

**MINUTES OF WILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUES 9.2.10 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, CASTLEWAY, WILLINGTON**

**PRESENT:** Mr K. England (Chair), Mr A. Bamford, Mrs C. Carter, Mr M. Coxon (Acting Clerk), Mrs F. Crocker, Mr J. Evans, Mr R. Lipscombe, Mrs L. Oakley, Mr K. Overton.

Mr A. Wendler, Dr K. Farrell (part). 16 members of the public (part)

**881 APOLOGIES:** Mr K. Gibbs, Mr P. Ricketts, Cllr M. Ford, D/Cllr A. Hood.

**882 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Mr K. Overton – Willington Arts Festival, request for financial assistance.  
Mrs F. Crocker – Proposed stopping-up of highway at 25 Old Hall Drive.

**883 POLICE BUSINESS:**

Crime statistics for Oct-Dec show an increase of 27.5% compared to the same three-month period last year.

ASB in Willington. Request received from PC Fearn for Parish Council representation at a meeting with a group of young people who congregate in the village. Mrs Carter and Mr Evans have put their names forward. Pc Fearn advised.

**884 MINUTES:**

**RESOLVE:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12.1.10 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**885 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:** Nil.

**886 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**

Derbyshire County Angling Club have erected an unsightly sign on land adjacent to the viewing platform off Repton Road. Cllr Ford has been asked to investigate. It was noted that a similar sign had been erected on land off Coachway.

Pedestrian crossing Repton Road. Request that illumination of the crossing be improved to a similar standard of that installed on Castleway pedestrian crossing.

Mercia Drive, verge outside No. 29. Regular parking of a van on the grass verge has eroded the grass verge. It was noted that Cllr Ford has been asked by a parishioner to investigate the possibility of replacing the grass with a hardstanding area.

The Chairman read out a statement concerning LSP Doctor's Surgery Questionnaires and certain misconceptions, misunderstandings and potentially libellous comments circulating around the village, prior to the meeting being opened for public participation.

At 7.08pm the meeting was closed to allow members of the public present to speak about the following matters;

Willington Primary Care Project

Some parishioners considered that the flyer calling the meeting to consider the “Proposed Redevelopment of Willington Surgery” did not explain clearly what the meeting was to be about and that the questionnaire was misleading.

Other points raised:-

- i) PPG17 – Planning for Open Space referred to the none erosion of playing space and many other matters relating to the loss of open spaces. It was explained that PPG17 was for the guidance of planning authorities. The Local Planning Authority would make its own judgement on individual applications.
- ii) Would a public meeting be held?
- iii) Not many children played on the field. It was noted there were other areas where children could play including land between Sealey Close and Coach Way.
- iv) It was not important to have the surgery in Willington at the loss of recreation land.
- v) Was there a time limit on the funding for the project. Advised that it was understood the funding was allocated in 2006 and was still available.
- vi) A parishioner advised those concerned to contact D/Cllr A. Hood if they needed help.

Other matters

Meadow Lane – complaint re collection of water at entrance to Angling Club land following recent levelling work.

Hall Lane trees. It was noted that the Tree Warden has requested that Tree Preservation Orders be placed on the remaining lime trees on the south side of Hall Lane.

At 7.37pm the meeting continued.

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

Recreation & Amenities

Willington FC, on behalf of the Burton Junior Football League, have requested use of Twyford Road playing field for the playing of this season’s Junior Cup semi finals. Members had no objections to the request provided that the site and pavilion were left in a clean and tidy condition. Football Club to be advised. **ACTION: CLERK**

**888 WILLINGTON PRIMARY CARE PROJECT:**

The completed questionnaires had been viewed prior to the meeting by the Chair/Vice Chair and Mr Lipscombe. A summary was presented to the meeting and discussed by Members.

Some members felt that the flyer calling the meeting ought to have been clearer and the questionnaire better prepared.

However, the vast majority of questionnaires returned were in favour of keeping the surgery in Willington. Some parishioners had commented that they would like to see the football pitch elsewhere, so that the playing field could be used as a play area and not just a football pitch.

Members were aware that if part of the field was considered a suitable site for the Surgery, money would be available from the sale/lease of the land and grants from the Sports Council and the Parish Council to provide better recreational and football facilities either on the field or elsewhere in the village.

Reference was also made to the need for major improvements to the pavilion and storage area and problems with vehicles parking on Twyford Road outside the playing field on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the football season.

It was agreed:-

- 1) That further investigation of the following sites be undertaken:-
  - (a) Findern Lane – fields after the farm on the north side heading towards Findern.
  - (b) Land behind Tailby Drive.
  - (c) Castleway, heading west after No. 108.
  - (d) Castleway, land angled west of canal on south side of A5132.
  - (e) Etwall Road – land opposite cemetery gates.
- 2) To employ a qualified consultant to report on the suitability of the sites, including the views of Highways/Service Agencies etc. The Planning Sub Committee to consider the response of the consultant and report to the full council. **ACTION: CLERK**
- 3) That a press release be prepared to correct the misconceptions of the Parish Council's position as reported in the press. **ACTION: CHAIR/CLERK**
- 4) Another public meeting was not necessary until all options had been considered.

*Immediately following the meeting Mr Wendle (LSP) agreed to (a) forward written evidence of unsuitability from third parties (Highways, Planning etc) in respect of sites already investigated and (b) to pursue the suitability of any additional sites listed above from the same third parties, and provide WPC with written evidence of their replies. Planning Committee to discuss the results when received from LSP and decide on whether or not it will be necessary to employ a qualified consultant as agreed earlier.*

#### **889 PLANNING MATTERS:**

##### **(a) Engaging Consultants**

New Gas Power Station planning application. Estimate of costs to employ DPDS to provide a professional opinion and make a submission to the planning authority on behalf of WPC £1000 ex VAT and disbursements.

**RESOLVE:** That the estimate of DPDS of £1000 be accepted.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**(b) Planning applications received and dealt with as follows:**

CW9/1209/178

Proposed erection of a single storey building for the sorting and transfer of waste building materials The Bungalow Etwall Road Derby (Doherty)

*Comments (a) 'Tin shed' construction not in keeping with nearby brick built building. Side walls visible from Etwall Road.*

9 2010 0004 FH

Erection of extension at 92 Twyford Road Willington (Bailey)

*No comments*

9 2010 0026 FH

Erection of extension (resubmission) of 9/2009/0839 at 1 Spilsbury Close Willington (Bowcott)

*No comments*

9 2010 0030 U

Conversion of garage into a dwelling at Danes Lodge Willington Lane Egginton Derby (Fallows)

*No comments*

9 2010 0066 Z

Application for a lawful development certificate for an extension at 24 Churchside Willington (Wakeling)

*No comments*

Dept of Transport – Proposed stopping up of highway at 25 Old Hall Drive Willington

*No comments*

9 2010 0045 RSD

Approval of reserved matters of application 9/2007/0550 for the erection of 18 log cabins at Mercia Marina Findern Lane Willington (Thornton)

*Comment – Windows are pvc, preference for natural material.*

9 2010 0096 FM

Erection of two detached dwellings at 111 Castleway Willington (Franks)

*Comments:*

1. *Existing bungalow has already been demolished.*
2. *Use of soakaways should be discouraged.*
3. *Proposed dwelling 111A is too deep, restricting views from the windows of 109. They are within 45 degrees, contrary to planning guidelines.*
4. *Site will be cramped with two detached houses and out of character with surrounding dwellings.*

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

**Report:**

1. SDDC Summer Holiday Schemes – Bookings have been made as follows:

Tues 27 July	2pm - 4pm	Sports Mobile
Tues 10 Aug	6pm - 8pm	Climbing Wall
Tues 17 Aug	2pm – 4pm	Sports Mobile and Play Mobile
Thur 26 Aug	2pm-4pm	Sports Mobile and Inflatable Laser

2. Twyford Road Recycling Centre – SDDC have observed the cardboard skip contractor visiting the site and acknowledge that the depressions are caused by their vehicles. Extra hardcore is to be laid.
3. DCC – Castleway, mini-roundabout sign now repaired.

**Correspondence:**

1. Willington Arts Festival – request from V. Davis for assistance with funding for the 2010 Arts Festival taking place on 1-3 May 2010. **RESOLVE:** That the sum of £500 be donated to the Willington Arts Festival 2010 under the power of Section 137. **ACTION: CLERK**
2. Mr J. Barsby re Co-op deliveries. Letter acknowledged.
3. Mr G.Mellor re Willington Primary Care Project, copy sent to all Members. Letter ack. by Clerk. Copy of the Minutes of this meeting to be sent to Mr Mellor. **ACTION: CLERK**
4. DCC re Hall Lane/Bargate Lane footway. No proposals to carry out any works or provide a footway at this site.
5. Timms re Land off Ford Lane (3) dtd 28/1, 29/1 & 1/2/10. Confirmed that new plan is the correct extent of the land to be transferred. Appropriate insurance to be taken out, payment to be sought from seller via their solicitor. **RESOLVE:** That a new search is to be carried out at a cost of £154.

**891 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:**

1. Willington Bowls Club – details of officers for 2010.
2. S. Derbys Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.
3. Copy email J. Orme to M. Todd re Property Development – Floods.
4. EMDA News Winter 2009.
5. Teamwork – Safer South Derbyshire Partnership Nov/Dec 09.
6. DCC – Repton Quarry Site Monitoring Report.
7. Copy letters Tree Warden to SDDC Planning re (1) removal of willow tree covered by TPO 303 and (2) removal of lime trees covered by TPO 106 and replacements for T4 & T6.
8. Copy letter Findern PC to Boundary Committee for England re S. Derbyshire Electoral Review – Stage One consultation.

**892 FINANCE - ACCOUNTS:**

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

**893 WEBSITE:**

Link to Willington Arts Festival 2010.

**894 EXEMPTIONS: Nil.**

Meeting closed 9.05pm.

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(Chairman)