

Duffield Parish Council

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

Present: Chairman: Councillor J Rice
Councillors: England, Garner, Greenwood, Hibbert,
Rowlands, T Woodings and B Woodings

Also in Attendance: Clerk – Mrs S Bygraves
Assistant Clerk – Mrs S Smith

Members of the Public: Mr R Brennan-Brown, Mrs J Ryan, Mr N Hartley and A N Other

Prior to the meeting Rev. Mark Pickles led those assembled in prayer.

Public Participation

Members of the public were invited to stay for the entire meeting if they so wished, but would be asked to leave the room whilst Item 6, under Items for Exclusion, and would only be allowed to speak under the allotted Agenda item no.2

Representing Member of the Public, in attendance at the meeting was Rupert Brennan-Brown.

Further to an e-mail previously distributed amongst members he made representation of dogs for the Council to run free on Gray Recreational Ground.

Mr Brennan-Brown was thanked by the Chairman for his representations and confirmed that whilst the meeting was open to the members of the public they would not be allowed to participate once the standing orders were invoked.

Members agreed that Item 9 (Appendix A, Item 1) should be discussed by issues from correspondence.

Guest Speaker

None

883 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Buckle, Knibbs, Short and Storer.

Declaration of Members Interests

None were given

Item 9 (Appendix A, Item 1)

Further to Item 1 an email received from Mr R Brennan-Brown declaring an objection to limitations of dogs on Gray Recreational Ground, previously circulated, was received.

In accordance with Standing Order 14a the Chairman stated "A decision (whether affirmative or negative) of the Council shall not be reversed within six months. It was further:

- 884** **Resolved:** that in accordance with Standing Order 14b "when such a special resolution has been disposed of, no similar resolution may be moved within a further six months.
The Chairman informed members of the public that they could make a further request for representation in five months time should they wish to do so for a further discussion in six months time.

Items for Exclusion

- 885** Item 11, Staff Salary Increases, all non council members were expected to leave the room at this point. To suspend standing order and discuss later in the meeting.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

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

Update on Action Plan

An update on the action plans for items outstanding at 9th October 2007 was given and attached in Appendix A.

- 886** **Resolved:** the action plan dated 9th October 2007 be confirmed as a correct record with the Clerk to follow up any items outstanding.

Further to item 854, the building work was under way at the Weston Centre but the use of the shared telephone line was cause for considerable concern and the Clerk would look at the system to implement a way of separating the calls to the Council and to the users of the Weston Centre.

Further to Item 856, Derbyshire County Council is prepared to install the new bench.

- 887** **Resolved:** that it would be a safer option as the tarmac will have to dug into and repair if agreed.

Further to item 858, a meeting with the users of Eyes Meadow has taken place and it was suggested there is a need for 14 changing rooms, a score box and bar facilities. A storage room below and a request for a ½ size football pitch to rent out for training. An all-weather pitch would open greater opportunities to apply for grants to Sport England but it would be an expensive move £750,000. It was:

- 888** **Resolved:** that this would be referred to the recreational committee to identify all opportunities before anything can be put forward.

Further to item 862, with an update from Councillor Bradford, that the Council had been awarded the full funding, a Recreational Meeting to go ahead to meet with the contractors. BIFFA funds for the Playground should be agreed in principle in December with a firm offer in January.
Further to item 880, the Clerk has again chased again with an ultimatum of two weeks to be given.

Clerk's Report including correspondence (Appendix A)

- 889** Further to item 1, this was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- 890** Further to item 2, the Community Flood Fair, it was suggested that the Clerk contact Ecclesbourne School, with regard to their facilities being available to hold the meeting with costs to the Council.
- 891** Further to item 3, discussed the possibility of the dance group using the meeting room but it is not practical.
- 892** Further to item 4, Derbyshire Building Society – Car Boot Sale, information only.
- 893** Further to item 5, a letter from KW Attenborough, requesting the opportunity for a cycle path to be marked along the A6 into Derby. The Clerk to make a request to Derbyshire County Council.
Further to item 5,2 the possibility of raising funds by selling the Parish Council meeting room by the cemetery. This at present is not an option as the Council still use the room and would not sell. It was therefore that:
- 894** **Resolved:** that the Clerk reply to Mr Attenborough with reference that his suggestions for a cycle path be put forward to the relevant council.
- 895** Further to item 6, the Community Response Plan, an emergency plan for contacts where resources are. It was:
- 896** **Resolved:** that the Clerk contact Amber Valley Borough Council to cascade down with regards to the matter and make contact with the Fire and Rescue services for their input as to whether they would become involved

The collection for garden waste has been agreed that this would commence during 2008 with an extra bin would be issued with a two weekly collection at a cost of £39 per year.

Reports from Outside Bodies

Councillor Greenwood had attended a Governors meeting at the Ecclesbourne School and informed the Council that they had unfortunately failed at their Lottery Bid. They were also unhappy at the state of the pavement directly in front of the school along the Wirksworth Road.

The Clerk reported that this has already gone to the Highways department and the path was already cleaned on a weekly basis.

Clerk again to contact the highways department and to send a copy of the letter to Ecclesbourne School.

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils-Circulars (Appendix B)

Following guidelines from Derbyshire Association of Local Councils there is a provision in subject to confirmation, to increase salaries by 2.4%, back dated to 1st April 2007. It was therefore:

- 897 Resolved:** by Councillor Rowlands to adopt DALC's suggestion to increase salaries. This was agreed by Councillors.

Planning and Licensing Matters (Appendix C)

AVA/2007/1264: The planning application at 4 Broadway, member of the public at this point was given permission to request at this point as how the council gave their opinion whether the plans would be accepted or not

At this point the Chairman stated that the public were not allowed to participate in the meeting but would on this occasion allow the question, he responded in explaining that the council can only make representations but not actually make any decision to be passed to the appropriate council.

TRE/2007/0215: the plans for 91 Hazelwood Road, Duffield, for the removal of trees has been agreed.

The extension at the Puss in Boots Inn at Hazelwood has been refused.

Financial Matters

It was requested that the money raised from the bonfire and fireworks go towards the families of the fire officers that died in the warehouse fire in Warwickshire. It was:

- 898 Resolved:** that was acceptable.

The memorial testing has been completed and the estimated budget was £5000 and the final cost to the Council is £7809. A total of 1160 headstones of which 24% need immediate attention and a further 30% will need remedial work in the next six months. A structural engineer will be required to look at those over 2.5mtrs and need immediate attention. It was:

- 899 Resolved:** that an article be placed in the Duffield Scene, preferably on the front page to draw attention from the public.

Suggestions will go to the Cemetery Committee to adopt a policy for what needs to be done.

The Clerk stated that disbursements were higher for the month than usual to obtain new keys for the door at the Weston Centre.

Risk Management

Nothing to Report

Public Involvement with Duffield Parish Council

15.1 Duffield Community Association collected £2613.82 gross for the Bonfire and Fireworks Display with most tickets purchased in advance. This figure was lower than 2006 as there had been no competition from the Markeaton display last year. Net figure £2050.

15.2 A request from Duffield Community Association regarding assistance with the Christmas Trees for the village. There is a provision within the budget to purchase new trees and new lights, it was:

900 Resolved: that the Council propose to support the Duffield Community Association was would prefer the purchase of larger lights to have an improved impact.

Items for Information

The Clerk had nothing to report.

The Chairman had been approached by a lady in the village and requested that something be done with the ornate gas lamps in the village. The clerk stated that this had been reported previously and that they were stench pipes and that as they were not Council property there was nothing to be done.

Outstanding Matters (Appendix D)

1, Quality Parish Council Status, this item is still ongoing as the Clerk has to re-write the book of standing orders as this is now dated.

2, s106, Councillor is to list everything relating to Duffield Parish Council to see if there are funds available.

3, No further information.

Date of Next Meeting

901 Resolved: that the next meeting of the parish Council will take place on Tuesday 11th December 2007 in the Committee Room, Hazelwood, Road, Duffield at 7.00pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed _____ Date _____