking. He also reported that the County Council propose to undertake the second phase of their Local Programme Development with specific attention on Duffield and Ripley.

Finally, he confirmed that he had forwarded a further letter from Miss Hingley to the County Council, regarding the King Street area traffic problems and that he had applied to PC Nigel Coulstock for grant aid, for the parish Council's Golf Lane and Pastures to Holloway Road, Street Lighting Schemes.

Resolved:

a) that arising from item 4, the Clerk advises the Borough Council that the Parish Council note their letter and report regarding the Duffield Public Conveniences, but are not interested in taking any action on the matter at this time.

b) that arising from item 6, the Parish Council note the positive response from the County Council for the Parish Council's Duffield to Allestree Cycleway proposal and that the Clerk forwards a copy of the response to Councillor England, before further consideration.

c) that arising from item 8, the Clerk requests the Tree Warden to identify the trees requiring protection in Duffield, that are outside the existing Conservation Area.

d) that arising from item 9, the Clerk obtains copies of the Millennium Meadow Conservation Trust's replies to the Environment Agency letters, regarding their effective reduction in the capacity of the Eyes Meadow Flood Plain.

e) that arising from item 10, the Clerk sends a letter of support for the CPRE's stance in urging the Minister for Housing and Planning to support amendments to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill.

f) that arising from item 11, the Clerk advises the Community Association that the Parish Council will fund the provision and planting of the Rose Garden in the sum of £338.46.

g) that arising from item 13, the Clerk forwards a copy of the Equine Issues document to Mr & Mrs Foster at Burley Meadows Farm, Derby Road, DE56 4FQ, for information purposes.

006/04 Reports from Outside Bodies

The William Gilbert School

Councillor Carmichael-Smith reported that the next Governors' meeting will be held on the 27 January 2004 and the annual report to parents will be made on 4 February 2004.

36 applications have been made for the 35 places available at the school in the coming year and not all of these are for children from within the catchment area.

The Parish Plan

Councillor Buckle reported that £75.00 worth of software had been purchased to produce the Parish Plan questionnaire, which is to be sent to every tenth household. Fifty or more questions are to be asked on matters relevant to the village and it is hoped to have the questionnaire delivered by the end of March 2004.

007/04 DALC Circulars

Circulars and correspondence received from DALC were tabled and received in accordance with Appendix "C".

Resolved: that arising from item 1, the Assistant Clerk prepares a suitable Accident Book and places it in the Meeting Room.

008/04 Financial Matters

The Treasurer/Assistant Clerk circulated details of the monthly payments and the quarterly statement of accounts to the 31 December 2003.

Resolved:

a) that the Treasurer/Assistant Clerk's tabled monthly invoices for December 2003 in the sum of £4,065.31 be initialled and approved, with cheques due signed by members and the Clerk.

b) that the Treasurer/Assistant Clerk's tabled Quarterly Accounts to 31 December 2003, showing a total income of £70,093; total expenditure of £65,321; and funds available of £27,329; be received and approved.

009/04 Associate School Governor

The Clerk reported on the continuing need to appoint an Associate School Governor to Ecclesbourne School from the Parish Council.

Resolved: that Councillor Carmichael-Smith be appointed as the Parish Council's Associate School Governor to Ecclesbourne School's Facilities Committee.

010/04 Parish Council Web Site

Councillor Buckle reported that the Web Site was coming on, Derek Cook has been asked to help with the History of Duffield and it is hoped to produce a Newsheet for Businesses in the area.

The Clerk also confirmed that he had provided the November 2003 Parish Council minutes and all the Committee minutes in floppy disc form for inclusion in the Web Site.

Resolved: that the Clerk provides details of the Terms of Reference for the various Committees' and photographs of D Guy and M Forkin, for inclusion on the Web Site.

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011/04 Colour Works Development

The Chairman expressed his concern that the Parish Council had not been consulted regarding the naming of streets on the above development.

Resolved: that the Borough Council be requested to consult with the Parish Council regarding the allocation of Street Names on new developments in future.

012/04 Provision of a New Football Pitch on Eyes Meadow

The Clerk advised members that arising from the decision of the Open Spaces Committee in minute OS/17/03 a), supporting the provision of a new football pitch on Eyes Meadow for the use of Allestree Football Club, it was now necessary to agree to the preparation of a 10 year lease with the Club.

The Football Club have agreed to finance the project and during the repayment period of any loan will pay a lower, negotiated pitch and changing room hire fee for their home matches. During the period of the lease they will allow other local junior teams to use the pitch and encourage Duffield residents to join their Club.

Resolved:

a) that subject to Allestree Football Club funding the whole project for the provision of a new football pitch on Eyes Meadow and paying an agreed reduced hire fee to the Parish Council during the period of any loan, the project be approved.

b) that the Clerk arranges for the provision and signing of a 10 year lease document for the above new football pitch, between the Parish Council and Allestree Football Club.

013/04 Parish Estimates & Precepts 2004/05

The Clerk advised members that the Parish Council's precept requirement for the 2004/05 financial year was required by the Borough Council, by 31 January 2004.

He further reminded members that the budgetary requirements of all Committees' had been accepted and included, apart from reductions of £2,000 each from the Footpaths, Open Spaces & Cemetery Committee budgets' and £2,700 from the Finance & General Purposes Committee budget, all as agreed at the Special Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 6 January 2004.

Resolved: that the Duffield Parish Council hereby set a precept requirement for the 2004/2005 financial year of £65,000 and approve the final budget as approved by the Special Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 6 January 2004, for use in the coming financial year.

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014/04 Outstanding Matters

The Chairman reported on progress being made with local businesses regarding the provision of CCTV surveillance in the village.

The matter of affordable housing provision on the Colour Works site, was also raised, it being noted that four properties were available at £650/month, with the proviso that if no tenants are forthcoming the builders can reclaim the properties for sale.

Resolved:

a) that CCTV provision be placed on Appendix "D".

b) that the Clerk writes to the Borough Council regarding the situation with the alleged affordable Housing being provided on the Colour Works site.

015/04 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved: that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 10 February 2004 at 7.15pm, in the Meeting Room on Hazelwood Road, Duffield.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

Signed _____

Date _____