

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreational Committee, held in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield, on Tuesday 25th September 2007 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman: Councillor A Woodings
Councillors: England, Garner, Greenwood, Knibbs, Rowlands, Rice
Advisor: Mr D Crowson

Also in Attendance: Clerk – Mrs S Bygraves
Assistant Clerk - Mrs S Smith

Apologies for Absence

836 Apologies were received from Councillor Buckle

Declaration of Members Interests

837 None were recorded

Items for exclusion

838 **Resolved:** that playground tenders fell within items for exclusion and members of the public would be asked to leave at that point.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreational Committee

839 **Resolved:** the minutes of the Recreational Committee Meeting held on 22nd May 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the amendments that the meeting was chaired by Councillor Rice and apologies were sent by Cllr Knibbs.

Update on Action Plan

An update on the action plans for items outstanding at 22nd May 2007 and covering all actions from the year end and meetings to 22nd March 2007 was given and is attached in Appendix A.

840 **Resolved:** that the action plan dated 22nd March 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and that the Clerk pursue all outstanding items.

Footpath Report

841 The footpath report prepared by Mr Crowson for the South West Area, copies of which had been previously circulated, indicated no outstanding problems with footpaths in this area.

Footpath Matters

The Clerk reported that several complaints had been made regarding the pavement on Tamworth Street and its associated dropped kerb. An accident at this site had been reported to Derbyshire County Council.

- 842 Resolved:** that the Clerk again contact Councillor Patrick Clark at Derbyshire County Council Highways to arrange a site visit and lobby for its repair.

Other areas identified for improvements and repairs were Church Drive and Makeney Road, both of which had been reported to Derbyshire County Council Highways department.

Items for Exclusion: Members of the public left the Meeting Room

Gray Recreational Ground – Working Group

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th September of the Gray Recreational Ground Working Group were distributed prior to the meeting together with summary sheets comparing the elements of each tender. Following a review of each tender and the overall tendering and scoring process, it was:

- 843 Resolved:** that recommendations of the working group regarding the tenders be adopted by the committee and forwarded for approval to the full council. A letter of thanks be sent to Mr Simon Gladwin and the Chief Executive of Amber Valley Borough Council detailing his assistance and the Councils thanks.

Gray Recreational Ground – ROSPA Report

The ROSPA Report and update on actions was circulated at the meeting with a costing report for either the repair or replacement of the steps on Gray Recreational Ground. It was:

- 844 Resolved:** that the quotation from R A Bowmer Ltd to replace the steps at Gray Recreational Ground at cost of £468.00 be approved.

Donald Hawley Way – Road Maintenance

The report had been circulated previously and was discussed at the last parish meeting. The road is in an average state of repair and whilst there are some minor works to be done, it was:

- 845 Resolved:** that prices be sought for the minor repairs required to the flood damage on the access road to the changing facilities. Further discussion on the upkeep and maintenance of Donald Hawley Way would be deferred until attempts to have the road adopted by Derbyshire County Council where exhausted.

Donald Hawley Way – Speed Bumps

A report had been circulated previously at the last parish meeting. It was:

- 846 Resolved:** that the Clerk would seek advice from Derbyshire County Council regarding the profiling of the speed bumps and a discussion on their installation would be made when this information became available.

Tree Inspection Report

- 847 Nothing to report although the inspection has taken place, the actual report has not been completed.

Bench on King Street

The Clerk reported that the bench at the corner of King Street had become unsightly. It was:

- 848 **Resolved:** that the Clerk produce a report for possible replacement and presented to the next parish meeting.

Bus shelter Provision

A letter as circulated had been received from a member of the public regarding the bus shelter on Wirksworth Road at its junction with New Zealand Lane. It was:

- 849 **Resolved:** that the Clerk contact Derbyshire Council to investigate the possibility of a grant for its replacement and this information would be sent to Mr Dungworth.

Eyes Meadow-Security of changing facilities and longer term provision.

The Clerk reported concerns over the adequacy and security of the changing facilities at Eyes Meadows and particular reference was made to the lack of separation of male/female changing rooms and disabled facilities. It was:

- 850 **Resolved:** that the Clerk contact users of the changing facilities and interested parties including the cricket club to determine needs and produce an outline plan of requirements and if possible costing associated to these needs

Dog Fouling on Parkland

Following a meeting held by the Millennium Meadow group, issues were raised regarding dog fouling on the site. Concerns were also raised about the impact on Health and Safety of the sports ground and play areas. It was

- 851 **Resolved:** that the Clerk put in place a process, in consultation with Amber Valley Borough Council, to ensure that all dogs on Gray recreational area were required to be placed on leads. The key discussion point with Amber Valley being enforcement and borough wide implementation programmes

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Budgetary Update 2007-2008

An update on expenditure against budget was presented to members:

Details	Year to Date		Forecast for Year	Budget for Year	
	Actual	Budget			
INCOME					
	Recreation				
	Cricket Club				
1501	Rent	230	230	230	230
1502	Eyes Meadow Rent	1,600	1,103	1,100	1,103
1503	Gray Rec Rent	470	0	470	0
1504	Sport facilities	111	1,395	2,900	4,184
1505	Orange	1,759	1,400	4,559	4,200
	Income				
1506	fireworks	0	0	3,483	3,483
1507	Telephone	0	0	0	0
1508	Recharges	303	0	303	0
1510	Footpath maintenance	281	0	281	0
1601	Grant Application Cockpit Lane		0	10,400	10,400
1602	Grant Application Grays Rec		0	60,000	60,000
	Sub Total	4,754	4,128	84,226	83,600
EXPENDITURE					
	Recreational				
	Eyes Meadow				
1520	Security/parking	46	0	46	0
1521	Contractor Eyes Meadow	3,308	6,015	6,315	9,022
	Eyes Meadow				
1522	light/heat/water	450	424	874	848
1523	Eyes Meadow building /equip	140	0	1,257	1,117
1525	Contractor Gray Rec	875	1,427	1,588	2,140
1526	Gray Rec maintenance	119	0	119	
1535	Football supervision		0	0	
1536	Annual fireworks display	1,475	1,884	1,684	2,093
1537	Flytipping		0	0	
1539	Dog bins	100	0	100	
1541	Trade refuse	196	0	196	
1540	Litter Bins	397		397	
1543	Contingencies		0	0	
1550	Footpaths		287	144	431
	Resurfacing Donald Hawley				
1551	Way		5,800	0	5,800
	Resurfacing Cockpit				
1552	Lane/DCC adoption		0	10,400	10,400
1553	Gray Rec Development		0	60,000	60,000
	Sub Total	7,106	15,836	83,121	91,851

The Clerk noted that income for the year would be above expectations however costs would be expected to below expected levels. This was due to lower than expected costs for resurfacing Donald Hawley Way and reduced contractor's charges.

852 Resolved: that the budgetary update as presented be approved by members.

Date of Next Meeting

- 853 Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in the first quarter of 2008, preferably in January at 7.00pm, in the Meeting Room on Hazelwood Road, Duffield. A date to be confirmed nearer the time.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Signed _____

Date _____