

**MINUTES OF WILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUES 8.4.08 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, CASTLEWAY, WILLINGTON**

**PRESENT:** Mr K. England (Chairman) Mr A. Bamford (part), Mrs C. Carter, Mrs F. Crocker, Mr M. Coxon, Mr K. Gibbs, Mr D. Nicholls, Mrs L. Oakley, Mr K. Overton. Mrs C. Gow (Clerk). C/Cllr M. Ford, D/Cllr A. Hood. 2 members of the public. Burton Daily Mail.

587 **APOLOGIES:** Mr R. Lipscombe.

588 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Nil.

589 **POLICE BUSINESS:**

Parking on Canal Bridge – problem has returned. Police to be advised.

590 **MINUTES:**

**RESOLVE:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11.3.08 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

591 **DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:**

Recycling - doorstep collection. SDDC hope to award a contract for the collection of plastics later this year.

Chellaston Cottages – complaint of drains backing up has been reported to the developers of the new Marina.

The Burnaston Cross planning application will not be considered by the Planning Dept. before the end of June.

592 **COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**

Castleway new Zebra Crossing – DCC have advised that signage should be installed within four weeks. Concern was expressed about the absence of belisha beacons and the legality of the crossing without them. **ACTION: MF**

Attention was drawn to the plethora of temporary signs and road signs in the village centre. An audit had been requested.

Willington Road, Findern – new section of footway now in place.

Repton Road – speed control requested.

**ACTION: MF**

Twyford Road footway. Sections of the footway are currently being resurfaced.

DCC Youth Service are running a club for local teenagers at Findern. Information requested for Willington families. **ACTION: MF**

**593 MINUTES/REPORTS FROM SUB COMMITTEES/OTHER GROUPS:**

(a) Recreation & Amenities

Notes of the meeting held on 1.4.08 were discussed and the following resolutions passed.

Willington Marina Picnic Area

**RESOLVE:** That two heavy duty picnic benches be purchased at a total cost of £740 + VAT. DCC Elvaston are willing to install the benches.

**RESOLVE:** That the information board be updated to include the Delicatessen and Sweet Shop. Midlands Co-op to be approached for assistance with updating. **ACTION – CLERK**

Hall Lane & Trent Avenue Play Areas

**RESOLVE:** That play equipment be purchased and installed at a total cost of £2,620.00 + VAT. SDDC to be approached for financial contribution. **ACTION - CLERK**

Twyford Road Playing Field/Pavilion

**RESOLVE:** That the football pitch be chain harrowed, fertilised and seeded by Woodland Landscapes at a cost of £650 + VAT before the end of April. **ACTION – CLERK**

Pavilion Showers – estimates for work to the showers received as follows:

Plumbing (6 sought, 2 received) – Hamilton Bond £2,300.00. S. Budd £1,699.25.

Electrical (2 sought, 2 received) – L.D. Jowett £1,384.00. L.P. Electrical £520.00 (WPC to purchase heater at a cost of £295.00 + VAT).

**RESOLVE:** That the estimate of S. Budd for plumbing work be accepted.

**RESOLVE:** That the estimate of L.P. Electrical for electrical work be accepted.

Grass triangle outside the former Calder Factory

**RESOLVE:** That the remaining chain link be removed, posts to remain.

Former bus shelter frontage, adjacent to Green Man PH

**RESOLVE:** That the railings be repainted black. **ACTION – CLERK**

Footpaths

It was noted that the railway crossing on Footpath No. 9 had been improved. Thanks to be passed to Footpaths Officer/Network Rail.

Bridge linking FP7/FP8, steps are covered with moss and slippery.

FP9 – electric fence in place across the access opposite the Cemetery.

Mr Adkins, Footpaths Officer, to be advised of the above matters.

**ACTION - CLERK**

(b) Industrial Liaison 1.4.08 – notes of meeting circulated, copy held on file.

Purpose of meeting to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

**ACTION - CLERK**

**594 PLANNING MATTERS:**

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

9 2008 0298 A

The erection of three signs at Trunk Road Service Area Land off A38/A50 Junction A5008 Etwall Road Willington Derby (Swayfields Ltd)

'No comments'

9 2008 0305 FH

The erection of a first floor extension at 21 Orchard Close Willington Derby (Stevens)

'No comments'

9 2008 0323 P

Amend overhead power line on wooden poles in order to provide high voltage underground cabling supplying the Mercia Marina Findern Lane Willington (Central Networks East)  
'No comments'

9 2008 0349 O

Outline application for the erection of a dwelling (all matters reserved except access, layout and scale) on land at 21 Beech Avenue Willington (Hanks)  
Comments – (1) Detached house would be out of character with the surrounding area.  
(2) The proposed house would protrude beyond the existing building line of North Close and Beech Avenue and (3) Concerns re access and parking.

(b) Other planning correspondence

SDDC – Notice of Appeal by G. Bowcott re The erection of an extension at 1 Spilsbury Close, Willington 9/2007/0705. 'No comments'.

**595 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Report:**

1. Infilling of former bus shelter well adjacent to the Green Man PH - work now complete.
2. A5132 Castleway to Egginton crossroads, lack of footway/cycle path. DCC reply states that inspections will be carried out to ascertain the requirements, its feasibility and cost. If successful a Capital Scheme could be promoted for the 2009/2010 financial year. Approval would be given towards the end of 2008, when WPC would be advised as to its status. Mr Edwards & Mr Orme advised.
3. Invasive weeds – molly adjacent to former Calder Industries. Environment Agency advise that the area will be checked as part of their routine inspections. If they are causing a flood risk EA will deal with its removal, otherwise it is the responsibility of the riparian owner to deal with it.
4. Land exchange – Mr Bird and Mrs Norman advised of decision, reply confirms their agreement to the provisos 1-5 detailed in WPCs letter 14.3.08. Mr Bird to advise Solicitor's details.
5. Parish Plan – dates of rescheduled training requested from DRCC. Reply – none planned. The next course to be run will be "Different Consultation Techniques".
6. Footpath from BW11 along the bank of River Trent. Reply in circulation.
7. Mr Isham, Willington Hall. Further letter received in response to WPCs reply to letter re planning applications 9/2005/1304 FH and 9/2006/1393 FH. Reply sent advising that (a) no Members of WPC are on SDDC Planning Committee and (b) WPC is not party to decisions made by SDDC as to who, how and when neighbours are advised of planning applications, together with extract from relevant Minutes showing Parish Council's comments.
8. Oak trees, Oaks Road – request for TPOs. Original request submitted to SDDC, who advised that as the trees are on highway land, this should be directed to DCC. DCC state that unless the trees are under threat it would be difficult to justify the making of an Order. They advise that TPOs are now generally made by District Council's – further letter sent to SDDC reiterating the original request. Reply awaited. Agreed that assistance of C/Cllr Ford be sought.  
**ACTION – CLERK/MF**
9. Lime Trees, Hall Lane. Planning Office have advised the Tree Warden (Mrs Wain) that TPOs for Hall Lane lime trees were not confirmed as the trees are on Highways land. Two lime trees are now missing from the row of trees. SDDC Planning suggest that WPC and DCC agree to replace the lost trees and look at ways in which the future health of the trees can be assured through necessary maintenance. Assistance of C/Cllr Ford to be sought.  
**ACTION – CLERK/MF**

10. SDDC Sports Mobile will be visiting Twyford Road Playing Field on Tuesday 15.4.08, 2-4pm. No cost to Parish Council, small charge to participants.

**Correspondence:**

1. DCC re Blocked drain outside 4 The Green (near the florist) – WPC land. Clerk has contacted SDDC who will inspect and report back.
2. Audit Commission – Jackie Bellard of the Audit Commission's Limited Assurance Specialist Unit has been appointed auditor to WPC for 2007/08 to 2011/12. Noted.
3. DRCC – Calor Derbyshire Village of the Year 2008 competition details. Noted.

**596 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS:**

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

**597 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:**

Mrs Carter and Mrs Oakley have submitted an application for SDDC's Carbon Footprint Village Project.

1. DALC Circulars 6, 8-12/08.
2. Copy email J. Orme/M. Todd "Still considering Biomass at Willington".
3. Heritage News Issue 26.
4. Etwall PC Minutes 7.1.08 & 17.1.08.
5. SDDC Recs and Reports of Committees for meeting on 28.2.08.
6. Freeplay publication.
7. Copy email J. Orme/M. Todd "Building on floodplains".
8. LGPS Employers' Newsletter No. 54.
9. CPRE – Programme of Planning Seminar, Sat 26.4.08, Findern Village Hall.
10. Xerscape – Wicksteed Playscapes.
11. The Playing Field - DRCC Newsletter.

Meeting closed 9pm

*P.K. England*

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(Chairman)