

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield, on Tuesday 11th September 2007 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: Councillor J Rice

Councillors: Buckle, England Garner, Greenwood, Hibbert, Rowlands, Short, A & B Woodings

Also in attendance: Clerk Mrs S Bygraves
Assistant Clerk Mrs S Smith

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

Apologies for Absence

808 Apologies were received from Councillors Knibbs and Storer

Declaration of Members Interests

809 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 Meetings

- 810 **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th July 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 811 **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Cemetery Committee meeting held on 4th July 2007 be confirmed as a correct record, under the provisions for approval in minute reference 129, and be adopted as Parish Council policy and signed by the Chairman.
- 812 The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Richard Bowmer regarding the installation of a water supply to the allotments and the laying of a hedge in accordance with minute reference 732 and was awaiting a quotation.
- 813 In accordance with minute reference 734, advertisements advising of the forthcoming memorial inspections had been placed in local shops and newspapers, parish notice boards and the library. No contact had as yet been received by the Parish Council regarding this matter. The clerk had contacted Derbyshire County Council to establish the requirements for Donald Hawley Way and Hazelwood Road to be adopted. Their response remained outstanding

- 814 Resolved:** that the advice notices for prejudicial interest and items for exclusion as attached to the agenda be placed in the policies and procedures file and reviewed for accuracy on a regular basis. Items for exclusion should be identified as such by being copied on pink paper and marked so on the agenda.

Update on Action Plan

An update on the action plan for items outstanding at 11th September 2007 and covering all actions from the meeting held on 10th July 2007 was given and attached in Appendix A.

- 815 Resolved:** the action plan dated 11th September 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

Weston Centre Office

Cllr Hibbert left the meeting

Further to a report previously circulated to members detailing the terms of the licence agreement for the Parish Office and building costs and rates charges for the office of approximately £1500 and £132 per annum respectively it was:

- 816 Resolved:** that the Chairman together with the Clerk and three Councillors sign the licence agreement as presented, and that the Clerk confirms to the Trustees the Councils agreement to contribute to the building costs and rates as detailed in the report.

Review of Committee Structure

Further to discussions identifying the duplication of work carried out by the Strategy Committee and the Finance and General Purpose Committee it was:

- 817 Resolved:** that Strategy Committee be dissolved in accordance with standing order number 19a(ii) and that items relating to Strategy be placed within the Finance and General Purpose Committees' remit.
- 818 Resolved:** that Cllr Buckle be appointed as a member of the Finance and General Purpose Committee in accordance with standing order number 10g.

Road Maintenance

A report as previously circulated by Councillor Greenwood highlighted the ongoing problems associated with the upkeep of Following these concerns it was

- 819 Resolved:** that Derbyshire County Council be pursued, with the assistance of Councillor Patrick Clark, with a view of having the road adopted. It was further
- 820 Resolved:** that a meeting between Councillors Rice, A Woodings Greenwood and Garner and the Belper Steam Event organisers should be arranged to discuss the long term useage of Eyes Meadow for the event.

Grays Recreational Ground

Tenders for the refurbishment of Grays Recreational Ground dated to 8th October 2007 were opened by members and signed and dated as such.

- 821 Resolved:** that the tender be passed to the Recreational Committee for scrutiny and their recommendations be presented to the next meeting of the Parish Council..

Duffield Youth Group

A report from the Chairman of the Duffield Youth Group detailing the proposed establishment of a temporary youth building on Eyes Meadow, having been previously circulated, was discussed. A request for assistance in gaining planning permission for the building together with assistance towards the cost of installing an electricity supply to the building was made. Members were please to note that self funding initiatives would be undertaken on the grant of planning permission. It was:

- 822 Resolved:** that the Clerk would spend up to five hours over the next month negotiating the requirements for planning permission for the temporary building on Eyes Meadow. It was also
- 823 Resolved:** that a firm commitment to covering the cost of connecting the electricity supply could not be made until details of a new cable installation had been received, however this would be kept under review.

Clerks' Report

- 824** Further to item 1, the contents of the Amber Valley Borough Council Code of Corporate Governance, copies of which had been previously was noted by member
- 825** Further to item 2, a petition calling for the reintroduction of the Green Waste collection service by Amber Valley Borough Council was circulated. Councillor Short made it clear that as a member of the Borough Council he was in favour of the collection service and would represent the Parish Council in this matter.
- 826** Further to item 3, a request for the use of Eyes Meadow by Duffield Baptist Church as part of their youth week programme in October half term was made
- 827 Resolved:** that the Parish Council support the petition for the introduction of a green waste collection in accordance with the petition as detailed.
- 828 Resolved:** that permission for the use of Eyes Meadow by Duffield Baptist Church be approved subject to confirmation that insurance was in place to cover any activities.

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circulars and correspondence received from DALC were tabled and received and made available for members' inspection.

- 829 Resolved:** that funding to cover costs for staff and councillors wishing to attend basic training at Hulland Ward 3rd November 2007 be granted.

Planning and Licensing Matters

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

830 Resolved: Representation on the following applications were made

[AVA/2007/1077](#) **41 Hazelwood Road Duffield Belper Derbyshire DE56 4DP**
40m x 20m manege for private exercising of horses on land to rear of property – Representation loss of green space, amenity noise impact.

[AVA/2007/1062](#) **Land Off Wirksworth Road Wirksworth Road Duffield Belper Derbyshire**
Proposed residential development of 5 dwellings- Representation on highway matters.

It was further:

831 Resolved: that the tree warden be consulted on all tree application relating to Duffield.

Financial Matters

Details of the monthly payments and income to 10 August 2007, and 11 September 2007, having been circulated prior to the meeting, it was:

832 Resolved: that the Clerk's tabled monthly list of invoices and payments for August 2007, in the sum of £5484.62, and September 2006, in the sum of £6210.92, be initialled and approved, with cheques due signed by members and the Clerk.

833 Resolved: that the Clerk's tabled Quarterly Accounts, detailing Receipts and Payments by Budget Heading to 30 June 2006, showing income of £46,899 and expenditure of £19,463 be received, approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk

Public Involvement

834 Members were reminded that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would be leading a public walk through the Parish as part of the Amber Valley and Erewash walking festival on 18th September 2007. All members were welcome to attend

Date of Next Meeting

835 Resolved: that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 9th October 2007 at 7.00pm, in the Meeting Room on Hazelwood Road, Duffield.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.01pm.

Signed _____ Date _____