

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreational Committee, held in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield, on Tuesday 4th November 2008 at 7.00pm.

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

Also in Attendance: Clerk – Mrs S Bygraves
Advisor – Mr J Kelly

To Appoint a Vice Chairman

Further to no member being appointed to the role of Vice Chairman, it was

- 1332 Resolved:** that in the absence of the Chairman, a Chairman for the meeting would be elected as required on a meeting by meeting basis.

Apologies for Absence

- 1332** Apologies were received from Councillors Buckle, Garner, Knibbs and Short

Declaration of Members Interests

- 1333** None were recorded

Items for Exclusion

- 1334** None were recorded

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreational Committee

- 1335** Members reviewed the minutes of the meeting of the Recreational Committee held on 24th June 2008 and noted their adoption by the Parish Council at their meeting of 9th September 2008 under the provisions for approval in minute reference 129

Update of Action Plan

An update on the action plans for items outstanding at 4th November 2008 was given and is attached in Appendix A.

It was noted that:

Further to item 1039, regarding the installation of a replacement memorial new bench on King Street, Duffield. A revised price for the supply and installation of the seat had been received from Derbyshire County Council, and this cost is now £1047.48.

1336 Resolved: that the Clerk place the order for the replacement seat with immediate effect

1337 Resolved: that the action plans as presented be confirmed as a correct record and the Clerk pursue all outstanding items.

Sports Facility Development at Eyes Meadow, Duffield.

Further to the distribution of a report into the findings of the working party looking at the future development of sports facilities at Eyes Meadow and its management, members discussed the need of the Parish Council and a way forward. The development of a facility containing changing rooms, storage and caretaker facilities would be a direct replacement of its existing buildings and would be built and run by the Parish Council. An enhanced facility which included a club house and larger kitchen would have to be run by a management group, on which the Parish Council would have representation, but not sole responsibility. In looking at the options it was:

1338 Resolved: that the Clerk investigate the cost of professional architects fees in producing the necessary drawings for the two schemes. The first scheme should be the minimum build required by the Parish Council for its continued operation of sporting activities at Eyes Meadow, and include changing rooms, storage and personal facilities for staff at the site. The second scheme should include all the items in the first scheme with the addition of a club house and larger kitchen facility. It was further

1339 Resolved: that Duffield Cricket Club and Duffield Dynamos Football Club work together to draw up a management plan for the enhanced facility and make a report back their findings to the Recreational Committee at their next meeting.

Youth Facility in Duffield

Further to a report previously distributed to members regarding the possible provision of a location for a pilot youth facility at the Weston Center it was:

1340 Resolved: that information on the site be passed to the Duffield Youth Group if a positive response is received from the Trustees.

MUGA Pitch in Duffield

Following considerations that a request should be made to Amber Valley Borough Council to act on installing a MUGA pitch in Duffield, it was:

1341 Resolved: that this item be placed on hold until an up to date list of s106 funding available to the village is received from Amber Valley Borough Council.

Car Parking at Eyes Meadow

Further to a report previously distributed to members concerning the current and future provision of car parking at Eyes Meadow, members considered the cost of improvements. It was noted that due to its location, a tarmac surface would be unsuitable and that estimates were based recycled rubberised matting which allowed full drainage and grass growth. The areas considered were the existing car park, and an extended area on the railway side of the meadow, stretching from the current car park to the entrance of the cricket pavilion. The area was approximately 700mtrs square and 2000mtrs square respectively. The cost of materials was up to £18 per mtrs square

The exiting car park is in need of immediate repair. This could be done by removing the existing stone surface and relaying it. Drainage could be installed either now or in the future depending costs.

1342 Resolved: that the Clerk obtain two quotations for the existing car park. These should be for relaying and re stoning the car park with limestone, and for the cost of installing drains prior to the relaying and re stoning .It was further

1343 Resolved: that Councillor Rowlands draw up a paper of his proposals for the extension to the existing car park for consideration by members at their next meeting.

Proposal from Vodafone

Further to the distribution to members of a temporary licence request from Vodafone limited for a mobile communication mast at Eyes Meadow it was:

1344 Resolved: that the request be approved for a period of six months from 1st December 2008 subject to any adjustments recommended by Mr J Kelly in his position as a contract manager.

Footpath Matters

1345 Following a meeting with the footpath advisors on the 28th October 2008, a review of the footpaths by the advisors was given to the Parish Council. There were a number of safety concerns highlighted with some of the paths and it was agreed that these would be forwarded on to Derbyshire County Council for their action.

A request was made to the advisors to produce digital photographs of problem areas as part of their reports, and this was agreed by those present. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would provide the advisors with way markers so that missing markers could be replaced during the inspections.

Grounds Maintenance Contract

Further to the distribution of the current grounds maintenance contract, members considered the contents of the contract and any alteration required. The contract had been forwarded to Amber Valley Borough Council for comment, and no adverse terms had been identified.

The direct employment of a grounds man was also considered by members

1346 Resolved: that the grounds maintenance provision for the Parish Council for at least three years from 1st April 2009 would be provided by contractors. It was further

1347 Resolved: that tenders should be sought for Duffield Parish Council's grounds maintenance contract based on existing terms for at least three years commencing 1st April 2009.

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:

1348 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:

1349 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:

1350 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

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

1351 Resolved: that the next meeting of the Recreational Committee will take place on Tuesday 24th February 2009 at 7.00pm, in the Meeting Room on Hazelwood Road, Duffield.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed _____ Date _____