

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield, on Tuesday 13th February 2007 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman: Councillor A Woodings
Councillors: Buckle, England, Knibbs, Rowlands, Rice, Sartin, and B Woodings.

Also in Attendance: Mrs S Bygraves – Clerk
County Councillor Patrick Clark
Mrs Pauline Latham

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

Public Participation

- 459 Councillor Clark informed the Parish Council of the proposed increases in precept 2007/08. Derbyshire County Council had set its increase at 3.9%, and Derbyshire Constabulary had set theirs at 5.00% following a reduction in their grant of £1.7 million. Derbyshire Fire Authority had also increased their precept by 5.00% and this followed an 8.4%, or £3 million reduction in their grant funding.
He noted that the Flaxholme site was now subject to purchase by open tender, however onerous conditions on the sale may make tendering for the site limited.
Further to meeting with Derbyshire highway representatives and the Mr Jim Banahan, work was to take place on the Wirksworth Road including improvements to markings, signage and maintenance.

Apologies for Absence

- 460 Apologies were received from Councillors Carmichael-Smith, Fletcher, Hibbert and Storer

Declaration of Members Interests

- 461 Councillor Knibbs declared a prejudicial interest in matters relating to the Weston Centre, as he had been just been appointed as the Chairman of the Trustees. Councillor Knibbs left the meeting during subsequent discussions relating to the Weston Centre.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

- 462 Resolved:** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Update on Action Plan

An update on the action plans for 9th January 2007 was given to the meeting and is attached in Appendix A. The Clerk noted that following the completion of job and person specifications for the role of Assistant Clerk, actions to proceed with the recruitment process were now required.

- 463 Resolved:** that Councillors Rowlands, Rice and England together with the Clerk proceed with the recruitment and selection of a suitably qualified person to take the role of an Assistant Parish Clerk in accordance with minute reference 380.
- 464 Resolved:** the action plan dated 9th January 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and the outstanding item be actioned by the Clerk.

Consumption of Alcohol in Duffield

- 465** The Clerk reported that the objection raised by Mr Staley to the footway in front of the Kings Head Public House being included in the proposed Designation Order for Duffield was rejected by Amber Valley Borough Council at their meeting of 31st January 2007, details of which had been previously circulated.

Use of Section 106 Funding for Community Facilities in Duffield

Further to minute reference 1382 of the Amber Valley Borough Council Meeting dated 31st January 2007, as circulated, the Clerk confirmed that the Borough had approved the principle of releasing £39,159 to Duffield Parish Council to support the provision of open space and community facilities, and that the Director of Borough Development in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Borough Council members were authorised to release these monies on the submission and consideration of project proposals.

- 466 Resolved:** that the Clerk contact Amber Valley Borough Council to set a meeting with Parish Council member and the Clerk to establish and agree processes and procedure by which the project proposals could be presented for consideration of funding both by and to the Parish Council.

Parking in Duffield and the White Hart.

- 467** Councillors Knibbs, reported that communication between the Landlord Mr C Nicholson and the Parish Council had been established on a positive level. Whilst a compromise on parking at the Pub's car park was rejected, Mr Nicholson did confirm that the notice placed on the Parish notice board would be removed shortly.

Clerks Report

- 468 Further to item 1, the Community Association recognised the contribution made by the Parish Council to the village in its provision of Christmas Trees and Christmas Lights.
- 469 Further to item 2, Councillors noted the speech made to Parliament by Patrick McLoughlin MP regarding rural life in Derbyshire.
- 470 Further to item 3, Councillors noted the concerns raised by Derbyshire County Council on the proposed re organisation of the probation service.
- 471 Further to item 4, the draft rights of way improvement plan from Derbyshire County Council was distributed amongst Councillors for their consideration.
- 472 Further to item 5, Councillors noted the contents of the Draft East Midland Regional Plan and that further copies of the plan were available from the Clerk on disc.
- 473 **Resolved:** that Councillor respond individually to Derbyshire County Councils request for support in the proposed reorganisation of the probation service the Parish Council adopt the Local Election Compact for candidates standing for election to the Parish Council in the May 2007.

Planning and Licensing Matters

- 474 Members noted the Planning and Licensing Matters as detailed in Appendix "C" information on which had been previously circulated by the Clerk.

Financial Matters

Draft quarterly Accounts to 31 December 2006 were distributed by the Clerk. An addition error on the accounts was identified, it was therefore

- 475 **Resolved:** that the presentation of the Quarterly Accounts to 31 December 2006 be delayed until the next meeting.

Details of the monthly payments and income to 13 February 2007, having been circulated prior to the meeting, it was:

- 476 **Resolved:** that the Clerk's tabled monthly list of invoices and payments for February 2007, in the sum of £7021.11, be initialled and approved, with cheques due signed by members and the Clerk.

Weston Centre

Following Councillors Knibbs confirmation that the Weston Centre Trustees were prepared negotiate the provision of a permanent office for the Parish Council at the Centre, he left the meeting.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council have been operating a part time office from the Weston Centre for almost twelve months. It has proved relatively successful, and there was now a proposal is to establish a permanent office at the Centre. The Weston Centre Trustees have also identified a need as they require assistance in the management of the Centre.

478 Resolved: that the Parish Council agree in principle to the establishment of a permanent office at the Weston Centre, and that the Clerk together with Councillor Woodings and Rowlands lead negotiations with the Trustees of the Centre and report back to the Parish Council with their recommendations.

Date of Next Meeting

479 Resolved: that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 13th March 2007 at 7.00pm, 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 _____