

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreational Committee, held in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield, on Tuesday 26th February 2008 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman: Councillor A Woodings
Councillors: Greenwood, Rowlands and Rice

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

Apologies for Absence

1020 Apologies were received from Councillors Buckle, Garner and Knibbs

Declaration of Members Interests

1021 None were recorded

Items for Exclusion

1022 Agenda item number 7 “Gray Recreational Ground - update on funding and installation programme”, was identified as an item for exclusion, and any members of the press or public present would be requested to leave the meeting for this item.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreational Committee

1023 Members reviewed the minutes of the meeting of the Recreational Committee held on 25th September 2008 and noted their adoption by the Parish Council at their meeting of 10th December 2007 under the provisions for approval in minute reference 129

Update of Action Plan

An update on the action plans for items outstanding at 22nd March 2007 and 25th September 2007 was given and attached in Appendix A.

It was noted that:

1024 Further to item 844, work to repair the steps on Gray Recreational Ground would be undertaken as soon as weather conditional allowed.

1025 Further to item 846, work on profiling of the speed bumps on Donald Hawley Way would be postponed due to members rejecting the introduction of further speed bumps on this site.

Further to item 851, members noted that the introduction of dog on leads rule would require the enactment of a control order which would require the support of Amber Valley Borough Council

1026 Resolved: that a decision on the introduction of a control order would not be made until advice had been sought from Amber Valley Borough Council.

1027 Resolved: that the action plan dated 22nd March 2007 and 25th September 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and the Clerk pursue all outstanding items.

Footpath Matters

The Clerk noted that funds for the resurfacing of Cockpit lane were now available. Derbyshire County Council had given permission for this work to be completed and had agreed to enact a closure order on the site free of charge to the Parish Council.

1028 Resolved: that the Clerk proceed to obtain tenders for the resurfacing of Cockpit Lane in accordance with the requirements set by Derbyshire County Council. The tenders should be presented to the Parish Council at the earliest opportunity.

Gray Recreational Ground - Update

The Clerk noted that a firm offer had been received from BIFFA for the sum of £26k; however publicity surrounding this offer was restricted until the completion of contracts. This was expected to take approximately two weeks. Funding from Amber Valley Borough Council had now been received in full and work to commence the instalment of the play area had been scheduled for the first Tuesday after Easter. The project was expected to take approximately six weeks to complete. A ROSPA inspection had been booked for 21st May 2008, with the playgrounds' official opening on Monday 26th May 2008. After confirmation of dates it was:

1029 Resolved: that permission be granted for the Annual Good Friday Charity Football Match to take place on Gray Recreational Ground.

Gray Recreational Ground – Official opening

Following discussions by members it was:

1030 Resolved: that the official opening should be a Parish Council event, and that the Clerk be requested to put together a detailed schedule of the opening for approval by members at their next meeting.

Eyes Meadow – Development

The Clerk had held a meeting with all users of Eyes Meadow to discuss the proposed development and to consult with them on their needs. It was noted that current facilities did not cater for dual sex use, or for disabled users. With full usage of the football pitches over 100 players plus officials required access to changing rooms. Currently all 5 pitches could not be used simultaneously due lack of space in the changing rooms.

- 1031 Resolved:** that the Clerk obtain a figures for guidance on the conversion of the existing properties and the cost of replacement. This should then be communicated to Council for consideration.

Eyes Meadow – Shed

Following an inspection of the shed by Councillor Greenwood, his professional opinion of it is that it is structurally unsound and attempts to repair the roof would result in the collapse of the structure. A replacement was required as some storage at Eyes Meadow is required for various users. It was:

- 1032 Resolved:** that the Clerk seek costs for the demolishing of the shed and it replacement by both a temporary or permanent replacement. Enquiries should also be made with Amber Valley regarding the planning requirements for such actions.

Parking on Eyes Meadow

It was noted that there is intense pressure on parking at Eyes Meadow. Many users are forced to park on the grass areas as the current car parks are insufficient to accommodate users. A trial of restricting parking to the top car park resulted in chaos, however the current situation is resulting in the gate is being open for long periods, thus compromising its effectiveness in protecting the meadow. It was:

- 1033 Resolved:** that the Clerk obtain quotes to improve the existing area and investigate the possibility of moving the barrier to create a larger parking area at the entrance.

Eyes Meadow – Nature Reserve Lease

The lease for the nature reserve is due to expire in two years, the Millennium Meadow can request an extension to the lease and the Parish Council has the power to grant this extension. It was:

- 1034 Resolved:** that the Clerk contact with the Millennium Meadow management committee to instigate negotiations as to the position of the lease.

Eyes Meadow – Grounds Maintenance Contract

The Clerk confirmed that Ulyetts had agreed to extend their contract with the Parish Council for a further year. It was:

- 1035 Resolved:** that the Clerk draft a new grounds maintenance contract and contact Amber Valley for assistance in producing this. It was noted that the cemetery would need to be included in future contracts

Donald Hawley Way

The Clerk reported that there was no further information regarding the legal position for the bridge on Donald Hawley Way. Chris Allwood is in contact with the legal department but has had no response so far. The Clerk had obtained a quote for the removable bollards on the bridge at a cost of £250 per bollard. It was:

- 1036 Resolved:** that nothing should be done until the position regarding the bridge had been clarified.

Alcohol Designation Order

The Clerk had sought advice from Amber Valley Borough Council regarding the Alcohol Designation Order. Councillor Rice had put together a map identifying possible locations for signs to be placed. It was:

- 1037 Resolved:** that the Council adopt Councillor Rice's proposals and forward them to Amber Valley Borough Council for their information.

Tree Inspection Report

The Clerk reported that R A Bowmer Ltd was unable to offer a tree inspection report as he was not insured to undertake this work. It was:

- 1038 Resolved:** that the Clerk again seek tenders for this work, referring to Amber Valley Borough Council in the first instance, for advice on contractors and for assistance.

Bench on King Street

The Clerk reported that the quoted price for a new bench on King Street from Derbyshire County Council was £822. A budget of £700 had been allocated for benches. It was:

- 1039 Resolved:** that the Clerk place an order for the provision and installation of a bench on King Street as detailed to Councillors. Mrs O'Higgins had confirmed she would be willing to cover the cost of the replacement plaque for the bench.

Budgetary Update

The budgetary update was presented at the meeting by the Clerk together with a forecast for the next five years and is attached to Appendix B.

Date and Time of next meeting

Resolved: that the next meeting of the Recreational Committee will take place on Tuesday 24th June 2008 at 7.00pm, in the Meeting Room on Hazelwood Road, Duffield.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed _____ Date _____