

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreational Committee, held in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield, on Tuesday 28th October 2008 at 7.00pm.

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

Also in Attendance: Advisor- Mr T Hodson
Clerk – Mrs S Bygraves

Appointment of Chairman for the meeting

Due to absence of the Committee Chairman, and on the proposal of Councillor Rowlands, duly seconded by Councillor Rice it was:

Resolved: that Councillor A Woodings be appointed as Chairman to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

1320 Apologies were received from Councillors Buckle, Greenwood, Garner and Short

Declaration of Members Interests

1321 None were recorded

Items for Exclusion

1322 None were recorded

Update of Action Plan

An update on the action plans for items outstanding at 28th October 2008 was given and attached in Appendix A.

It was noted that:

1323 Further to item 1028, the resurfacing of Cockpit Lane, the Parish Council had the power to repair and maintain a footpath under the Highways Act 1980 ss43 but this power did not extend to improvements. It was recommended therefore that the Parish Council should not look to resurface the current stone path with a tarmac path, as this would fall outside the Parish Council's powers.

- 1324 Resolved:** that Derbyshire County Council be requested to look at resurfacing Cockpit Lane as a matter of urgency and in particular where it joins Town Street and under the rail bridge near Styles Walk. It was further:
- 1325 Resolved:** that the action plan dated 28th October 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and the Clerk pursue all outstanding items.

Footpath Matters

Further to the distribution of footpath reports prepared by the footpath advisors, members noted area of concern on each report.

- 1326** Mr Hudson reporting on the North West Section highlighted a number missing way markers and footpath signs being obscured. Particular attention was drawn to Footpath 15 where the stile and ditch over the railway was in need of major repair.
- 1327Mr Crowson advising on the South West Section, noted that this area was generally in good order with just a way marker at GR333418 missing.
- 1328Raw reporting on the South East Section noted that a number of stiles along this route had either been demolished or removed. The bridge at the Parish boundary was in a state of disrepair and although kept clear of brambles there were concerns regarding its safety for users.
- 1329Mr Redfern reporting on footpaths in the North Eastern Section of the Parish noted that the steps on Footpath 1 and 5 were in a dangerous state and require work to them as soon as possible. Clearance work on these paths is good and the paths are well used by walkers

The Chairman thanks all the advisors for their work in inspecting the footpaths of the Parish. He commented that their work was invaluable in keeping the paths open, and clear fro the many residents who enjoyed walking in the area. He requested that for future reports, advisors should be asked to take digital photographs of any problem areas, as a visual account would be of great benefit to the Parish when it pursued these with the County Council. . It was also agreed that advisors would be given way markers to take with them on their walks, to enable them to replace any missing ones. It was

- 1330 Resolved:** that the footpath reports as presented to the Parish Council be sent to Derbyshire County Council for their comments and items of particular concern raised with them for action.

Date and Time of next meeting

- 1331 Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Recreational Committee will take place on Tuesday 4th November 2008 at 7.00pm, in the Meeting Room on Hazelwood Road, Duffield.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed _____ Date _____