

**MINUTES OF WILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUES 10.6.08 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, CASTLEWAY, WILLINGTON**

**PRESENT:**

Mr K. England (Chairman), Mr A. Bamford, Mrs C. Carter, Mr M. Coxon, Mrs F. Crocker, Mr K. Gibbs, Mr R. Lipscombe, Mrs L. Oakley, Mr K. Overton. Mrs C. Gow (Clerk)  
C/Cllr M. Ford (part). 5 members of the public.

616 **APOLOGIES:** Mr D. Nicholls, Mr P. Ricketts, D/Cllr A. Hood.

617 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Nil.

618 **POLICE BUSINESS:**

Letter received from Derbyshire Constabulary advising that Inspector Rick Cuttell is leaving to be replaced by Inspector Alan Sandeman.

A lorry became wedged under Repton Road railway bridge on 2.6.08, coinciding with the closure of Etwall Road, which caused severe traffic hold-ups. Disappointment was expressed at the way the traffic chaos was dealt with by the four officers present.

619 **MINUTES:**

**RESOLVE:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13.5.08 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting was then opened to the public.

Concern was expressed at the lack of progress on a scheme, initially sought seven years ago, to protect Willington from a flood, which the Environment Agency state is inevitable.

A parishioner considered the flooding situation to be worse than seven years ago as planning applications continue to be granted for building on the flood plain.

A complaint was made in respect of dog fouling on Trent Avenue play area and a request for dogs to be kept on leads.

A complaint was made about on road parking in the vicinity of No. 96 Trent Avenue, opposite the bus stop, which prevents the bus from proceeding along the bus route.

A visitor from Repton raised his concerns about the installation of traffic lights at the junction of Findern Lane/Etwall Road and the effect this would have on traffic backing up on Etwall Road over the level crossing. He handed a letter/photos to the Chairman.

Thanks were expressed to the Arts Festival Committee for the recent successful Arts Festival.

At 7.40pm the meeting continued.

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

(a) Recreation & Amenities

(i) Twyford Road playing field – bollard protecting the corner of the pavilion has been uprooted again. The hard standing has been compacted to such a degree that it is no longer flush with the tarmac apron. Members agreed that the wear and tear was a result of large lorries visiting the site to empty the various recycling containers and as SDDC benefited from the income of the recycling centre, they should pay for all maintenance and repairs in the recycling centre area. Letter to be sent to SDDC. **ACTION - CLERK**

Willington Marina picnic site – one of the newly installed picnic benches has been lifted from its fixings. DCC to be contacted concerning reinstatement. **ACTION - CLERK**

(b) South Derbyshire Standards Committee

Following a resignation from the Committee Mr K. Overton is now part of the Parish Council representation.

**621 PLANNING MATTERS:**

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

9 2008 0519A

The display of corporate signage at Land at corner of A50 and B5008 Etwall Road Willington Derby (Etap Hotel)

*'No comments'*

9 2008 0527 F

Erection of a dwelling on Land adjacent 1 Mercia Drive Willington Derby (Press)

*Comments –*

1. *Insufficient parking space for another 3 bedroom dwelling.*
2. *Flood risk assessment distance from river not relevant, it is the height/level that is.*
3. *Infill would look better if the frontage design matches that it is adjoining.*

9 2008 0612A

Display of one 12 metre high totem sign at Trunk Road Service Area Land off A38/A50 Junction B5008 Etwall Road Willington Derby (Swayfields Ltd)

*'No comments'*

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

**Report:**

1. Bridleway 11 ditch collapse. Environment Agency Assets Inspector has inspected the ditch and reported that they consider there to be no increase in flood risk to properties. They will not therefore be carrying out any repairs. MC/KG to look into the matter.
2. Twyford Road pavilion. Showers – extra plumbing and electrical work ongoing. Miscellaneous electrical works in hand.
3. Railings adjacent to Green Man repainted. Former Calder triangle – remaining chain link removed.
4. Twyford Road playing field – additional section of fencing scheduled for erection 11.6.08, plus painting re-touch Hall Lane play area.
5. Bowls Club fencing – Site meeting arranged with Network Rail/Pharmacy for 16.6.08.

6. Blocked drain outside 4 The Green. SDDC confirm that this has been cleared.
7. Play areas – new equipment. SDDC have confirmed they will contribute two thirds of the total cost of the new equipment i.e. £1746.47. Order to be placed. **ACTION – CLERK**
8. Etwall Road improvement works. Lay-by for hearse in the course of construction outside the Cemetery resulting in the removal of the existing grassed area. Area opposite will be grasscreted, with grass/trees at the rear. Members agreed that the Parish Council would maintain the new grassed area. Clerk to contact G.C. McCulloch. **ACTION - CLERK**
9. Road sign junction Trent Ave/Twyford Road requires refurbishment. **ACTION - CLERK**

**Correspondence:**

1. Victim Support Derbyshire – request for donation. Willing to attend any meetings or charity events. Noted.
2. SDDC – S. Derbyshire Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Questionnaire – completed (by KG) and returned.
3. Mr J. Parker – details of incident at Sports Field, Twyford Road (Innogy land) on weekend of 12/13.4.08. Innogy representative advised the Clerk that they are hoping to enter into an agreement with the S & S Club soon, formalising their jurisdiction over the field.
4. SDDC – Corporate Plan 2008 – 2011. Circulated – no comments.
5. DCC Draft Policy on Roadside Memorials and Tributes. Circulated – no comments.
6. DCC – re A5132 Castle Way Proposed Revision of Waiting Restriction. Reduction of limited waiting bay by 5 metres to resolve problem with deliveries to Co-op opposite, which can result in obstruction if parked vehicles are present. DCC advised that (a) at present Co-op delivery vehicles park across both zig-zag and double yellow lines to unload (b) Liaison with Co-op is needed – deliveries need to be off-peak with help from shop workers to speed up deliveries. (c) Enforcement will be an issue.
7. SDDC – Joint Highway Forum inaugural meeting 10am Thurs 26.6.08 in the Council Chambers. Two representatives of WPC invited. Meetings to be held on a 6 monthly basis, pilot for 2 years. (See C/Cilrs Report)
8. SDDC – Parish Lengthsman's Scheme. Allocation for Willington for 2008/08 is £2644.00. Letter sent confirming that WPC wish to continue with the scheme. DSO requested to carry out the work.

**623 RIVERSIDE FOOTPATH:**

**RESOLVE:** That the Parish Council investigate the submission of a fresh application for a footpath along the Bank of the River Trent with DCC. **ACTION - CLERK**

**624 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR's REPORT: Nil**

**625 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

New traffic lights Findern Lane/Etwall Road. Good signage a priority.

SDDC Joint Highway Forum – the meeting is to be held daytime on a weekday and a Parish Council representative is not available. Cllr Ford asked to feed back to the Parish Council on the content of the meeting.

Willington Station – A steam engine will be halting at Willington on 19<sup>th</sup> July to collect fare paying passengers.

626 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS:

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

627 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

1. Willington Tree Warden – Veteran Tree Survey for Willington.
  2. DALC Circulars Nos. 17-19/2008. Minutes of meeting of Exec Committee 1.3.08.
  3. CPRE Annual Report 2007.
  4. DCC – Notice of temporary road closure Etwall Road 2-22.6.08 (road improvement works). Letter has been sent to DCC requesting copy of plan of proposed works.
  5. The Planning Inspectorate re Planning & Compulsory Purchase act 2004, Sect 55 & Schedule 2 – Applications by RWE Npower etc. Twyford Road, Willington etc. Inquiry now closed, Inspector preparing his report and recs for submission to Secretary of State who will issue their decision on or before 29.1.09.
  6. NALC – details of National Conference 2008.
  7. SDDC – Joint Meeting with Parish Councils, Agenda for 23.4.08, Mins 23.1.08.
  8. LGPS Employers' Newsletter No. 59. Communities & Local Gov. Newsletter No. 4.
  9. Roger Rowley's Electrical Shop will close on 19.6.08 when Mr Rowley retires. Card to be sent thanking him for his service to the village, and support to the Parish Council, over many years.
- ACTION - CLERK**

Meeting closed 8.55pm.

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(Chairman)