

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield, on Tuesday 10th November 2009 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: P Greenwood
Councillors: England, Garner, Hibbert, Rice, Rowlands, Short, Storer, A Woodings and B Woodings.

Also in Attendance: Clerk: Mrs Sally Bygraves

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

Apologies for Absence

1808 Apologies were received from Councillors Buckle and Knibbs.

Variation of Order of Business

1809 No variation to order of business was deemed necessary.

Declaration of Members Interest

1810 None were declared.

Public Speaking

1811 The Chairman invited Mr Neil Ferguson-Lee and Mr Phillip Tarrick from Wyvern Rail Plc to address the meeting.
Mr Ferguson-Lee gave a background to the development of the rail line from Wirksworth to Duffield. He noted that the link to Idridgehay had opened two years ago, with the line to Duffield being completed around October 2010. Work to complete this part of the line would include the laying of replacement sleepers between Hazelwood and Duffield, upgrades to the current platform, new fencing and other ancillary works. This would all be completed by volunteer members. Assuming all works were completed on time, an official opening of the line would take place Easter 2011.

In addition to the passenger service, the Duffield to Wirksworth line is also one of the principle test sites for rolling stock in the United Kingdom. Plans for the development of the station included work on the creation of a loop which would assist with this testing and the creation of parking bays to assist both users and the village as a whole.

