

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreational Committee, held, in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield on Tuesday 19 September 2006 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman: Councillor J Rice
 Councillors: Buckle, Carmichael-Smith, Knibbs, and A Woodings
 Advisor: Mr. D Crowson, Mr. C Tonks, Mrs. M Tonks

Welcome from the Chairman

285 Councillor John Rice duly appointed Chairman of the Recreational Committee under minute reference 143, welcomed members and advisors to the first meeting of the Recreational Committee.

Apologies for Absence

286 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors England, Mr. Raw and Mr. Hodson

Election of Vice Chairman

On the proposal of Councillor John Rowlands, duly seconded by Councillor Anthony Woodings, it was unanimously:

287 **Resolved:** that Councillor Adele Carmichael-Smith be elected Vice Chairman of the Recreational Committee for the ensuing year.

Election of Advisors to the Committee

On the proposal of Councillor Pauline Buckle, duly seconded by Councillor Richard Knibbs, it was unanimously:

288 **Resolved:** that Mr. D Crowson, Mr. T Hodson, Mr. J Raw, and Mr. M and Mrs. C Tonks, be elected as advisors to the Recreational Committee for the ensuing year.

Terms of Reference

The Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference adopted by the Parish Council at their meeting in June under minute reference 139. Particular attention was drawn to items 3, and 12 “to promote footpath usage and walking” and items 1, 6 and 7 dealing with safe working practices and health and safety matters.

The footpath advisors confirmed their willingness to assist the Council in promoting its activities, and suggested that an up to date map of the area be produced.

It was noted that a programme to review and update health and safety matters for all Parish Council activities was currently being undertaken.

- 289 Resolved:** that the Clerk investigate the ownership of the most recent DCA map and establish the cost of reproducing such a map including copyright costs if any.

Reports by Footpath Advisors

Mr. D Crowson: Footpaths in the South West Area

Mr. Crowson's report, as detailed in Appendix 1, stated that the footpaths in this area were in good order. He noted that footpath No.34 was of little use and its positioning was dangerous. The pavement on the NE side of Broadway between No.78 and 80 was also in a poor condition.

- 290 Resolved:** that the Clerk send a copy of the report to Derbyshire County Council and request the repair of the pavement on the Broadway.
- 291 Resolved:** that the Clerk take steps to establish a priority list of pavements requiring repair in the village and work with Councillor Clarke to pursue these with Derbyshire County Council.

Mr. C & Mrs. M Tonks: Footpaths in the North East

Mr. & Mrs. Tonks' report as detailed in Appendix 2, stated that some minor attention to hedge cutting and a gatepost repair was required. The condition of the pavements on Park Road was also highlighted.

- 292 Resolved:** that the Clerk send a copy of the report to Derbyshire County Council and request the necessary work be undertaken to maintain the footpaths and repair the pavements on Park Road.

Mr. J F Raw: Footpaths in the South East

Mr. Raw's report, as detailed in Appendix 3, stated that the footpaths in this area were generally in good order, although the small bridge on footpath No 36 at the Boundary of Duffield and Allestree was in a poor condition.

- 293 Resolved:** that the Clerk send a copy of the report to Derbyshire County Council and request the necessary work be undertaken to maintain the footpaths and repair the pavements on Park Road.

Mr. T Hodson: Footpaths in the North West

Mr. Hodsons' report, as detailed in Appendix 4, stated that a number of paths were overgrown and missing way markers or signage. Particular attention was drawn to footpath No. 9 where the cart bridge still required renovation, and footpath No. 12 which was dangerously muddy. A number of styles also required attention.

- 294 Resolved:** that the Clerk send a copy of the report to Derbyshire County Council and request the necessary work be undertaken to repair the styles and supporting posts and walls, and address the problem of drainage on the paths indicated.
- 295 Resolved:** that Councillor Rice review the condition of the bridge on footpath No.9 and continue to liaise with Derbyshire County Council regarding its repair.
- 296 Resolved:** that necessary clearance work be undertaken to deal with overgrown paths in the Parish

Duffield Parish Walk

Twenty two participants from across the County took part in a very successful Annual Parish Walk on Saturday 16th September. It was lead by Councillors Rice and A Woodings.

- 297 Resolved:** that the Clerk advertise the next Parish Walk in the Duffield Community Association newsletter to encourage more local participation.

Footpath Matters

- 298** Footpath No 39 A6 Derby Road to Chestnut Close. The Clerk reported that the underfoot conditions of this footpath had been reported to Derbyshire County Council following a foot injury to a Parishioner. A response is awaited.
- 299** Footpath No. 12 Holloway Road has been reported to Derbyshire County Council and Amber Valley as it remains boggy and there is concern that it may become a hazard to walkers. An inspection by Amber Valley had confirmed its condition, and this evidence has been passed to Derbyshire County Council with a request for action to be taken. A response is awaited
- 300** Matters relating to Footpath No. 9 were considered in item 296, as detailed previously.

The Clerk advised that prices should be sought for the resurfacing of the remaining part of Cockpit lane. From this funding could be sought but recommended that work should not commence until the electrical cable work going under Cockpit Lane was completed.

- 301 Resolved:** that tenders be sought for the resurfacing of Cockpit lane and applications for funding be sought. Any work should also be delayed until such time as the electrical cable work was completed
- 302** Following concerns raised by Mr. & Mrs. Hunt to the Parish Council concerning loose dogs straying from footpath No. 37, new signs had been erected by the Parish Council and bins were now promised by Amber Valley.
- 303** The Parish Council has sought title of the land on which the Chapel Street to Kings Head footpaths sits. The Land Registry is investigating this possibility and will advise the Parish Council shortly.

Development of Gray's Recreational area

Consideration was given to the type of development that would be suit this area, including a provision for teenagers

- 304 Resolved:** that costings be sought for three age provisions, a multi user surface, a tiny tots area and child area.

Eyes Meadow Risk Management

As part of the risk management of the Parish Council the Clerk suggested that an inventory and inspection process be undertaken for trees on Parish Council land.

- 305 Resolved:** that costing be sought for the inventory and inspection of trees on Parish land and advice be sought from Amber Valley regarding the recommended frequency of inspections.

A Fire risk assessment was required for Eyes Meadow changing rooms and shed.

- 306 Resolved:** that the Clerk contact Duffield Fire Service for advice on putting such an inspection regime in place.

Church Car Parking

Following correspondence from the Secretary of Duffield PCC, confirming that there were currently insufficient funds to cover the cost of this project it was:

- 307 Resolved:** that this item be placed in Appendix A and be held in the agenda until such time as both parties could acquire funding to progress this matter.

Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display

The Clerk confirmed that the Community Association and Fire service from Duffield had again agreed to assist in the organisation and execution of this event. All fire service personnel taking part in the event had been offered training and a number had taken this up. It was suggested that Mrs. Meryl Hutchings should be appointed to lead the organisation of the event on behalf of the Parish Council, and be supported by the Clerk.

- 308 Resolved:** that the annual firework night to take place on Saturday 4th November 2006 be lead by Mrs. Meryl Hutchings and overseen by the Clerk, both proper officers of the Council.

Access to Grays Recreational Ground

The Clerk confirmed that some agreements regarding access onto Grays Recreational Ground had been received from resident backing onto the area however some remained outstanding.

- 309 Resolved:** that those resident that had not signed the acknowledgement of access agreement be pursued again over this item.

Date and time of next meeting

- 310 Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Strategy Committee will take place on Tuesday 21st November 2006 at 7.00pm, in the Meeting Room on Hazelwood Road, Duffield.

Signed _____ Date _____