

MINUTES OF WILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUES 8.12.09 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, CASTLEWAY, WILLINGTON

PRESENT: Mr K. England (Chair), Mr A. Bamford, Mr M. Coxon, Mrs F. Crocker, Mr J. Evans, Mr R. Lipscombe, Mrs L. Oakley, Mr K. Overton, Mr P. Ricketts. Mrs C. Gow (Clerk)
C/Cllr M. Ford, D/Cllr A. Hood, 6 members of the public.

849 APOLOGIES: Mrs Carter, Mr Gibbs.

850 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil.

851 POLICE BUSINESS:

Complaints of vehicles speeding throughout the village, particularly on Repton Road, Twyford Road and Hall Lane. Police to be advised of complaints. **ACTION – CLERK**

Pavilion, Twyford Road playing field. Vandalism – guttering removed, bollard uprooted. Xmas tree Canal Bridge – baubles removed and left broken on the ground. Both incidents occurred Fri 4/12/09. (CR/70177-09)

Derbyshire Youth Service – Mr Evans gave an update to the meeting from the District Youth Worker. Mr Evans reported that the Mobile unit made a regular visit to the village on a Wednesday evening, parking on the Picnic Site car park.

852 MINUTES:

RESOLVE: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10.11.09 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

853 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS: Nil

854 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:

The recent resurfacing of the footway on the north side of Hall Lane, Oaks Road to Church Close was noted and appreciated by Members.

Castleway (middle to top) – an order has been placed for cutting back the grass to reveal the full width of the footway.

The meeting was then opened to members of the public.

Disputed Footpath beside the River Trent - Cllr Ford reported that Ms Sharma would be making a site visit, probably during the month of December. Ms Sharma was willing to meet parishioners on another occasion, provided opponents of the footpath were also present in order to be fair to both sides.

Castleway, road markings outside the Old School. Cllr Ford referred to a site visit today by Mr Hayes of DCC and advised that the zig-zag markings on the road were informative only and unenforceable at the present time. Mr Hayes will be looking into making these enforceable and at further signage.

Complaint of excessive dog fouling on Hall Lane, between Church Close and Repton Road.

Manhole covers at junction of St Michael's Close/Beech Avenue and Beech Avenue/Mercia Drive (west) in need of attention.

Flood risk – parishioner referred to map from the South Derbyshire Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and expressed his concern that recent gravel workings at Repton Pit were making the parish more susceptible to flooding. Cllr Ford reported that the Enforcement Officer had visited the site and would continue to monitor the situation. Cllr Ford assured those present that he would speak to the officers concerned to advise them of parishioners concerns.

A parishioner referred to a letter from the County Solicitor regarding the Alleged Footpath beside the River Trent and the reference contained therein to the line of Bridleway 11 down to the River Trent. As a member of the History Group he felt strongly that this should be pursued.

The meeting reopened at 7.50pm.

855 LAND AT THE REAR OF TWYFORD ROAD PLAYING FIELD:

Messrs A. Wendler and S. West, representatives of LSP Consulting, discussed a proposed public presentation of plans for a new doctor's surgery in Willington with Members, probably in January. The presentation is to be advertised as widely as possible.

856 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF S.DERBYSHIRE BY BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND:

Details of the review were noted.

857 MINUTES/REPORTS FROM SUB COMMITTEES/OTHER GROUPS:

(a) Finance S/C

Notes from the meeting held on 24.11.09 were discussed and the draft budget for 2010/2011 was accepted.

(b) Recreation & Amenities

Etwall Road – the damaged allotment gate/fencing has now been replaced. Remaining gate and gate stop is in a poor state of repair. **RESOLVE:** That an order for supply and fitting of a new allotment gate (1 no.) and gate stop be given to Derwent Fencing to match existing.

ACTION: CLERK

Hall Lane/Trent Avenue play areas. Play equipment in need of repainting. Clerk to obtain estimate from Mr McCulloch.

ACTION: CLERK

Twyford Road playing field [see Minute 851]. Clerk to arrange repairs to pavilion guttering and bollard.

ACTION: CLERK

858 PRECEPT 2010/2011:

Members considered the anticipated expenditure prepared by the Finance Sub Committee and agreed that the precept for 2010/11 be reduced from £36,364.15 (2009/2010) to £35,486.50.

RESOLVE: That a Precept of £35,486.50 be requested and that SDDC Form A be completed and returned accordingly. Form B, Expenses on Concurrent Functions, set unchanged at £9,180 for 2010/11, to be completed and returned to SDDC. **ACTION: CLERK**

859 PLANNING MATTERS:

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The demolition of existing and erection of a replacement shop at 8 The Green Willington Derby (Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd)

Comments/queries:

1. *Has a Type 3 Asbestos Survey been carried out?*
2. *What re the proposals/provisions for car parking?*
3. *The building must reflect current buildings nearby and be in keeping with the village.*

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Part conversion of existing garage into residential accommodation at 24 Churchside (Wakeling)
No comments

860 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

Report:

1. Anti-social behaviour in and around the Sun Hall Takeaway. Request from Claire Rawlins, Safer South Derbyshire Partnership to remove the free-standing waste bin by the Takeaway and replace it with a post mounted bin, as the free standing bin is being used as a seat by the young people. Members did not agree to the request. **ACTION: CLERK**
2. Timms letters dated (a) 10.11.09 (b) 11.11.09 and tel. call 17.11.09 re Land at the rear of Twyford Road playing field. (a) Agreed to delay carrying out searches (valid for 6 months) until near completion. Cheque will be sent at that time to cover balance of search fees. (b) RWE Npower's Solicitors state that RWE are now looking to grant a lease rather than sell the land to WPC. Confirmed with Timms that WPC wish to purchase not lease, WPC's legal fees have risen due to delay on RWE's part. Timms advise that all legal work carried out to date has been for purchase, not lease and that if a lease is to be pursued further fees will be incurred.
3. Timms letter dated 10.11.09 & tel. conversation 17.11.09. First Registration of Twyford Road playing field. Land Charges Search against Edward Wooddisse and WPC (parties to the Feb 1962 Conveyance) reveals one entry against Edward Wooddisse, and Willington Concrete Mouldings Ltd on 2.12.53 and relates to land at Willington containing 26 sq yds, no further details of contract or land to which it relates is available. To ensure this Land Charge and reference to this estate contract is not noted against WPC's title we must be able to ascertain further info about the contract and the land to which it relates. All copy deeds and documents in Council's possession have been checked but no details found. Timms advised.
4. Timms letter dated 19.11.09. First Registration of tennis courts and bowling green. Confirmed plan showing correct area of land.
5. Proactive Appliance Testing – Portable appliance testing for Bowls Club and office equipment carried out. All appliances passed.

Correspondence:

1. SDDC re Christmas Tree recycling point – Twyford Road recycling centre 26 Dec to 11 Jan.
2. Mr G. Isham re Grave in Willington Cemetery.
3. DCC re Highway maintenance speed cushions Hall Lane. No immediate repairs considered necessary. Cllr Ford asked to pursue this on behalf of WPC. **ACTION: MF**
4. SDDC – Base Budget 2010/2011 – Expenses of Parish Councils (a) Precept and (b) Expenses on Concurrent Functions. [See Minute 858]
5. Hansons re Repton Quarry. Update on ownership of land and request for work to trees. Further request for work to the trees to be sent. **ACTION: CLERK**
6. DCC Solicitor re Footpath along the Bank of the River Trent. Ack. of Council's letter re inaccuracies in map. Consultation plan provided reflects the Order plan that the Inspector made when confirming the DMMO. Any relevant comments will be analysed and included in the officers report which will be presented to Committee at the decision making stage.
7. DCC Emergency Planning Division re Community Response Plan. Noted.

861 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

1. Safer South Derbyshire "Teamwork".
2. DALC Circulars 53-57.
3. LGPS Employers' Newsletter No. 67.
4. Copy letter John Phillips to Zoe Sewter, SDDC re Play facilities at Willington.
5. Rural Action Derbyshire formerly known as Derbyshire Rural Community Council, new name w.e.f. 1.10.09.

862 FINANCE - ACCOUNTS:

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

863 WEBSITE:

Details of public presentation for proposed new surgery to be included when available.

864 EXEMPTIONS: Nil.

Meeting closed 9.45pm.

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(Chairman)