

# Duffield Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: A Woodings  
Councillors: Buckle, England, Garner, Greenwood,  
Hibbert, Knibbs, Rice, Rowlands, Storer and  
B Woodings

Also in Attendance: Clerk: Mrs. S Bygraves

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

### Public Participation

1263 No members of the public were present to speak.

### Apologies for Absence

1264 Apologies were received from Councillor Short and County Councillor Patrick Clark.

### Declaration of Members Interest

1265 None were declared

### Items for Exclusion

1266 None were declared

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

1267 **Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### Minutes of the Recreational Committee Meeting

1268 **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Recreational Committee Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2008 were confirmed as a correct record under the provisions for approval in minute reference 129, and adopted as Parish Council Policy and signed by the Chairman.

1269 **Resolved:** that outstanding queries with Derbyshire County Council regarding footpaths in Duffield be chased by the Clerk, and that Councillor Patrick Clark be requested to help in resolving the issues.

## **Minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committee Meeting**

- 1270 Resolved:** that the minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committee Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 were confirmed as a correct record under the provisions for approval in minute reference 129, and adopted as Parish Council Policy and signed by the Chairman.

### **Update on Action Plan**

An update on the Action Plans for all actions outstanding at 9th September 2008 was given to the meeting and attached in Appendix A

Further to minute item 1260 the Clerk noted that an article regarding the benefits of Quality Status had just been published in the Local Council Review. It was

- 1271 Resolved:** that a copy of the article be circulated by the Clerk to members for their information. It was further
- 1272 Resolved:** that the action plan dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and outstanding items be completed as soon as possible.

### **Policy on Balances and Reserves**

Further to the distribution of a draft policy on the creation and expenditure of balances and reserves by the Parish Council, it was

- 1273 Resolved:** that the Policy and Procedure for Balances and Reserves as distributed to members be adopted subject to minor grammatical changes and that the policy be reviewed for its effectiveness within twelve months.

### **Consultation on Town Street Bus Stop Changes**

Further to the distribution of hard copy maps showing the proposed changes to the road layout on Town Street, Duffield, members noted the following points.

1. The extension of the corner at Wirksworth Road to accommodate a lay by for the bus stop would improve visibility for both right and left turn traffic. It would they hope reduce the current danger of left turn traffic pulling out blind behind the buses which current restrict viewing.
  2. The changes to the junction on Chapel Street and the subsequent change to the location of the bus stop could cause significant congestion on Town Street, especially during school times. There was concern over the width of the passing area opposite the proposed bus stop when the car parking bays opposite were in use. Concerns were also raised about the speed of vehicles approaching the area due to the close proximity of the 40mph limit
- 1274 Resolved:** that the Clerk respond to Derbyshire County Council's consultation in accordance with the concerns raised. A request that measures should be taken with particular regard to speed approaching the area should also be made.

## **Clerks Report and Correspondence**

- 1275 Further to Item 1**, members noted the notice of adoption for access roads to the new development on New Zealand Road by Derbyshire County Council
- 1276 Further to Item 2**, members noted the request by Duffield Millennium Meadow for an annual grant towards the maintenance of the Millennium Meadow.
- 1277 Further to item 3**, a letter from Coulson Properties regarding a possible site share with Orange at Eyes Meadow was received.
- 1278 Further to item 4**, members were distributed with a consultation questionnaire from Amber Valley Borough Council regarding their future waste strategy.
- 1279 Further to item 5**, members received information from Derbyshire Probation Service on their proposed Community Payback Scheme
- 1280 Further to item 6**, a notice informing members of the new fire and rescue control center, at Castle Donnington was received by members.
- 1281 Further to item 7**, members noted an invitation from the Environment Agency to the launch of the consultation on Lower Derwent Risk Management Strategy on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008.
- 1282 Further to item 8**, proposed changes to the East Midlands Regional Plan, by the Government Office for the East Midlands was received by members.
- 1283 Resolved :** that the Clerk write to Derbyshire County Council regarding the consultation process on the naming of new roads in the village and request that the Parish Council be included within the process going forward
- 1284 Resolved:** that the request for an annual grant by Duffield Millennium Meadow be refused. Members noted an undertaken given by The Millennium Meadow Committee at inception that costs for the meadow would be raised by the Committee and that no liability for the project would fall on the Parish Council.
- 1285 Resolved:** that the Parish Council approve the use of the Community Payback Scheme for Parish Council projects and that the clerk refer the details of this to the Cemetery and Recreational Committees for inclusion in their forward planning.
- 1286 Resolved:** that the Clerk together with Councillor Paul Greenwood attend the launch of the consultation on Lower Derwent Risk Management Strategy on behalf of the Parish Council and report information on the project to members at their next meeting

## **Representatives from Outside Bodies**

- 1287 Councillor B Woodings** reported on a meeting of the **Parish Hall Management Committee**. The Committee gave a positive report on the work undertaken by the village warden. A request was made for recharges to be billed on a monthly or bi monthly basis.

## **Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

**1288** All circulars having been previously circulated were received.

### **Planning and Licensing Matters**

**1289** Members noted the Planning and Licensing Matters as detailed in Appendix 'C' information on which had previously circulated by the clerk. No representations were made.

### **Financial Matters**

Details of the monthly payments and income to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2008 and 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008, having been circulated prior to the meeting, it was:

**1290 Resolved:** that the Clerk's tabled monthly schedule of accounts for the month to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2008 and 9<sup>th</sup> September July 2008, in the sum of £12,749.44 and £9,089.49 be initialled and approved, with cheques due signed by the members and the Clerk.

### **Alcohol Designation Order Update**

**1291** The Clerk confirmed that the order to bring into force the Alcohol Designation Order in Duffield had now been made by Amber Valley Borough Council. Signs allowing the enforcement of the order by the police had been placed at Gray Recreational Ground, and further signs around the village were expected to be in place very shortly.

### **Public Involvement with Duffield Parish Council**

Councillor Rice and Buckle reminded members of the proposed village walk to take place of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009. The walk had been registered with the Erewash Walking Festival, and would be open to members of the public. A full risk assessment of the proposed route had been completed.

**1292 Resolved:** that the Parish Council continue to support and promote the village and its amenities through such activities.

**1293** The Clerk noted that updates on the website had been sent to Ben Slater and he had confirmed that the updates would be completed within seven days.

### **Outstanding Matters**

**1294 Resolved:** that reference to the Church Car Park be removed from appendix D as funding for this project had now been removed.

**1295 Resolved:** that a strong letter be written to Derbyshire County Council pointing out the dangers of the road and footway, and that this be copied to Councillor Clark and Councillor Short.

### **Date and Time of next meeting**

**1296 Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008 in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield at 7.00pm.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.44pm.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dated** \_\_\_\_\_