

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield, on Tuesday 8th January 2008 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: Councillor J Rice
Councillors: Buckle, England, Garner, Greenwood, Hibbert,
Rowlands, Short, Storer, A Woodings, B Woodings

Also in Attendance: Clerk: Mrs S Bygraves
Assistant Clerks: Mr C Carter and Mrs S Smith

Prior to the meeting Chairman J Rice led those assembled in prayer.

Public Participation

969 No members of the public were present.

Apologies for Absence

970 Apologies were received from Councillor Knibbs.

Declaration of Members Interests

None.

Items for Exclusion

No items were identified for exclusion.

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971 **Resolved:** the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th December 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk confirmed to members that under minute reference 963, the progress of planning at Eyes Meadow, had been passed forward to the Duffield Community Youth Project Committee as it had been received. A statement regarding Amber Valleys' final position on planning was still awaited.

Budgetary Report and Precept Request

The Clerk produced a detailed report with a final set of figures on the future funding requirements of the Parish Council, and the impact of this on the precept. The report looked at the funding requirements for the next five years to include an allocation of reserves to incorporate future work that may be undertaken. The smoothing process that had been introduced in 2007 to enable the precept to increase gradually over the next five years continued. This was based on the risk assessment review to allocate reserves that were saved over several years and then spent to reduce the reserves when necessary.

Councillors voiced concerns over figures that did not carry from one account package to the council account package. It was however noted that the item in question had no relevance to the consideration of precept for the year.

The Clerk reassured Councillors that all figures would be checked fully before the accounts were made public.

- 972 **Resolved:** that a precept request for 2008/2009 of £87,714 be signed by the Chairman and two members of the Parish Council together with the Clerk, and be submitted to Amber Valley Borough Council with immediate effect.

Special Resolution in accordance with Standing Order 14(a)

Further to a report previously circulated from Network Rail it was noted that there are concerns regarding the liability for the bridge on Donald Hawley Way. It was proposed that removable bollards be used to create a width restriction. It was:

- 973 **Resolved:** that the Clerk cost the removable bollards and report to the next council meeting.
- 974 **Resolved:** that the Clerk write to the organisers of the Belper Vintage and Steam event with apologies that under the circumstances, and until the covenant has been clarified by the legal department for Derbyshire County Council, that the event could not at this time take place on Eyes Meadow.
- 975 **Resolved:** that the Clerk contact the organisers of Duffield Carnival Committee, to inform them of the situation on Donald Hawley Way, with a view to discussions as to how it may affect the carnival traffic.

Financial Matters

Details of the monthly payments and income to 8th January 2008, having been circulated prior to the meeting, it was:

- 976 **Resolved:** that the Clerk's tabled monthly schedule of accounts for 8th January 2008, in the sum of £6332.72, be initialled and approved, with cheques due signed by members and the Clerk.

Date and time of next meeting

- 977 **Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 12th February 2008 in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield at 7.00pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed _____ Date _____