

# Duffield Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2004 at 7.15pm

Present: Chairman: Councillor N G Storer  
Vice Chairman: Councillor R Knibbs  
Councillors: Buckle, Fletcher, Rowlands, Sartin, A Woodings and B Woodings  
County Councillor P Clark (part)

Also in attendance: Mr D R Bostock – Parish Clerk & R F O

Prior to the meeting the Reverend David Blanchflower, led those assembled in prayer.

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillors Carmichael-Smith, England and Rice and the Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Mrs S Bygraves

### 137/04 Guest Speakers

*The Chairman suspended Standing Orders in order for County Councillor P Clark to address the meeting.*

County Councillor P Clark confirmed that he had passed a cheque to the Assistant Clerk/Treasurer for £500.00 from his Leadership Chest Fund, for the use the Meadows School plus four Group.

*At this point the Chairman reinstated Standing Orders for the remainder of the meeting.*

### 138/04 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

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

The Clerk advised members that all actions had been taken and that the following representation had emerged from the Site Meeting on Sunday 14 November 2004 at land to rear of 50 Town Street, Duffield – that the Parish Council remains concerned at the proliferation of this type of infill development, which continues to change the very nature of the village. The creation of a further new access so close to the A6/Wirksworth Road junction, the entrance to the main village car park, on what is a very narrow section of Wirksworth Road, with very narrow footways, catering for a very large school population adjacent to the site, would be a very dangerous development.

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 November 2004, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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### 139/04 Finance and General Purposes Committee

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 23 November 2004, be received and adopted as Council policy.

#### **140/04 Planning and Licensing Matters**

Members noted the Planning and Licensing Matters circulated and that “no representations” had been made in all but one case (AVA/2004/1329 see below), as detailed on the agenda, furthermore they made the following decisions on current applications:

AVA/2004/1329 – Change of use from shop to restaurant and alterations to shop front at 22 Town Street, Duffield for Mr S Warren and Ms F Wilkinson of West Hallam (Representations: The Parish Council are concerned at the lack of parking provision within the village to serve further developments of this type, without their own parking provision).

AVA/2004/1356 – Flat roof extension to form porch at 49 Broadway, Duffield for Mr G Salter of the same address (no representations).

AVA/2004/1362 – Two storey rear extension at 23 Chestnut Close, Duffield for Mrs K Gibson of the same address (no representations).

AVA/2004/1365 – Fourth bedroom over garage at 41 Milford Road, Duffield for A Cummins of the same address (no representations).

AVA/2004/1384 – Two storey extension to side, to form kitchen with bedroom above at 13 Marsden Close, Duffield for Mr & Mrs P Mills of the same address (no representations).

AVA/2004/1425 – Garage enclosure and additional bedroom within existing structure at 23 St Alkmunds Close, Duffield for Mr & Mrs P Rothera of the same address (no representations).

TRE/2004/0121- Crown reduction of Sycamore, Maple and Beech trees at St Alkmunds Close, Duffield for Mr & Mrs Mayer (no representations).

#### **141/04 Clerk’s Report**

**Correspondence** was tabled and received in accordance with Appendix “B”

Further to item 1, the Clerk reported that there had been 13 crimes reported during October, four for theft, two for criminal damage, three for burglary, one for vehicle damage and three for theft from vehicles. He also confirmed that the crime figures for both Belper and Kilburn, were 69 and 13 respectively, during the same period.

Further to items 2, the Clerk advised that none of the content of the Road Safety Committee Annual Report applied to Duffield, the Committee Secretary did however thank the members for their continuing support for his organisation.

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Further to item 3, the Clerk advised members that arising from comments during the recent Finance and General Purposes Committee, regarding the increasing costs of the staff telephone accounts, he had approached the Utility Warehouse Discount Club for details of any cost savings they could achieve for our telephone requirements compared to our present provider BT.

Based on our recent bills the above organisation predicted savings of around 20% for daytime calls and a rate of just 4.7p / hour at evenings and weekends. Additionally mobile phone calls could be reduced by a further 25% for a fee of £1.50/month. Also all calls are free between Utility Warehouse Discount Members on their Home Phone Service, therefore all the calls day or night between members of staff would be free.

The Clerk also reported that significant savings could also be made on the Council's Gas bills also, however electricity is not available from this source currently, but is likely to be in the future. All payments have to be by Direct Debit, which would save the staff time in having fend off numerous final demands and notices etc.

Further to item 4, the Clerk circulated a new guidance booklet to all members, "Lobby groups, dual-hatted members and the Code of Conduct".

Further to item 5, the Clerk advised members of the arrangements for the erection and removal of the village Christmas Trees this year.

Further to item 6, the Clerk advised members of recent problems when Duffield 77 FC were self supervising a football match at Eyes Meadow and the Changing Rooms were left in a deplorable condition, requiring the Assistant Clerk spending some 4.5 hours to clean. He further reported to members that a warning letter had been sent to the offending club advising them also that they will be charged for the additional cleaning required.

Further to item 11, the Clerk advised members of a reply from the County Council, confirming that they had chosen not to award a Young Achiever Award to the Parish Council's nominee Samuel Everington.

Further to item 12, the Clerk reported that the County Council had confirmed that Cockpit Lane would not be affected by any of the redevelopment works at Field House, 45 Town Street, Duffield.

Further to item 13, the Clerk stated that the "Road Accidents in Derbyshire : Casualty Report 2003", could be accessed on [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk),

Further to item 14, the Clerk stated that the "Statement of Response to the Inspector's Report & Schedule for the Derby & Derbyshire Waste Local Plan", could be accessed on <http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/wastelocalplan/index.htm>.

The Clerk circulated the following additional late items of correspondence for Councillors' information:

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23. Nottingham East Midlands Airport –Changes to Controlled Airspace – Completion of Consultation.

24. DCC – Replacement Public Footpath Stiles.

**Resolved:**

a) that, further to item three above, the Clerk accepts the offer of The Utility Warehouse to provide for the Parish Council's Telephonic and Gas requirements in the future.

b) that, arising from item eleven above, the Clerk establishes what criteria the County Council use in deciding the recipients of the Young Achiever Awards.

c) that, arising from item twenty three above, the Clerk advises the Nottingham East Midlands Airport that the Parish Council have an interest in, and note their proposals and reserve the right to make observations in due course in the light of experience.

d) that arising from item twenty four above, the Clerk arranges to obtain eight new kissing gate stile kits, which are to be re-charged to the County Council. That the Clerk also obtains quotations from local contractors to erect the above stile kits, the cost of which will be recharged to the land owners concerned.

#### **142/04 Reports from Outside Bodies**

None.

#### **143/04 DALC Circulars**

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

Circular No's 49 & 50/2004 were circulated to all members and Circular 51/2004 noted.

Members also noted a reply from DALC regarding the recent review of the Financial Regulations, in which they stated that they did not anticipate any further changes in the near future.

Members also noted a further reply from DALC which stated that the only other major insurance company operating in the Parish Council Sector is AON Ltd, Somerset House, 47-49 London Road, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1LU.

**Resolved:** that the Clerk obtains an alternative insurance quotation from AON Ltd for the Parish Council's 2005/06 insurance needs.

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#### **144/04 Financial Matters**

The Treasurer circulated details of the monthly payments and income to the 14 December 2004, prior to the meeting.

**Resolved:** that the Assistant Clerk/Treasurer's tabled monthly list of invoices and payments for December 2004, in the sum of £14,892.42 be initialled and approved, with cheques due signed by members and the Clerk.

#### **145/04 Parish Council Web Site**

Nothing to report.

#### **146/04 Outstanding Matters**

The Clerk reported that he had reminded the Derwent Valley Rural Transport Partnership that the Parish Council still had funds available for improvements to Duffield Station in the current year, if they could find a useful purpose for them.

Members were circulated with a Preliminary Version of the Parish Plan for their consideration over the next few weeks.

**Resolved:** that the Clerk establishes where the final Parish Plan document is to be sent.

#### **147/04 Date of Next Meeting**

**Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 11 January 2005 at **7.15pm**, in the Meeting Room on Hazelwood Road, Duffield.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_