

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street, Duffield on Wednesday 13th July 2011 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: P Buckle
Councillors: Evanson, P Greenwood, Y Greenwood,
Knibbs, Raynor, Rice, Rowlands, Short,
Storer, and B Woodings.

Also in Attendance: Clerk: Mrs S Bygraves

Apologies for Absence

2496 Apologies were received from Councillors A Woodings.

Variation of Order of Business

2497 No variation to order of business was deemed necessary.

Declaration of Members Interest

2498 None

Public Participation

2499 Mr Simon Hare from Duffield Dynamos FC gave a presentation to members about the Club.

Duffield Dynamo FC was formed approximately 20 years ago and has now expanded into what's thought to be Derbyshire's biggest junior football club, with 440 registered players, boys and girls, aged from 5 to 18. It runs 24 competitive boys teams and 3 competitive girls teams plus 3 non-competitive age group teams. There are 73 volunteer coaches (half of which are at least FA Level 1 qualified) and 9 non-coaching volunteers.

Duffield Dynamo FC has just been awarded Charter Standard status by the Football Association. This recognises that it is a well-run club, with child welfare at its heart. It also means Duffield Dynamo FC will be considered a priority for possible FA funding.

Duffield Dynamo FC has been a victim of its own success. It has expanded into a massive amateur sports club which provides hours of fun for youngsters in Duffield and has helped to enhance the physical and social well-being of thousands of children over the past 20 years. It has become a major and established part of community life, with its two full-club events (Fun Day in May and Presentation Night in June) are both now staged at Eyes Meadow. At the moment it is a club without a home. Duffield Dynamo FC would like support from the parish council to change that.

The club has an achievable three-season plan to help establish it with a full time home: Our ambition is:

In 2011/12 - Move U5-U11 Sat am training from Meadows School to Eyes Meadow – We will need to store the small and collapsible goals stored in the container on the site. Full pitches are not needed, but similar low charge for the use of the site is required;

In 2012/13 - Opening of joint cricket pavilion and football changing rooms, giving Duffield Dynamo FC a clubhouse for the first time. There is still some agreement to be reached with cricket club on how this will be run, but significant progress has been made already;

In 2013/14 - Opening of an all-weather pitch (size and type still to be confirmed). We anticipate this will be located next to the railway station corner of Eyes Meadow allowing Duffield Dynamo FC to move all U12-U18 midweek training back into the village.

Duffield Dynamo FC is hoping that the Parish Council will support its plans and work in partnership with it to continue to offer benefits to the community of Duffield.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hare for his presentation and confirmed their proposals would be discussed under agenda item 6.

Exclusion of the Public

2500 Resolved: that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the business set out in the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:-

1. Agenda Item No. 25 : Financial Matters June wages and salaries
2. Agenda Item No. 26 : Staff Matters

Duffield Dynamos

Following the presentation by Mr Simon Hare regarding Duffield Dynamos, members considered the request to transfer club training to Eyes Meadow from September 2011. It was confirmed that the majority of children taking part in football with the club lived in Duffield. It was also confirmed that the proposed (MUGA) all weather training pitch, would be owned by Duffield Parish Council with it so as to ensure that there would be community use of the site. Dynamos would enter into an agreement with the Parish Council regarding the upkeep and maintenance of the facility.

2501 **Resolved:** That Duffield Dynamos transfer its training to Eyes Meadow Duffield, and that space for portable goals be made available to them in the container located at the site. It was further:

2502 **Resolved:** that the cost to the club would be the lower of, the costs of pitches as per the Parish Council's pitch charges or the amount they are currently charged by Meadows School. These charges would be subject to review in accordance with the Parish Council's financial regulation.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

- 2503 Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the on 27th April 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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- 2504 Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the on 15th June 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

Minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting

- 2505 Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting held on the 25th May 2011 be 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.

Minutes of the Strategy, Finance and General Purpose Committee Meeting

- 2506 Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Strategy, Finance and General Purpose Committee Meeting held on the 22nd June 2011 be 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 Plan for all actions outstanding as at 13th July 2011 was given to the meeting.

Further to item 2464 the Clerk reported that the Strategy, Finance and General Purpose Committee had recommended that further work on the contents of the Localism Bill be placed on hold until the Bill is passed through Parliament, as it had already been the subject of significant change and its contents remained uncertain.

Further to item 2383, information regarding the community toilet scheme had been forwarded onto the Weston Centre Trustees. The Clerk had now refrained from further investigations into toilet provisions until this possibility had been exhausted.

Further to item 2260, the Clerk confirmed that members would be required to disclose personal details to the Co-Operative Bank in order for a new account to be opened.

- 2507 Resolved:** that the Clerk contact members to attend the Parish Council Office in order that the necessary paperwork can be completed

- 2508 Resolved:** that the action plan dated 13th July 2011 be confirmed as a correct record.

Eyes Meadow Development

The Clerk reported that the planning application for the development at Eyes Meadow had now been submitted to Amber Valley Borough Council. A meeting of the Duffield Community Sports Group had taken place and actions to progress a fund raising committee had been initiated.

Constitution for Duffield Community Sports Group.

Further to the draft constitution previously circulated, members were asked to review the draft constitution and liaise with the Clerk regarding any proposed changes to the document.

- 2509 Resolved:** that a final version should be available to members at their meeting in September 2011

Meeting Venue

Following the decision to pilot the relocation of the Parish Council's meetings to the Weston Centre members reviewed the outcome of the pilot. Following discussions about the possibility of a permanent move to the Centre it was

- 2510 Resolved:** that the pilot should be extended until December 2011 and that during this period further information regarding the cost of refurbishing the Committee Room and possible rentals incomes on the room be sought.

Pest Control at Eyes Meadow

The Clerk reported that significant increase in the number of wild rabbits at Eyes Meadow was resulting in significant damage to the site, with, in particular the spreads of burrows across the site. These when found were filled in however the Parish Council as land owners are required to take measures regarding overpopulation of wild rabbits. Contact and advice had been received from Amber Valley regarding the humane control of wild rabbits and this was presented to members.

- 2511 Resolved:** that Mr David Jenkins be approached about undertaking control measures on the site during September. It was also
- 2512 Resolved:** that the site be closed to the public whilst these measures are undertaken.

Clerks Report

- 2513 Further to item 1** members attention was drawn to a consultation event arranged by Amber Valley Borough Council for Wednesday 20th July 2011 at the Weston Centre between 3pm and 7pm to seek views on the drafting of the Local Development Framework.
- 2514 Further to item 2**, Derbyshire County Council were again running a clean up scheme to remove graffiti from locations around Derbyshire
- 2515 Resolved:** that the electricity substation located close to the scout hut on Hall Farm Road be identified as a site for cleaning under this scheme
- 2516 Further to item 3**, members received a letter from Mr James Banahan regarding traffic matter.
- 2517 Further to item 4**, members received a letter from Ripley Town Council regarding their tenancy of Ripley Town Hall.

Reports from Outside Bodies

- 2518 Councillor Knibbs** reported that changes to the administration and running of coffee mornings were currently under discussion and progressing

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

2519 Resolved: All circulars having been previously circulated were received.

Planning and Licensing Matters

Further to consideration of the planning application, it was:

2520 Resolved: that Duffield Parish Council raise no objections.

Financial Matters

Details of the monthly payments to 13th July 2011, having been circulated prior to the meeting, it was:

2521 Resolved: that the Clerk's tabled monthly schedule of accounts for the month to 13th July 2011, in the sum of £30,161.13 be initialled and approved, with cheques due signed by the members and the Clerk.

First Quarter Accounts

The Clerk presented the Parish Councils' first quarter accounts to 30 June 2011. Following a review of these accounts by members it was:

2522 Resolved: that the Parish Council approves the accounts as presented.

Council Recess

The Parish Council would enter into recess from 20th July 2011 to 7th September 2011

2523 Resolved: that the Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorised to act on behalf of the Parish Council during recess.

Date and Time of Next meeting

2524 Resolved: that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 13th July 2011 at the Weston Centre, Tamworth Street, Duffield at 7.00pm.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Signed _____ **Dated** _____

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE

Village Warden

Further to a report previously circulated members considered the position of the village warden and the proposal to increase his hours of work. The report was to be considered over the summer months with a view to be brought back to the Parish Council for further discussion in September. Following a review of the report it was

- 2525 Resolved:** that further information be provided, including details of increased works to be undertaken, work currently undertaken, budgets for 2012/13 and the amount spent by the Parish Council on contractors for grounds maintenance work.

Parish Clerk

Following a recommendation by the Strategy, Finance and General Purpose Committee that a bonus be paid to the Clerk for additional works performed during the absence of the Cemetery Superintendent it was:

- 2526 Resolved:** that the Clerk be thanked for her service, and that her request that the bonus be cancelled be accepted.