

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreational Committee, held in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield, on Tuesday 24th February 2009 at 7.00pm.

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

Also in Attendance: Clerk – Mrs S Bygraves
Advisors - Mr Chris Johnson: Duffield Community Association
- Mr Jerry Bygraves: Duffield Cricket Club

Apologies for Absence

- 1490 Apologies were received from Councillors Buckle, Garner and Knibbs and Mrs J Almey from Duffield Community Association

Declaration of Members Interests

- 1491 None were recorded

Items for Exclusion

- 1492 **Resolved:** that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the business set out in the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:-

1. Agenda Item No. 6 : Quotations for the Repair to Eyes Meadow Car Park

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreational Committee

- 1493 Members reviewed the minutes of the meeting of the Recreational Committee held on 4th November 2008 and noted their adoption by the Parish Council at their meeting of 13th January 2009 under the provisions for approval in minute reference 129

Update of Action Plan

An update on the action plans for items outstanding at 17th February 2009 was given and attached in Appendix A.

It was noted that:

- 1494** Further to item 1338, the progress of two schemes for Development at Eyes Meadow had been placed on hold due to funding shortages.
- 1495** Further to item 1346, that tenders for the Grounds Maintenance contract would be available for opening at the March 2009 Parish Meeting.
- 1496** **Resolved:** that the action plan dated 17th February 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and the Clerk pursue any outstanding items.

Eyes Meadow Car Park

Quotations for the repair and resurfacing of the Eyes Meadow Car Park were opened by members. On inspection the quotation from Oakwood Construction was the most favourable price for the required works. Prior to acceptance it was:

- 1497** **Resolved:** that the Clerk seek examples of car parks or footways that had a topping of tarmac plainings for Councillors to view in order to establish if this type of surface would be suitable for the car park at Eyes Meadow prior to the awarding of the contract.

Extension to Eyes Meadow Car Park

Further to the distribution of maps and drawings on the two proposed sites for an extension to the existing car park at Eyes Meadow it was:

- 1498** **Resolved:** that the extension area would cover the grass land located on the left side of the Eyes Meadow, facing north, from the existing stone car park to the far gate post of the cricket ground. A horizontal fence would be erected with access gates from the cricket ground to the railway line to prevent vehicular access onto the remainder of the meadow other than for maintenance. The car park located adjacent to the sports changing rooms would also be closed and re landscaped where possible.

Criteria for recommendations for approval of s106 funding

Following a change in policy by Amber Valley Borough Council brought about by Duffield Parish Council's use of s106 funding, all Parish Councils in the Borough are now eligible to make recommendations as to how s106 funding should be used.

For Duffield there are currently two pots of s106 funding available, these being approximately £19,000 for open spaces, and £30,000 for community provisions. All the funding must be used for capital items. In order to assess applications for funding it is recommended that objective criteria similar to that used for s137 grant applications be used as these offer objective and fair criteria by which the Council can assess the benefits to the community. Even with these criteria fulfilled, assessments will be made by Amber Valley Borough Council to determine if a project can be supported by them.

- 1499** **Resolved:** that the criteria as detailed in the report be adopted for the assessment of s106 applications subject to minor changes to the introductory paragraph, explaining what s106 funding is and where it comes from, and what the definition of "Open spaces" covers.

Eyes Meadow – Update on Management plan

Mr Bygraves was pleased to report that work on the development plan with Duffield Dynamos was now well progressed. The development plan was looking at how a new joint changing/club house facility could be run. All users were keen to work with the Parish Council in achieving the development of the new facility and were looking carefully at how they could ensure the responsibility for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the facility did not fall onto the Parish Council.

In addition to the development of a new changing/clubhouse facility attention was also drawn to the provision of an additional cricket square on Eyes Meadow. The Parish Council had agreed to this in principle, but needed to agree the location. With increased numbers of junior players and developments at the Cricket club including the acquisition of accreditations such as club mark, the current demand on the existing ground was too great and a request to confirm a second square was now necessary.

- 1500 Resolved:** that a request for a second square together with diagrams and pictures be presented to the Parish Council for their consideration

War Memorial

Members noted that the war memorial would benefit from improvements including a specialist clean and possibly re-gilding. It was:

- 1501 Resolved:** that the Clerk obtain quotes to renovate and or clean the war memorial and pursue the availability of grants for this work.

Gray Recreational Ground – Boundary Repair

The Clerk confirmed that funding for the repair of the boundary wall at Gray Recreational Ground had been approved by members and that quotation for the work could now be sought. It was:

- 1502 Resolved:** that the Clerk obtain quotations for the repair to the boundary wall at Grays Recreational Ground, including the removal of the old entrance gates.

Gray Recreational Ground – Annual Good Friday Match

In accordance with the annual tradition a request for the staging of the Annual Good Friday match at Gray Recreational Ground was requested.

- 1503 Resolved:** that the request for the Good Friday Match at Gray Recreational Ground be approved and necessary arrangements for the marking of the pitch be made.

Trees at Eyes Meadow

The Clerk confirmed that the management of trees and bushes at Eyes Meadow in the area between the shed and cricket pavilion had been completed and the work had significantly opened the meadow view. A general inspection of trees at the Meadow was required on an annual basis, and it was suggested that the tree warden be approached. It was:

- 1504 Resolved:** that the Clerk approach the Tree warden to request her assistance in the inspection of trees at Eyes Meadow.

Provision of Seats

The Clerk noted that some funding for seats had been made available this year. The initial site for a seat proposed by members on the Chevin lay outside the Parish Boundary and could not be funded.

- 1505 Resolved:** that Parishioner be approached through the Parish Newsletter for suggestions for the placement of a seat in the Parish.

Provision of Bins

A number of requests had been received for a bin to be placed on Holloway road close to the pastures footpath. Funding for a replacement bin was available within current budgets.

- 1506 Resolved:** that a bin be provided close to the Pastures footpath on Holloway Road if an agreement could be reached that Amber Valley Borough Council that the bin be emptied at their cost.

Footpath Matters

The Clerk reported that work had started on Church Drive and information had been received that the road and paths would be fully repaired.

The outstanding footpath matters had been chased again with Derbyshire County Council, although to date no response had been received. Member noted that the footway on Hazelwood Road between Avenue Road and Castle Hill was in a poor state of repair and required attention .It was:

- 1507 Resolved:** that the Clerk remind footpath advisors of the request to take photographs of their route prior to the summer inspections. It was also

- 1508 Resolved:** that the poor state of the footpaths on Hazelwood Road be reported to Derbyshire county Council and the outstanding footpath matters be chased again for action.

Duffield to Derby Cycle Path

The Clerk reported that a meeting of interested parties including representatives from Sustrans, the sustainable transport charity, had taken place to discuss the Derby to Duffield cycle route. General support was given for a principally off road route following the A6 into Derby. Actions were being taken including establishing community and business support for the project. An approach was to be made to Ecclesbourne School to discuss their travel plans. Sustrans had indicated that funding would be available for the route if support from the schools and community could be evidenced. Further meetings with Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council were planned. Initial contacts had been made through Sustrans. It was:

1509 Resolved: that the Committee continue to offer support to the project and receive updates on its progress. Councillors England and Greenwood also be requested to offer support for the project through their attendance at meetings of the group and stakeholders with the Clerk.

Budgetary Update

The budgetary update was presented at the meeting by the Clerk together with a forecast for the next three years and is as detailed below.

Duffield Parish Council

Recreational Accounts to 24th February 2009

Detail s	2008/09 Year to Date Actuals	2008/09 Forecast Year	2008/09 Budget Year
Recreatio n			
1501		230	230
1502		0	1,150
1503	490	490	
1504	2474	4,393	4,393
1505	8476	6,224	6,224
1506	3031	2,500	2,500
1508			
1510	430	400	
	Sub Total	14,237	14,497
Recreational			
1520	851	6000	2,500
1521	8260	10200	9,476
1522	2142	2100	891
1523	4659	4000	1,172
1525	4114	1700	2,246
1526	380	380	
1527	214	214	

1530	NEW PLAYGROUND	395	395	
1531	PLAYGROUND OPENING	516	516	
1536	ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY	1751	1800	2,198
1541	TRADE REFUSE	215	215	417
1540	NEW DOG / LITTER BINS			
1550	FOOTPATHS	214	453	453
1551	RESURFACING DONALD HAWLEY WAY		0	2,000
1554	RESURFACING CHESTNUT CLOSE		0	2,000
1555	ANNUAL FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE		0	1,500
1556	CHURCH CAR PARK		0	2,000
1201	MILLENNIUM MEADOW - INCOME	-500		
1210	MILLENNIUM MEADOW - EXPENDITURE	665		
Sub Total		23876	27973	26,853

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Agreed Budget for 2009\10 and proposed for 2011/12 and 2012/13
Recreational Committee

		agreed budget 2009/10	propose d 2010/11	propose d 2011/12
Recreation				
CRICKET CLUB				
1501	RENT	230	230	230
EYES MEADOW				
1502	RENT	0	0	0
1503	GRAY REC RENT	515	540	567
1504	SPORT FACILITIES	4,613	4,843	5,085
1505	ORANGE INCOME	6,536	6,862	7,206
1506	FIREWORKS	2,500	2,500	2,500
1508	RECHARGES	0	0	0
1510	FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE	400	400	400
Sub Total		14,793	15,376	15,988
Recreational				
1520	EYES MEADOW SECURITY/PARKING	4,000	2,500	0

1521	CONTRACTOR EYES MEADOW	10,710	11,246	11,808
1522	EYES MEADOW LIGHT/HEAT/WATER LICENSI	2,205	2,315	2,431
1524	NG EYES MEADOW BUILDING	0	0	0
1523	/EQUIP CONTRACTOR	1,500	1,575	1,654
1525	GRAY REC	1,785	1,874	1,968
1526	GRAY REC MAINTENANCE GRAY REC PLAY	400	420	441
1527	EQUIP GRAY REC BOUNDARY WALL	400 3,000	420 0	441 0
1530	NEW PLAYGROUND	0	0	0
1531	PLAYGROUND OPENING	0	0	0
1536	ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY	1,890	1,985	2,084
1541	TRADE REFUSE NEW	226	237	249
1540	BINS	400	420	441
1550	FOOTPATHS	476	499	524
		26,991	23,491	22,041

Sub Total

- 1510 Resolved:** that the budgetary figures be noted by members, and that actions be progressed to enable the specific reserve items, namely the Grays Recreational Ground boundary wall repair and Eyes Meadow Car park improvements to be completed in the 2009/2010 financial year.

Date and Time of next meeting

- 1511 Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Recreational Committee will take place on Tuesday 23rd June 2009 at 7.00pm, in the Meeting Room on Hazelwood Road, Duffield.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed _____ Date _____