

MINUTES OF WILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUES 11.12.07 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, CASTLEWAY, WILLINGTON

PRESENT: Mr K. England (Chair), Mr A. Bamford, Mrs C. Carter, Mr M. Coxon, Mrs F. Crocker, Mr K. Gibbs, Mr R. Lipscombe, Mr D. Nicholls, Mrs L. Oakley, Mr K. Overton.
Mrs C. Gow (Clerk). C/Cllr M. Ford (part)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Lucy Smithurst and Caroline Watson of the Environment Agency and Kevin Jones, DCC Emergency Planning Dept gave a short presentation to the meeting on the Flood Warden Scheme.

536 APOLOGIES: D/Cllr A. Hood.

537 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil

538 POLICE BUSINESS:

Police presence on 31.10.07. Letter from Sgt Clough advised that the high Police presence was planned ahead for Halloween evening, in all of South Derbyshire, not just Willington to prevent disorder issues or damage that sometimes occur on that night.

Post Office Community Police Box – letter to be sent enquiring as to the current usage of the box. **ACTION - CLERK**

539 MINUTES:

RESOLVE: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6.11.07 were approved and signed by the Chair.

540 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:

Following the SDDC Scrutiny Committee meeting on 5.12.07 leaflets were handed out at Willington Station seeking support for an improved service at Willington following notice of the proposed cuts in the number of trains halting at the station, from ten to four per day. Forty-seven passengers used the station on the morning in question, considerably more than the number of users quoted by Arriva and Stage Coach. It is hoped that both Arriva and Stage Coach will attend a meeting in January at Civic Offices to discuss the proposed cuts in detail.

Etwall Road adjacent to the Cemetery – road flooded after recent rain, possibly due to blocked gullies. **ACTION – MF**

541 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:

Marina car park access road – pothole now infilled.

Etwall Road, rough ground used as lay-by opposite Cemetery. Up-date on proposed improvements requested. **ACTION - MF**

542 MINUTES/REPORTS FROM SUB COMMITTEES/OTHER GROUPS:

(a) Finance S/C

Notes from the meeting held on 27.10.07 (Appendix I) were discussed and the following resolutions made:

RESOLVE: That the Clerk's hours be increased to 60 per month and her salary increased in accordance with the NJC for Local Government Services recommended salary scales LC2 .29, back-dated to 1.4.07.

RESOLVE: That the draft budget for 2008/09 be accepted.

(b) Recreation & Amenities

Resident of No.10 Derwent Court contacted the Clerk on behalf of nos. 9,10 & 11 regarding the size of the trees backing on to their gardens which are sited on the allotments access path (WPC land). Chair of RAC and Clerk have viewed the trees that block light from the rear of the houses and spoken to occupant of No. 10. RAC Chair has also spoken to occupants of No. 9 & 11. Estimate has been sought from G.C. McCulloch for work on the trees i.e. conifers, maple, laburnum and lime totalling £600. **RESOLVE:** That the estimate of G.C. McCulloch for £600 be accepted and that he be asked to cut back the large holly tree to hedge height also, cost to be determined.

Allotments – Plot 14A and 14B, dividing path. New path needs to be raised and well compacted to serve its purpose. Estimate sought from G.C. McCulloch. **RESOLVE:** That the estimate of G.C. McCulloch of £169 for materials and labour for the new path be accepted.

Christmas tree erected. Letter of thanks to be sent to volunteer helpers. **ACTION – CLERK**

Sand store – Twyford Road playing field. SDDC are to supply large bags of sand for filling sand bags in times of flood.

Hall Lane Play Area – Partition fencing and other minor works. Estimates (3) have been sought, two have been received from (a) Derwent Fencing £1725.00 and (b) Midway Fencing £2175.00 + VAT.

RESOLVE: That the estimate of Derwent Fencing of £1725.00 for erection of bow-top railings, and removal of former roundabout base and notice post be accepted. Former Maypole base also to be removed, cost to be determined.

543 PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2008/09:

Members considered the anticipated expenditure prepared by the Finance Sub Committee and agreed that the precept for 2008/09 be increased from £30,115 to £35,422.

RESOLVE: That a Precept of £35,422 be requested and that SDDC Form A be completed and returned accordingly, and Form B: Expenses on Concurrent Functions set at £8,740 for 2008/09 be completed and returned to SDDC.

544 TWYFORD ROAD RECYCLING CENTRE:

Kerbside collection of plastics, TetraPaks and cardboard required. Request to be passed to SDDC. **ACTION - CLERK**

545 **PLANNING MATTERS:** See Appendix II.

546 **CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE:**

Report:

1. DCC – letter sent requesting extension of 7½ ton weight limit on Etwall Road, to village centre. Reply states that the request will be held in abeyance until completion of the new traffic island and service area, after which DCC will undertake a survey of Etwall Road to establish the volume of HGVs using the route and possible impact of a weight restriction.
2. Former Calder site development, construction of footway prior to occupation of houses requested. Request passed to SDDC.
3. Work to former bus shelter well adjacent to Green Man P.H. References sought from contractors, reply received from Hornsby Plant Hire only. Clerk has contacted referees who confirm that the company is reputable with a good work record. **RESOLVE:** That the quotation of Hornsby Plant Hire Ltd for the sum of £2,440.00 + VAT for drainage and reconstruction of the area outside the Green Man PH be accepted.
4. Twyford Road playing field, additional section of fencing. No reply received from N.T. Killingley following request for refund, further letter sent requesting reply by 11.12.07. Advice to be sought regarding Small Claims Court procedure. **ACTION - CLERK**
5. Height barrier Twyford Road playing field. Barrier damaged beyond repair on 20.11.07 by unknown person. Authority for replacement given by Chair, out of meeting, in view of the urgency.
6. Derby & Derbys Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document – Preferred Options Consultation. Acknowledgement of WPCs comments. Revised document will be submitted to Secretary of State in 2008 who will appoint an independent Inspector who will carry out a public examination of the document, and any outstanding objections.
7. Balfour Beatty have reported that the scheme contractor has repaired the broken visibility fence on the A38 south exit slip and also changed the lining error to say 'A50 Nottingham'.
8. DCC – request for zebra crossing. Quotation being sought for scheme with a view to seeking funding from the 2008/09 Capital Budget.
9. Willington Old School Trust – Hire agreement commencing 1.12.07 completed and returned.
10. Mr J. Bird – Telephone request for update on request to exchange parcel of land on Bridleway 11. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that two Councillors would visit Mr Bird early in January to discuss the request with Mr Bird. All Parish Councillors asked to view the area in question prior to the January meeting. Mr Bird to be advised accordingly.

ACTION - CLERK

Correspondence:

1. SDDC – Base Budget 2008/09 – Expenses of Parish Councils, Form A: Precept Requirements and Form B: Expenses on Concurrent Functions require completion and return. [See Minute 543]
2. A. Gifford – suggestion that Tree Preservation Orders be sought for two oaks trees planted in Oaks Road by WPC. Noted.
3. SDDC – Minutes of Joint Meeting with Parish Councils 1.8.07 and Agenda 24.10.07.
4. Timms Solicitors re Land at the rear of Twyford Road playing field, details of progress to date.

5. SDDC Planning re Town & County Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England & Wales Regs) 1999 (SI1999/293) Reg. 10 Request for Scoping Opinion: Site at Burnaston Cross. Reply required by 26.11.07. Document circulated, comments submitted regarding (a) Rail access – local trains have been withdrawn with the introduction of Virgin Trains Cross Country Service. (b) Developments around Willington – this is a greenfield site, Power Station site should be developed first, conflict with local planning. (c) Flooding – consideration should be given to water run-off into the stream which flows through the village centre and which floods in times of heavy rain. (d) Heavy goods vehicles – village centre should be protected by a 7½ ton weight limit on the B5008 into the village from the new island. (e) [4.3.2] Closest residential area is former Hill Farm development immediately opposite the proposed site, proposal would have major effect on resident's quality of life, depreciation in value of their houses, noise, disturbance etc. (f) [4.6.9] Proposal will result in fundamental change to the landscape character, giving an industrial view on entering the village. No attempt to screen the buildings. (g) [4.8.1] Air quality an issue of potential significance and should be given high priority. (h) Potentially, with all the proposed changes, Willington, as a village, is in danger of losing its rural appeal.

547 FINANCE – ACCOUNTS:

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

Review of Internal Audit – Mr Nicholls to attend next meeting of Finance S/C (bring forward to February 08). **ACTION - CLERK**

548 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

1. Toyota – 'Just look what we can do together' leaflet.
2. SDDC – Joint Meeting with Parish Councils, notice of next meeting – 23.1.08, Civic Offices, Swadlincote.
3. SDDC – Etwall Area Meeting, notice of next meeting – 30.1.08, Hatton Centre, Station Road, Hatton.
4. J. Orme to Mark Todd (email) re Potlocks Farm, Foremark and other gravel working 'East of Hilton'.
5. Clerk & Councils Direct November 2007.
6. South Derbyshire Council News.
7. J. Orme to DCC re Preferred Options Report for the Derby & Derbys Waste Sites Development Plan Document.
8. Parish Pump Autumn 2007.
9. SDDC Recs & Reports of Committees for 8.11.07.
10. EMDA News Oct 2007.

Meeting closed 10.00pm

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(Chairman)