

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield, on Tuesday 9th December 2008 at 7.00pm.

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

Also in Attendance: Clerk – Mrs S Bygraves
Tom Wyke
Greg Hall

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

Public Participation

- 1378** Mr. Tom Wyke and Mr. Greg Hall made a presentation to members on behalf of the proposed youth project “Massive”. The aim of the project was to address the lack of facilities for young people in Duffield and had been developed following consultation with young people. Two hundred and seventy nine completed questionnaires had been received from young people at Ecclesbourne School, and visits to similar projects in the surrounding area had taken place. A detailed business and project plan of the “massive project” had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. It was confirmed that the project would be a secular based facility open to all young people from the area. The project leaders hoped to open the facility in early spring 2009. The Emmanuel Church had agreed to provide half the funding for the project, which was estimated to be £17,500 per annum. In addition to this set up costs were estimated at £1,750. A request for funding to the Parish Council was made for up to £5,000, towards the project.

The Chairman thanked Mr Wyke and Hall for their comprehensive report and presentation.

Apologies for Absence

- 1379** Apologies were received from Councillors Hibbert and Storer.

Declaration of Members Interests

- 1380** None were recorded

Items for Exclusion

- 1381** Item 10 – In accordance with the provisions of the Human Rights Act Article 6, (specific items identified for exclusion), members of the public were excluded as the matter discussed related to discussions involving the protection of young people under 18 years of age.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

- 1382 Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th November 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Update of Action Plan

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

- 1383 Resolved:** that the action plan dated 9th December 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and outstanding items be completed as soon as possible.

Eyes Meadow

Further to a report detailing the progress of works at Eyes Meadow, and work to be undertaken, it was

- 1384 Resolved:** that the Clerk arrange for a site visit with Shaun Parry, Tree Officer at Amber Valley Borough Council, to assess the condition of the large lime tree located behind the Cricket Pavilion, and report these findings back to the Parish Council as soon as possible. It was further:
- 1385 Resolved:** that quotations for work on the car parks be in place in good time for the work to commence in early spring 2009.

Memorial Testing

Further to a report detailing the current uncertainty surrounding the progression of memorial testing at Duffield Cemetery, following discussions in Parliament, it was

- 1386 Resolved:** that the Clerk write to Rt Hon Patrick Mc Loughlin MP expressing the concern of the Parish Council as to the current status of advice from the Ombudsman and Health and Safety Executive on memorial Testing . It was further
- 1387 Resolved:** that memorial testing work be suspended at Duffield Cemetery, and that failed memorials remain supported by their temporary supports until such time as further advice is received, or the memorial becomes unsafe. Where a memorial becomes an immediate danger this should be laid in the grave space as previously agreed. This position will be reviewed in 12 months if no advice is received.

Youth Project in Duffield

Prior to discussions members of the public and press were asked to leave the meeting under the provisions for exclusion as previously advised.

Following discussions concerning the youth project a number of questions regarding the project were raised by members. It was

- 1388 Resolved:** that the Clerk circulate a list of questions regarding the proposed youth project to members for approval. Upon approval these should then be forwarded to the project managers of “massive” for comment prior to their discussion at the next meeting.

Clerks Report and Correspondence

- 1389 Further to Item 1,** members noted an invitation for two representatives to Derbyshire Police Authority’s Parish Council evening on Wednesday 7th January 2009.

Reports from Outside Bodies

- 1390 Councillor Greenwood** reported that a meeting of the **Governors of Ecclesbourne School** had taken place, however he had not attended due to confusion regarding his status. As an Associate Governor to the Facilities Committee he had been excluded from discussions on the proposed development, and was of the understanding that he was not included within the invitation list to the Full Governors Meetings. He would attend in future.
- 1391 Councillor Short** noted that the new structure at **Amber Valley Borough Council** had been approved by members at a Special Council Meeting

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- 1392** All circulars having been previously circulated were received.

Planning and Licensing Matters

- 1393** 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 9th December 2008, having been circulated prior to the meeting, it was:

- 1394 Resolved:** that the Clerk’s tabled monthly schedule of accounts for the month to 9th December 2008, in the sum of £15,852.85, be initialled and approved, with cheques due signed by the members and the Clerk..

Public Involvement with Duffield Parish Council

- 1395** The Clerk reported that Christmas Trees for the village had been purchased by the Parish Council and were now in place. The small trees had been erected by the Parish Council’s contractors, following their preparation by members of the Community Association. Amber Valley Landscape Services and Gerard Varin had erected the large tree which had been donated by a local resident. Advice on the continued safety of the large tree had been given by Amber Valley Borough Council, and this has been passed to the Community Association for action.

Section 106 Funding

Further to a report detailing Section 106 funding allocated to the Duffield area, it was

1396 Resolved: that the Recreational Committee be asked to put a plan of action together for the use of the s106 monies, and that this be considered by members at their March meeting. It was further:

1397 Resolved: that the Clerk establish if there were any time limits on the funding available and if so what these are.

Date and Time of next meeting

1398 Resolved: that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 13th January 2008 in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed _____ Date _____