

MINUTES OF WILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUES 7.4.09 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, CASTLEWAY, WILLINGTON

PRESENT: Mr K. England, Mrs C. Carter, Mr M. Coxon, Mrs F. Crocker, Mrs L. Oakley, Mr K. Overton. Mrs C. Gow (Clerk).
D/Cllr A. Hood, C/Cllr M. Ford. 3 members of the public.

744 APOLOGIES:

Mr A. Bamford, Mr J. Evans, Mr K. Gibbs, Mr R. Lipscombe, Mr P. Ricketts.

745 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil.

746 POLICE BUSINESS: Nil.

747 MINUTES:

RESOLVE: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10.3.09 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

748 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Recycling Centre, Tywford Road – hard standing reinstated, concrete bollard refixed.

Public toilets – responsibility for funding still under consideration.

749 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Riverside footpath. Consultation procedure will commence next week.

Footway from A38 fly-over to Egginton crossroad. No decision has yet been made on this project.

At 7.20pm the meeting was closed to allow members of the public present to speak about the Riverside footpath, attendance at a meeting of Derbyshire County Council's Regulatory – Licensing and Appeals Committee on 30.3.09 and their concerns about the delay this has caused. Cllr Ford assured the parishioners that this was the correct procedure and the matter was moving forward.

At 7.53pm the meeting was reopened.

750 RIVERSIDE FOOTPATH:

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr Tysoe, County Solicitor, requesting that (a) the matter is dealt with quickly as possible and (b) that he includes evidence used at the Public Inquiry. **ACTION: CLERK**

751 MINUTES/REPORTS FROM SUB COMMITTEES/OTHER GROUPS:

(a) Finance S/C

Notes from the meeting held on 17.3.09 were discussed and the following resolutions made.

RESOLVE: That a street light be provided in Vere Close/Twyford Road jitty at an estimated cost of £1875.00 for installation and servicing of a column and connection works.

Application to be made to Mercia Safer Neighbourhood Fund for contribution towards the cost.

ACTION: CLERK

RESOLVE: That a written quote be obtained from Came & Co PC Insurance (underwritten by Norwich Union) for renewal of the current insurance that expires on 31.5.09. **ACTION: CLERK**

RESOLVE: That a £100 donation be made to Willington Sports & Social Club under the power of Section 137 towards the cost of materials required for sprucing up the premises and in recognition of assistance they have given to the Parish Council in the past. **ACTION: CLERK**

(b) Recreation & Amenities

Concern was once again expressed about the increase in dog fouling both on Twyford Road playing field and various footways/footpaths in the village, in particular Twyford Road/Vere Close jitty, Vere Close/Trent Avenue jitty and Hall Lane. Safer Neighbourhood Warden to be advised.

ACTION: CLERK

752 REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT:

Mr L. Oakley carried out a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal audit following a review by the Finance Committee at their meeting held on 17.3.09. The outcome of the review is detailed in a report dated 2.4.09. This has been reviewed by the non-Finance Committee members of the Council who have no concerns. All Parish Councillors have received a copy of the report.

RESOLVE: That on the basis of the information provided within the above report, the review by the non-Finance Committee members, and the evidence provided, the full Willington Parish Council publish a statement of internal control (statement of assurance) that the internal audit system is effective.

753 FORMER POWER STATION SITE:

A letter received from RWE npower advises that following the recent rejection of a planning application for a residential/mixed use development of the site, submitted in 2006, they have been considering options and have made to decision to investigate development opportunities for potential power generation on the site. Over the coming months they will consider the feasibility of developing a gas-fired power station at the Willington site. They emphasise that plans are at a very early stage and this is a feasibility study only at present.

754 PLANNING MATTERS:

(a) Planning applications received and dealt with as follows:

9 2009 0198 FH

The erection of an extension at 12 The Riverbank Willington Derby (Swain)

'No comments'

9 2009 0153FH

The conversion of the garage into living accommodation at 20 Coach Way Willington Derby (Loverock)

Comments – (a) No plans submitted, query number of bedrooms v car spaces for off road parking (b) Concern that this would create more on-road parking.

9 2009 0238 FH

Erection of an extension at 92 Trent Avenue, Willington, Derby (Redfern)

'No comments'

9 2009 0115 NO

The retention of two 2.5-3 metre high screening bunds at Willington Lake Trout Fishery Findern Lane Willington Derby

Application withdrawn

(b) Other planning matters

SDDC – Details of Appeal by TNT Post Uk Ltd & Burnaston Cross Ltd (9/2007/1470) in respect of Land off A38/A50 Junction at Etwall Road, Willington. Inquiry scheduled to last twelve working days – April 21-24, April 28-30. May 1, May 12-15, to be held at Civic Offices, Swadlincote.

The Planning Inspectorate re above Appeal. Correspondence from British Waterways.

755 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

Report:

1. Tennis courts – new net purchased for forthcoming season.
2. Recycling centre car parking – complaint from parishioner that she was unable to gain vehicular or reasonable pedestrian access to the recycling containers due to very close parking of cars when football match was in progress. **ACTION: RAC**
3. Re-launch of Community Speedwatch - No volunteers from parishioners. Minimum number therefore not met.
4. DCC have inspected Willington roads and confirm that defects in Hall Lane have been passed to the Rapid Response Team for repairs. All other areas will continue to be monitored.
5. Former Electrical Shop on The Green vandalised on or about 17.3.09 when a window was broken. Reported to Network Rail who have since boarded up the broken window.

Correspondence:

1. DCC re Willington Bus Services – obstruction through Beech Avenue. Resolution lies with either the Police, or the residents themselves.
2. Derby Triathlon Club – request to use Twyford Road playing field on a Tuesday evening for running sessions. It was agreed that the field is already used on a regular basis by Willington FC and therefore some evenings should be left free for the general use. Request refused. **ACTION: CLERK**
3. Internal Audit – books to Mr Ingham on 20.4.09.
4. Audit Commission – Notice of External Audit commencing 20.7.09.

756 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS:

RESOLVE: That the Accounts listed at Appendix I be accepted for payment.

757 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. DALC circular 6-8/09.
2. SACRE Annual Report 2007/08.
3. Derbyshire Constabulary Police Pledge.
4. Town & Parish Standard Issue 4, Feb 09.
5. The Playing Field Winter 08/09.
6. Clerks & Councils Direct Issue 62, March 2009.
7. Accident & Emergency Department moving from Derbyshire Royal Infirmary to Derby City Hospital at 2am on Wednesday 20th May 2009.
8. Heritage News Feb 09.
9. Mr J. Parker – Riverside footpath - copy of information and comments re application for a DMMO dtd 1.2.09 sent to DCC.

758 WEBSITE NEWS:

Chairman's Report to Annual Parish Meeting 7.4.09

Meeting closed 9.10pm.