

# Duffield Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield, on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman: Councillor F Rice  
Councillors: Buckle, England, Garner, Greenwood, Hibbert Knibbs, Rowlands, Short and A Woodings B Woodings.

Also in Attendance: Mrs S Bygraves – Clerk  
Mr C Carter – Assistant Clerk

### Apologies for Absence

625 Apologies were received from Storer

### Declaration of Members Interests

626 Councillor Knibbs declared a prejudicial interest in matters relating to the Weston Centre, as the Chairman of the Trustees. Councillor Knibbs left the meeting during subsequent discussions relating to the Weston Centre.

627 Councillor Hibbert declared a prejudicial interest in matters relating to the Weston Centre, and left the meeting during subsequent discussions relating to the Weston Centre.

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

628 **Resolved:** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th April 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to an amendment to declarations of interest where Councillor Hibbert declared an interest in matter relating to the Weston Centre.

### Update on Action Plan

An update on the action plans for items outstanding at 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007 was given and is attached in Appendix A. It was noted:

That the requirement for additional parking at the Church had been looked into and that a land drain at this site would be required. It was:

629 **Resolved:** that this item would be held in appendix D for action in the next financial year

That the placing of the Floral Fountain remained outstanding and that a new site was being sought. It was:

- 630 Resolved:** that if no suitable site could be found for the Floral Fountain then the order for this item be cancelled.
- 631 Resolved:** that a paper on insurance coverage should be completed when the information required has been received and that the locks to the gates on Eyes Meadow be welded to their chain attachments
- 632 Resolved:** the action plan dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and the outstanding item be actioned as soon as possible.

### **Adoption of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007**

Further to the distribution of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007, including associated schedules The Model Code of Conduct part 1, general provisions, part 2, interests, and part 3 registration of members' interests, it was:

- 633 Resolved :** that Duffield Parish Council adopt the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 in its entirety and notify the Monitoring Officer at Amber Valley Borough Council and the Standards Board for England of this decision.

### **Weston Centre Office Provision**

*Councillor Knibbs and Hibbert left the meeting*

The Clerk reported that she together with Councillors Woodings and Rowlands attended a meeting of the trustees of the Weston Centre to discuss the proposal for a permanent office at the Centre. The transfer of the library from its current location was excluded, however following some discussion it was agreed that the utility room which was of a similar size would be made available for the purpose. The storage in the store cupboard would need to be transferred to the office currently being used by the Parish Council and a sink would be need to be installed. It was:

- 634 Resolved:** that the Clerk produces a report assess the proposal, and make a recommendation on it considering all aspects including health and safety legislation

### **Playground Provision**

Further to a report previously circulated detailing the proposed equipment for the new playground at Gray Recreational Ground it was:

- 635 Resolved:** that a tender be submitted to Hags for the supply and installation of play equipment on Grays Recreational Ground. It was further
- 636 Resolved:** that a price for the supply and installation of a Multi User Games Area be sought and that funding to support its installation also be applied for.

## **Annual Report of R J Weston Duffield Charity**

- 637 A report for the 12 months to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 together with an Income Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 was received.

## **Clerks Report**

- 638 Further to item 1, Councillors noted the completion of the Lease for Central Network
- 639 Further to item 2, Councillors were invited to attend an Open Evening at Ecclesbourne School on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May 2007.
- 640 Further to item 3, the Committee of the Millennium Meadow requested a grant towards the cost of a larger dog bin for the Millennium Meadow.
- 641 Further to item 4, Councillors were invited to a meeting of the Local Community Forum on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007. The Clerk noted that this coincided with the Parish Evening Event and had informed the organisers of the forum of this.
- 642 Further to item 5, Derwent Valley Mills Partnership requested a contribution to core funding of £100.
- 643 Further to item 6, Councillors were requested to support a free postage for British Forces petition. This was to support the reinstatement of free parcel services for British Forces and their families stationed overseas.
- 644 Further to item 7, Councillors noted the work undertaken by Miller Homes on the ditch adjacent to footpath number 9 and the property belonging to Mr. & Mrs. Edwards.
- 645 Further to item 8, Councillors noted the award of a grant from Amber Valley Arts Development of £150.00 for concerts in the community.
- 646 **Resolved:** that Councillors respond directly to Ecclesbourne School regarding the invitation to an Open Evening
- 647 **Resolved:** that the matter concerning a grant for a dog bin to Millennium Meadow be referred to the Recreational Committee
- 648 **Resolved:** that a request for funding from Amber Valley Mills Partnership be rejected.
- 649 **Resolved:** that a letter of support for the reinstatement of free parcel services for British Forces be sent to the Secretary of State for Defence.
- 650 **Resolved:** that Duffield Community Association be informed that Duffield Parish Council had been granted funding to support music bands at this years carnival by Amber Valley Arts Development to the value of £150.00.

## **Reports from Outside Bodies**

- 651** **Councillor Buckle** noted that a meeting of the Duffield Youth Group Project had taken place on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007 with open invitations being made to the public. Approximately 30 adults and children had attended. The lottery bid for funding had been undertaken as a joint project with Ecclesbourne School who had agreed that some room would be allocated in the sports hall should the bid be successful. The idea of a Youth facility on Eyes Meadow had not been dismissed and a further meeting scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> May will determine if the project is viable over the longer term. Anyone wishing to attend meet at the Appletree Medical practice at 7.30pm.

### **DALC Circulars**

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

### **Planning and Licensing Matters**

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

Objections were raised regarding application AVA/2007/0540 for 63 King Street Duffield on the grounds of highway concerns and impact upon the conservation area.

As an emergency item it was brought to members attention that the construction of properties on the Cumberhills development was not in accordance with approved plans.

- 653** **Resolved:** that objections be submitted to Amber Valley Borough Council and a request for enforcement of planning regulations be made

### **Financial Matters**

Details of the monthly payments and income to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007, having been circulated prior to the meeting, it was:

- 654** **Resolved:** that the Clerk's tabled monthly list of invoices and payments for 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007, in the sum of £5198.73, be initialled and approved, with cheques due signed by members and the Clerk.

Details of the Final Year End Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet, for the year ended 31 March 2007 were distributed to members.

- 655** **Resolved:** that the End of Year Statement of Accounts to 31 March 2007 showing income of £100,525; net expenditure of £87,906; and balances of £40,464 be received.

### **Risk Management**

- 656** The Clerk noted that Mr Michael Forkin and Mr David were to attend manual handling training at Amber Valley Borough Council on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007.

### **Public Involvement**

Following discussion of activities involving Councillors involvement it was:

- 657 Resolved:** that Councillors would not run a stall at the Carnival this year.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

- 658 Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 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 9.20pm

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