

MINUTES OF WILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUES 11.11.08 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, CASTLEWAY, WILLINGTON

PRESENT: Mr K. England (Chair), Mr A. Bamford, Mrs C. Carter, Mr M. Coxon, Mr K. Gibbs, Mrs L. Oakley, Mr K. Overton, Mr P. Ricketts. Mrs C. Gow (Clerk)
C/Cllr M. Ford. 2 members of the public.

667 APOLOGIES:

Mrs F. Crocker, Mr R. Lipscombe, D/Cllr A. Hood.

668 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil.

669 POLICE BUSINESS:

The occupants of a property on Hall Lane are being troubled by vandals who retrieve dog excrement from the nearby 'dog bin' on Hall Lane play area and throw it at the property and into the garden. The Police have been informed.

Several Members reported large trucks using Oaks Road/Hall Lane despite the weight limit. Registration number, company name, date, and time required prior to reporting to Trading Standards.

670 MINUTES:

RESOLVE: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 14.10.08 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

671 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Repton Road gullies and gulley outside Jewellers/Florist on The Green still require clearing. Urgent attention requested. **ACTION: MF/AH**

672 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Numerous signs advertising housing developments, car boot sales etc. are affixed to street furniture around the village centre. Clarification requested on approved signs and removal of non-approved signs. **ACTION: MF**

Twyford Road bus stop adjacent to school playing field. Request that the grassed access be made safe for passengers using the bus. **ACTION: MF**

The meeting was then opened to the public.

Concern was expressed about the lack of progress regarding the request for a DMMO for the riverside footpath. Cllr Ford said this was still under legal consideration and there were no further developments at the moment. All departments of DCC are aware of the matter. Cllr Ford to request the attendance of a representative of the County Solicitor's Dept. at a Parish Council meeting to explain the situation. **ACTION: MF**

At 7.40pm the meeting was closed to the public and continued.

673 MINUTES/REPORTS FROM SUB COMMITTEES/OTHER GROUPS:

(a) Finance S/C

Notes from the meeting held on 21.10.08 (Appendix I) were discussed and the following resolutions made:

RESOLVE: That the Football Club rent remain at £80 per senior team for 2009.

RESOLVE: That the Allotments rent of £10 per plot continue for 2009.

RESOLVE: That all charges for burials and memorials be increased by 5%, rounded to the nearest pound w.e.f. 1.4.09.

RESOLVE: That the sum of £3,500 be allocated for maintenance/improvements to the pavilion and garage store.

RESOLVE: That the sum of £3,500 be allocated for replacement planters.

RESOLVE: That the sum of £500 be donated to both Willington Old School Trust and Willington Village Hall under the power of Section 137.

RESOLVE: That the current allowance for tel/fax/internet paid to the Clerk be replaced by a communications payment of £120.00 per quarter.

NJC salary scales now received. **RESOLVE:** That the Clerk's salary be increased in accordance with the NJC for Local Government Services recommended salary scales LC2 29 from 1.4.08.

(b) Recreation & Amenities

Twyford Road playing field (a) Mole control work complete (b) Rabbits – residents of Chapel Close, Chinese Take-away and Orchard Close (west) advised via flyer of the possible need for a cull in the near future. Order to be placed with S. Fraser for rabbit survey/control.

ACTION: CLERK

Bowls Club security. **RESOLVE:** That the estimate of G.C. McCulloch of £85.00 for thorn planting and barbed wire on the north boundary of the Bowls Club be accepted.

Willow, The Green. **RESOLVE:** That the estimate of G.C. McCulloch of £320.00 for pollarding the willow tree be accepted.

674 PLANNING MATTERS:

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

9 2008 1027 FH

The erection of a new bungalow and formation of access at land adjoining 22 Twyford Road Willington Derby (Cooper)

Object to the use of soakaways as they exacerbate flooding.

(b) Other planning matters

9 2008 0888 FH Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof at 35 Oaks Road Willington Derby. Notice of withdrawal of planning application.

675 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

Report

1. (a) Post-mounted litter bin Hall Lane, near the junction with Old Hall Drive and (b) Dog bin at entrance to the former Power station sports field, Twyford Road. Order placed with SDDC who, on this occasion, will bear the cost.
2. Xmas tree ordered for delivery 1.12.08.
3. Parish Councillor vacancy has been advertised for two weeks. Nil applications received to date.
5. Castleway zebra crossing, safety. Site meeting held 11.11.08. DCC have agreed to the application of anti-skid surfacing on the approach to the crossing from the mini roundabout. They will also investigate raising the beacon head on the Post Office side of the road to make it more visible to eastbound drivers.
6. Tarmac depression outside former electrical shop, The Green. DCC to arrange repair.
7. Additional street light Vere Close/Twyford Road jitty. DCC to provide estimate of cost (DCC ref. 583154)
8. Hall Lane play area – vandalism to bow-top fencing, nuts and bolts removed (CR 62671-08). Repairs carried out.

Correspondence:

1. Timms Solicitors re Land to the rear of Twyford Road playing field. Title now received from the vendor's solicitors, contract awaited.
2. SDDC Director of Community Services re Lower Derwent Flood Risk Management Strategy, Public Consultation Summary circulated to Members – no comments.
3. Mr J. Parker re WPC meeting 9.9.08, seating arrangements and other matters. Noted.
4. Network Rail re DCC Public Footpath No. 9 level crossing SK293289. Proposal to reposition whistle board. No objections.

676 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS:

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

677 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

1. DCC – School Crossing Patrols, more staff required in many parts of the county.
2. DALC Circulars 48 - 50.
3. SDDC re Join Highways Forum – Agenda for 11.12.08 and Minutes 26.6.08.
4. SDDC re The Place Survey, details of questionnaire to be sent out from 29.9.08 to 4,000 randomly selected residents across the district.
5. SDDC – South Derbyshire Events Oct to Dec 08.

678 WEBSITE NEWS:

Litter and fly tipping – “Who’s responsible for what”.

Meeting closed 8.55pm.

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(Chairman)