

# Duffield Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Duffield Fire Station, Derby Road, Flaxholme, Duffield on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: Councillor N G Storer  
Vice Chairman: Councillor D A Hibbert  
Councillors: Buckle, England, Fletcher, Knibbs, Rice, Rowlands, Sartin, A A Woodings and B Woodings

Also in attendance: Mr D R Bostock – Parish Clerk & R F O  
Mrs S Bygraves – Assistant Parish Clerk & Treasurer  
County Councillor Patrick Clark  
Sub Officer Simon Norris – Duffield Fire Station

Prior to the meeting the Reverend Ron Brickman, led those assembled in prayer.

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor Carmichael-Smith.

### 017/06 Public Participation

*The Chairman suspended Standing Orders in order for members of the public to address the meeting.*

#### a) Chevin Golf Club

**Mr N Mirfin** – advised members, that the Chevin Golf Club had sought advice from the County Council and various other bodies regarding the improvements to their Golf Course. Care had been taken to ensure that the centre of the new fairway was 60 metres away from any public footpath and a 50 metre, clear line of sight would be available from the new tees. Grass would be allowed to grow longer near the public footpaths in order to encourage golfers to try and avoid these areas. They also intend to stop using the remote practice area near the North Lane path and when using the new practice area golfers will be encouraged to play away from any footpaths. The proposed car park at this location is to be abandoned. He finally confirmed that the old practice area and seventeenth hole are to be allowed to return to nature.

**Mr R Scullion** – stated that the last thing the Golf Club wanted to do was to create any danger to the general public, he stated that they would make every effort to ensure that the project will blend in with the local environment. He also confirmed that the Golf Club's proposals will be detailed in the Duffield Scene, for the benefit of all residents.

**Councillor Sartin** – explained that the Parish Council had been merely reflecting the views of local residents and other complainants.

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#### b) Friends of the Derwent Valley Line

**Mr R Brennan Brown** – thanked members for inviting the Friends of the Derwent Valley Line to present their Rail Users Strategy to the Parish Council, including their hope for the introduction of a strong railway element within the Parish Plan, which will hopefully encourage greater use of the railway.

**Mr A Morley** – advised members of recent Station improvements including a new timetable notice, refurbished waiting shelter, seating & lighting improvements and the provision of help points. He also confirmed that they were working with Wyvern Rail, regarding their adopt a railway station programme. Community rail designation would also help with any further development matters we may wish to see take place on the station. He concluded by stating that use of the Derwent Valley Line had gone up by 35% since 2002 and sought the use of Parish Council Notice Boards in order to extend timetable display within the village.

**c) County Councillor P Clark, advised members of the following matters:**

i) that excessive traffic speeds on Holloway Road are being reported and Mr Brennan Brown confirmed that the local Road Safety Committee would like to see a 20mph speed limit on the road.

ii) that the following dangerous pedestrian route assessments have been made by the County Council, namely Nether Lane and Hob Hill, Hazelwood and Over Lane, Hazelwood Road to Shottlegate.

iii) that Mr J Banahan had complained of surface water draining from the A6 and down Castle Orchard.

iv) that he had £1,000 in grant aid available for projects in the area. Members suggested that the old C.I. gas lamps in the village should be renovated at Wirksworth Road, Derby Road and Champion Hill.

*At this point the Chairman thanked the members of the public present for their contributions to the above debate and reinstated Standing Orders.*

**018/06 Declaration of Members Interest**

In relation to the debate Planning Application AVA/2005/1075 Chevin Golf Club, Councillors Buckle, Fletcher, Rice, Rowlands and A & B Woodings declared a non-pecuniary interest.

Councillor Mrs S Fletcher declared an interest in the payment of an invoice in favour of Pywells, for repairs to the Parish Clerk's photocopier, in the sum of £250.50 + VAT.

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Arising from minute 155/05, item 5, the Clerk confirmed that James Beresford & Sons had still not produced the scheme for anchoring the Poppy Wreaths to the War Memorial; the detail has now been promised for the March meeting.

Arising from minute 003/06, resolution b) the Clerk reported that no response had been received from the Borough Council, regarding the error in the revised 2002 Deposited Plan in relation to Mrs Gibson's land, adjacent to the Cemetery.

Arising from minute 004/06, item 4, the Clerk reported that the Borough Council had not got the necessary resources available to help with the Parish Council's Cemetery Memorial Check programme.

Arising from minute 004/06, item 8, the Clerk advised members that the recent treatment given to the railway footbridges, was in fact a carpet of winter salt and grit.

Arising from minute 004/06, item 11c, the Clerk confirmed that the new Duffield boundary sign had now been delivered and would be erected shortly.

Arising from minute 010/06, Councillor Buckle advised members that she had already reported the cost of Snake Lane Design hosting the Council's Web Site in the sum of £150.00.

Arising from minute 013/06, Planning Application AVA/2005/1379 – Councillor A Woodings advised members, that a further site meeting was to be held regarding the Cumberhills Farm Development and that the Clerk should advise members of the details of this meeting when they are known.

Arising from minute 013/06, Planning Application AVA/2005/0844 – Councillor A Woodings advised members that the latest application for the Burley House redevelopment project had been turned down.

Arising from minute 014/06, the Assistant Clerk confirmed that the meeting room was almost clear and the paint required for the redecoration had been ordered.

**Resolved:**

a) that the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 January 2005, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

b) that arising from the Assistant Clerk's report regarding minute 014/06 above, the work on the redecoration of the Council's Meeting Room proceeds forthwith.

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**020/06 Clerk's Report**

**Correspondence** was tabled and received in accordance with Appendix "A"

Further to item 1, the Clerk circulated members with the details of recorded and detected crime for 2005/06 and the December 2005 crime figures.

Further to item 2, the Clerk reported that it was now necessary for the Council to confirm the Chairman's action in authorising the replacement of the Parish Clerk and RFO. The Clerk

reported that 24No. application packs had been sent out to prospective candidates and that two applications had been received to date.

Further to item 4, the Clerk circulated the details of the agreed Parish Council budget for 2006/07 to all members, for their information and records.

Further to item 5, the Clerk confirmed that he had written to all the Council's Footpath Advisors inviting them to continue producing their annual footpath reports during the summer period.

Further to item 6, Councillor Sartin drew the Council's attention to the poor state of the Church Car Park. The Clerk read out two letters from the Church Council, one requesting financial help with the provision of a new CCTV system near the Church and secondly they enquired if any progress had been made in creating additional parking area in the vicinity using the adjacent Parish Council owned land. County Councillor P Clark indicated that he may be able to assist with the funding of the CCTV scheme.

Further to item 8, the Clerk reported that he had expressed the Parish Council's concern at the state of the Chestnut Close footways to the County Council, in a letter dated 18 January 2006.

Further to item 10, the Clerk read out a letter from the Borough Council, which confirmed that they did not have the resources available to help with the Safety Testing of the Parish Council's Cemetery Memorials.

Further to item 11, the Clerk circulated a paper called "hidden treasures", which was requesting Cemetery owners to encourage bio-diversity and sustainable wildlife in cemeteries. Members felt that any part of the Cemetery to be used for this purpose should be clearly delineated, signed and appropriately seeded.

Further to item 13, the Clerk read out a letter from the County Council, which stated that they had no objection to the Parish Council's proposal to carry out surface improvements to part of the Cockpit Lane Public Footpath.

Further to item 17, the Clerk circulated a further letter from the West Derbyshire Labour Party, regarding the provision of the new football pitch on Eyes Meadow for Allestree FC.

Further to additional item 18, the Clerk reported on a letter from Miss J Hingley expressing her concerns regarding the possibility of building a village hall on Gray Recreation Ground.

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Further to additional item 19, the Clerk confirmed that he had written to Alfie Smith the Borough Council's Youth Leadership Officer on 18 October 2005, agreeing to take up their offer of three free Night Reach Sessions in Duffield. He also confirmed that to date, no response had been received and a reminder letter has been sent.

Further to Miscellaneous item 1), the Clerk advised members that he had now received a copy the Draft Master Plan for the future of the East Midlands Airport.

**Resolved:**

a) that further to item two above, the Parish Council hereby confirm the action of the Chairman in authorising the replacement of the Parish Clerk and RFO.

b) that arising from item two above, Councillors Buckle, Rowlands, A Woodings and the Parish Clerk meet at 7.00pm on 1 March 2006 at 30 Hazelwood Road, Duffield in order to agree the shortlist of candidates to be interviewed for the post of Parish Clerk & RFO.

c) that arising from item two above, Councillors Buckle, Rowlands, A Woodings and the Parish Clerk meet at 2.00pm on 10 March 2006 in the Duffield Fire Station in order to interview the shortlisted candidates for the post of Parish Clerk and RFO.

d) that arising from item three, members noted and accepted the following quotations for various work in and around the Parish –

- i) Stiles Walk fence renewal: Timber-Link Fencing = £536.00
- ii) Cemetery security fence: Timber-Link Fencing = £1,080.00
- iii) Meeting Room pointing: Morris F Mitchell = £3,980.00
- iv) Cemetery FP surfacing: Joe Brown Contractors = £1,034.90
- v) Cockpit Lane surfacing: Joe Brown Contractors = £2,983.00 + £1,727.00.
- vi) Donald Hawley Way patch: Joe Brown Contractors = £1,650.00
- vii) Cem'y Lodge Alarm: A K Security = £875.00
- viii) Replacement Strimmer: Platts Harris = £392.16 inc. VAT.
- ix) Fell Ash & Cherry tree: R A Bowmer Ltd = £120.00
- x) Fell Oak & remove wall: R A Bowmer Ltd = £100.00
- xi) Repair Chapel St. shelter: Shelter Maintenance Co = £202.00

e) that arising from item 6 above, the Clerk requests the Church to provide details of an appropriate CCTV scheme, that members can consider.

f) that arising from item 7, the Parish Council agree to allow the Annual Good Friday Football Match to take place again this year, on the Gray Recreation Ground.

g) that arising from item 8, the Clerk advises the County Council that the Parish Council is very disappointed with the quality of the footway surfacing work and the grit left on the verges on Chestnut Close, St Ronans Avenue and Ecclesbourne Close.

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h) that arising from item 9, the Clerk applies for Concert in the Community Funding from the Borough Council again this year, for concert provision at the Duffield Carnival.

i) that arising from item 10, the Clerk calls for a site meeting to be held at the Cemetery on 16 February 2006 to consider the implications of encouraging wildlife and bio-diversity in the Cemetery, or part thereof.

j) that arising from item 12, the Parish Council renew their annual membership of the A V Council for Voluntary Service in the sum of £15.00 from 1 February 2006.

k) that arising from item 14, the Clerk forwards the literature associated with the Calor Village of the Year 2006 to the Duffield Community Association.

l) that arising from item 15, the Parish Council do not wish to support the provision of Police Community Officers in the Duffield area.

m) that arising from item 16, Councillors Rice and A. Woodings agreed to lead and risk assess the Duffield Parish Walk, as part of the Amber Valley & Erewash Walking Festival to be held in the Autumn.

n) that arising from item 17, the Clerk formally acknowledges receipt of the 26 January 2006 letter from the West Derbyshire Constituency of the Labour Party, regarding their official complaint about the provision of a new football pitch on Eyes Meadow for Allestree FC.

o) that arising from Miscellaneous Item a), the Clerk reports the creation of the new Plastic Recycling facility at the Lord Scarsdale Public House in the next News Letter.

p) that arising from Miscellaneous Item b), the Clerk obtains competitive quotations for the 2006 Hanging Basket provision and ensures that the successful contractor has adequate Public Liability Insurance cover.

### **021/06 Reports from Outside Bodies**

**Councillor Fletcher** – reported that the Acting Head at Meadows School seemed to be coping well and that interviews for a replacement head were to take place next week. She also confirmed that the recent Ofsted report had been good, and that CCTV was to be installed on the school playground.

### **022/06 DALC Circulars**

Circulars and correspondence received from DALC were tabled and received in accordance with Appendix “B” and placed in the DALC file on the table, for member’s inspection.

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### **023/06 Financial Matters**

Details of the monthly payments and income to 14 February 2006, having been circulated prior to the meeting, it was:

**Resolved:** that the Assistant Clerk/Treasurer’s tabled monthly list of invoices and payments for January 2006, in the sum of £6,203.41 be initialled and approved, with cheques due signed by members and the Clerk. Members also noted income received during the same period of £1,693.22.

### **024/06 Parish Plan**

The Assistant Clerk reported that all expenditure was now accounted for and funds will be reclaimed shortly. She also confirmed that the recent Parish Plan Open meeting was poorly attended.

### **025/06 Parish Council Web Site**

Councillor Buckle re-affirmed that it had been agreed that Snake Lane Design had agreed to host the Parish Council Web Site.

#### **026/06 Reorganisation (Work Flow) Group**

The Assistant Clerk and Councillor Buckle confirmed that the Parish Office at the Weston Centre would be available for exclusive Parish Council use for two hours on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Weston Centre will levy a charge for lighting the office and will decorate the room.

#### **027/06 Planning and Licensing Matters**

Members noted the Planning and Licensing Matters circulated, as detailed at Appendix "C" on the agenda. Furthermore they made the following decisions on current applications:

AVA/2005/0844 – 24 Dwellings, Burley House, 33 New Zealand Lane, Duffield – revised plans received.

The Clerk confirmed that AVA/2005/1491 – Land at 52 Broadway, Duffield had been refused by the Borough Council.

The Clerk confirmed that AVA/2005/0844 – Burley House, 33 New Zealand Lane, Duffield had been recommended for refusal.

#### **028/06 Outstanding Matters**

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk reported that the archiving of material from the Meeting Room had largely been completed.

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#### **029/06 Date of Next Meeting**

**Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 14 March 2006, at **7.00pm** in the Duffield Fire, Station, Derby Road, Flaxhome, Duffield.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm.

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

