

MINUTES OF WILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUES 9.3.10 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 K. Gibbs, Mr R. Lipscombe, Mr K. Overton, Mr P. Ricketts.

Cllr M. Ford, D/Cllr A. Hood. 36 members of the public.

895 APOLOGIES: Mrs L. Oakley.

896 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil.

897 POLICE BUSINESS: Nil.

898 MINUTES:

RESOLVE: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9.2.10 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

899 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS: Nil.

900 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:

Beech Avenue/Mercia Drive . potholes and Hall Lane, loose inspection cover, have been repaired by the Rapid Response Team.

Repton Road zebra crossing . request for improved illumination has been passed to the appropriate department for investigation.

Cllr Ford confirmed the following.

a) That the necessary work to update bus stop areas throughout the village had been programmed into a Capital budget and other maintenance work to footways and roads would not be affected as it would be included in the ongoing Revenue budget.

b) There is no proposal to introduce a parking fee at the Picnic Site car park.

c) Cross Country Trains are to increase by four the number of trains stopping at Willington. Letter of thanks to be sent to Cross Country Trains. **ACTION – CLERK**

At 7.10pm the meeting was closed to allow members of the public present to speak about the following matters;

Proposed Surgery . Points Raised

What action had the PC taken to notify parishioners about the siting of the surgery on Twyford Road playing field?

The Chairman confirmed he had spoken to many parishioners. The questionnaire had been passed to parents via the primary school children and there had been a full page published in the latest edition of the Resource magazine circulated to all houses in Willington/Findern.

In answer to questions the Chairman confirmed that:-

Until all information regarding other sites had been received from LSP the Parish Council could not consider the appointment of a consultant.

The Parish Council have had meetings with LSP regarding the public presentation.

He understood the new surgery would be approximately twice as big as the current one.

The Parish Council are in consultation with RWE npower to acquire their land at the northern boundary of the site. However, they cannot complete until a decision on the planning application for a gas fired power station has been made (currently ongoing).

In reply to a remark from a parishioner, Cllr Overton confirmed he did not work for the surgery, but transported patients to and from the surgery and hospitals on a voluntary basis. Despite this clarification from Cllr Overton and confirmation from other councillors that this was the case, the parishioner continued to verbally insult Cllr Overton, which questioned his integrity and honesty.

A parishioner commented that if Willington does not get a new, improved surgery the village will suffer as the Doctors would choose to go elsewhere. He referred to the excellent reputation the surgery has throughout the area. The parishioner also said he would like to be sure that two-thirds of the field was preserved for recreational purposes.

Cllr Ford said he thought it was very important that we get the new larger surgery as this would secure more money to maintain a high standard of health care provision.

It was agreed that the Parish Council ask LSP to confirm the sites that had been rejected with letters from relevant authorities, and the latest update regarding the five sites referred to in the last Minutes. **ACTION - CLERK**

Cllr Crocker reported that she had attended the recent joint Parish Councils meeting and confirmed that in SDDC's Core Strategy Local Development Framework the open land off Sealey Close and Coachway was shown as a non-strategic site owned by SDDC.

It was agreed that the Parish Council request that the land be transferred to the Parish Council as an open space area. Mr Orme to be advised accordingly. **ACTION – CLERK**

At 7.52pm the meeting continued.

901 MINUTES/REPORTS FROM SUB COMMITTEES/OTHER GROUPS:

Recreation & Amenities

Twyford Road playing field - Rabbits and moles have again become a problem.

ACTION - CLERK

ASB . The two Councillors who had volunteered had not yet received a response from the Police regarding the proposed meeting with a group of young people in the village.

ACTION – CLERK

Dog fouling of play areas . concern for health of children who may catch Toxocara. SDDC to be asked to provide adequate signage referring to the dangers.

ACTION – CLERK

902 FUTURE REQUIREMENTS OF FOOTBALL CLUB:

It was agreed that:

- a) Whatever happened in the future the Parish Council need to plan for the needs of the Football Club that currently have ten/eleven teams playing every week. The Saturday team are now competing in a high league and without improvements may not be able to advance any higher.
- b) Any new developments in the village should include substantial green space.

It was suggested that if the surgery was built on Twyford Road playing field, money would be available to update facilities and hopefully bring all the pitches together on one site.

It was noted that RWEpower had hinted that they may provide some changing facilities on their site if the application for a gas fired power station is approved.

Cllr Carter suggested that representatives of the Parish Council should meet members of the football club, and if such a meeting was to be arranged she would like to be included.

903 RE-PROVISION OF WILLINGTON SURGERY:

Reference was made to an email from LSP who were concerned that their credibility and reputation had been called into disrepute by certain parishioners who attended the February Parish Council meeting. It was agreed that as the email had been forwarded by the Clerk for circulation to all councillors no further response was necessary.

It was noted that the Council could not appoint a consultant to verify a private developer's proposal as this was outside the remit of the Parish Council, they can only audit developer's results.

It was suggested that the Council could not consider the sale/lease until the Parish Council have acquired the land from RWEpower and that the Council need to check on the cost of making RWEpower's land useable.

Cllr Bamford believed that if the Council agree to the sale/lease, all would benefit. For the football club it could be the catalyst to move forward and the parking of vehicles on match days would then not be a problem. A new zebra crossing could be installed across Twyford Road making it safer for children to use the playing field for recreation purposes. The existing surgery could be used for a Vets, Dentist, etc. The field would be safer as the fence line would be further away from the road. Receipts from the sale/lease may allow the purchase of additional green space throughout the village.

Discussion took place on whether or not the Council should proceed with discussion for the Twyford Road playing field option, with a list of provisos, without the need for written evidence of unsuitability of the other sites. The following proposal was then put to the meeting. That the Council should not make a decision to vote on the matter tonight. (1) Cllr Gibbs. (2) Cllr Carter. A vote was taken . 5 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstention.

904 ROOM HIRE – PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:

It was agreed that the large room at the Old School be booked for future full Parish Council meetings.

ACTION: CLERK

905 PLANNING MATTERS:

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

9 2010 0146 FH

Erection of an extension and detached garage at 77 Twyford Road Willington Derby (Conlin)

Comments - Garage will intrude on the line of dwellings on the north side of Twyford Road and look out of place.

9 2010 0125 MAR

Approval of reserved matters application 9/2006/0885 for residential development at Former Calder Aluminium Ltd Repton Road, Willington (Willington Developments LLP)

Comments/queries –

What safeguards are to be put in place to ensure other properties are not flooded by the increased level of these houses? Query logic re 100 year flood diagram showing houses safe but car parking and driveways underwater. What safeguards will be put in place to ensure the brook is properly maintained?

When will access issues be considered and the need to provide a roundabout near the church, at the junction of Repton Road/Hall Lane, with entry onto the new development off the roundabout in the interests of safety? Repton Road especially busy at morning/evening peak times.

Could the recycling centre be increased in size to cater for the whole village? What Section 106 monies will be available to provide for additional village facilities (recreational areas, cemetery expansion, bins etc) as existing are already at capacity? Artist's impression of prominent view from/to s.e. corner for entry into Willington from Repton required. Affordable rented houses will need to be properly maintained to avoid becoming an eyesore. Who will hold keys for bollards at the end of the dry evacuation route? Query the significance of red/blue areas on plans? Concerns re on-street parking, few houses have garages, details of parking space on drives required. Who will maintain hedge planting around the development. Lighting/bin provision – details required.

Lack of green space/ tree planting throughout the development, this would give relief to straight lines of houses. Green space behind houses – no provision for children's play area (play equipment).

9 2010 0032 FH

The Conversion of games room into living accommodation at Danes Lodge Willington Lane Egginton (Fallows)

Commen/query – As this will become self-contained accommodation will it comply with disabled access and WC requirements?

9 2009 1067 J

Application for consent to construct and operate a combined cycle gas turbine and open cycle gas turbine power station on the site of Willington Power Station (RWEpower)

Letter sent including comments/queries concerning the cooling towers, access, community interests, noise, workforce, site working hours, football pitches, car parking, avenue planting, multi purpose building, record of low level contamination, underground cables, and recording of plans for future use.

DPDS Regional Ltd. have also submitted a consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.

9 2010 0191 FH

Erection of extensions and alterations at 16 Coach Way (Stride)

Comments – Work has already commenced. Query whether the car parking space is sufficient for four cars.

DCC - Request for Scoping Opinion, Potlocks House Farm, Willington.

Comments – Environmental Statement should include details of:- noise reduction & monitoring, protection of trees, dust control measures, traffic management and how the environment will be left after completion of the proposed works.

906 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

Report:

1. Repton Quarry Site . Copy of drawing no. R52c/13k showing restoration scheme indicating proposed after use. Confirmed as the original approved application.
2. Angling Club sign off Repton Road near viewing platform. Enforcement Officer has visited the site, sign was granted planning consent in June 2008. Consent to be checked to ensure this was the size agreed. **ACTION - CLERK**
3. SDDC Saturday Civic Amenity Service programme for 2010/11. The refuse freighter will be visiting Willington Picnic Site car park on June 12th, September 18th, November 27th 2010 and February 26th 2011.

Correspondence:

1. DCC re Dangerous parking, Castleway outside the Old School. DCC will pursue making a Traffic Reg. Order to make stopping on school keep clear markings an enforceable offence. Consultation will commence early in the new financial year.
2. Chairman, Queens Hospital Scanner Appeal . request for donation. Noted. It was also noted that it has already been agreed with organisers of the Willington Raft Race that they may make a collection during this year's event on 12th June to support the Appeal.
3. DCC . Licence granted for planters at Trent Ave/Twyford Rd, Vere Close and Etwall Road.
4. Willington Arts Festival 2010 . letter of thanks for donation.
5. Derbyshire Constabulary . re-launch of Community Speedwatch March 2010. To be included on Parish Council website. **ACTION - CLERK**
6. Timms Solicitors . First Registration of Twyford Road playing field, Bowling Green and Tennis Courts now complete. Indemnity Insurance Policy no longer required.
7. Timms Solicitors . Land at the rear of Twyford Road playing field, acquisition from RWEpower, interim invoice received. Matter now on hold pending response from RWEpower's solicitors.
8. Timms Solicitors . Mrs J. Twomey leaving Timms, WPC matters will be dealt with by Carol Staton.
9. DCC Parish & Town Council Liaison . next forum Thurs 22.4.10, County Hall. Chairman to attend, volunteer to accompany him requested.
10. DALC Circular 10/2010 - Standing Orders for Local Councils, 1st edition. This replaces NALC's Standing Orders and Chairmanship which was last published in 2003.
11. J. Orme re Proposal to sell off Twyford Rd playing field to provide a health centre. Extracts from Government's 20 year objective 2000-2020.

