

MINUTES OF WILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUES 13.10.09 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, CASTLEWAY, WILLINGTON

PRESENT: Mr K. England (Chair), Mr A. Bamford, Mr M. Coxon, Mrs F. Crocker, Mr J. Evans, Mr K. Gibbs, Mr R. Lipscombe, Mrs L. Oakley, Mr K. Overton, Mr P. Ricketts. Mrs C. Gow (Clerk).
C/Cllr M. Ford (part). 1 member of the public.

818 APOLOGIES: Mrs C. Carter, D/Cllr A. Hood. Pc Fearn, PcsO 4586 H. McConachie.

819 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Mrs Crocker declared an interest in Planning Application 9 2009 0742 U.

820 POLICE BUSINESS:

Crime statistics for May-July showed an increase of 5% compared to the same three-month period last year.

Hall Lane – the number of young people congregating outside the play area, some with motor bikes, are causing concern for nearby residents. Police to be asked to include the area on their regular patrols.

ACTION: CLERK

821 MINUTES:

RESOLVE: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8.9.09 and the extraordinary meeting held on 22.9.09 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting was then closed to allow the member of the public present to speak about the following:

Concern re footbridge that crosses over the main railway line to the west of the village - slippery steps.

822 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS: Nil

823 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:

Footbridge connecting FP7 with FP8 - steps covered with moss, potentially dangerous. Rights of Way Section to be advised. **ACTION: CLERK**

Hall Lane/Bargate Lane junction – footway on the western corner in very poor condition, requires surfacing. **ACTION: MF/CLERK**

Castleway between Co-op Store/Green Close, gully completely blocked. **ACTION: MF/CLERK**

Repton Road subway illumination – one of two lights out of order. **ACTION: MF/CLERK**

Repton Quarry – continuing concerns. Cllr Ford said the situation would continue to be monitored and enforcement action taken as necessary.

Hall Lane/Oaks Road triangle – footway slabs uneven, request that they be levelled.

ACTION: MF/CLERK

824 MINUTES/REPORTS FROM SUB COMMITTEES/OTHER GROUPS:

(a) Electoral Review of South Derbyshire by Boundary Committee for England

Mr England gave a synopsis of the meeting he attended on 7.10.09 at the Civic Offices, Swadlincote. It was agreed that the matter would be an agenda item at the November meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

(b) Recreation & Amenities

Willington Scout Group request permission to use Twyford Road playing field for the annual firework display. No objections. Hire form to be completed.

ACTION: CLERK

A parishioner (who carries out litter picking voluntarily) has suggested that parish councillors be responsible for individual areas of the village. Members were not agreeable to this suggestion. The play areas are serviced weekly, litter on the highway can be reported to the Clean Team.

825 PLANNING MATTERS:

9 2009 0742 U

Change of use of amenity land to residential curtilage and the erection of fencing at 25 Old Hall Drive Willington (Crocker)

'No comments'

9 2009 0799 FM

Demolition of existing bungalow and the erection of a dwelling at 111 Castleway (Franks)

Concern about the number of windows on the eastern aspect that may affect the privacy of neighbouring property.

SDDC letter dated 18.9.09

Part outline application for B8 use of land with ancillary uses and part full application for a distribution building falling within Class B8 with offices, car, cycle and lorry parking and loading areas with a potential connection of the site to the national rail network at Land off A38/A50 Junction at Willington Etwall Road Willington Derby (9/2007/1470)

The adjourned inquiry will resume at 10.00am on Tuesday 20.10.09 at the Civic Offices, Swadlincote. It is expected to last 4 days.

826 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

Report:

1. Molly bridge repairs now complete. Noted.
2. Allotment gate/railings – permission given by third party insurance company to proceed with the work - replacements ordered, installation approximately one month.
3. Audit of Annual Return for year ended 31.3.09 now complete. Nil matters giving cause for concern.
4. Allotment drive – large lime tree and adjacent hedge require reducing in height as they are blocking the light from nearby property in Derwent Court. RAC Chair has inspected. Estimate from G.C. McCulloch for work, including removal of all debris £295. **RESOLVE:** That the estimate of Mr McCulloch for £295 be accepted.
5. Operation Relentless – details of the following sites have been sent to DCC for possible removal of graffiti – railway bridges east and west of the village, Ivy Close subway under the railway line, Old Hall Drive street name plates, former electrical shop The Green – boarded up window.
6. DCC have advised that a suitable bollard will be erected close to nos. 2/4 Messiter Mews in the next few months. Picture of bollard has been shown to the householders.

Correspondence:

1. DCC re Various highway matters reported by WPC. Etwall Road, area to be strimmed (work now carried out), grips dug to alleviate water collection. Overgrown hedges x 3 , letters sent to occupiers requesting that they be cut back. Cul de sac sign Trent Ave/Ford Lane – instructions issued for replacement of sign and pole.
2. Vere Close/Twyford Road jitty – new street lights. Letter of thanks from parishioner.
3. SDDC re Chairman’s Charity Concert 27.9.09. Invitation to attend.
4. DALC Circular 51/2009. Pay Settlement 2009 - 2009/2010 National Final Salary Award for Local Council Clerks. Increase of 1.00% from 1.4.09. **ACTION: FINANCE COMMITTEE**
5. SDDC Private Sector Housing re Defra funding for flood defence works for vulnerable properties. Mr Gibbs met with SDDC Private Housing Officer on 12.10.09 and gave a resume of the meeting. SDDC are holding an exhibition with agencies and flood defence manufacturers and suppliers on 21st October 2009 at The Delph in Swadlincote.
6. SDDC – Transfer of Rights of Way function transferred to DCC from 1.9.09.
7. Mr G. Isham re Lawned Cemetery - Graves in Willington Cemetery. Site meeting held on 14.9.09.
8. Timms re Land at the rear of Twyford Road playing field. Copy of draft contract/transfer deed and copy correspondence and plan [see also Minute 828].

827 LAND AT THE REAR OF TWYFORD ROAD PLAYING FIELD:

Draft contract, transfer deed and other papers relating to the proposed purchase of the piece of land were discussed and replies to enquiries agreed. Legal fees are now estimated to be in the region of £950 to £1,200 plus VAT.

RESOLVE: That the Solicitors be requested to carry out an Environmental Search.

ACTION: CLERK

828 MEETINGS 2010:

829 FINANCE - ACCOUNTS:

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

830 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

1. SDDC - details of Housing Services Open Day 12.9.09.
2. DALC circulars 37-46 & 48-51/2009.
3. Derbyshire Excellence in the Community Awards 2009. Nominations form.
4. DRCC The Playing Field Summer 2009.
5. Copy email Mr Orme to Mr Gifford re Repton Forum meeting and SDDC’s Willington toilets.
6. Derbyshire County PCT – Notice of AGM, 30.9.09, Chesterfield.
7. SDDC – Annual Report 2009-2014 (www.south-derbys.gov.uk/annualreport)
8. Safer South Derbys Partnership– Mercia Safer Neighbourhood Group Area 2, Agenda 2.9.09, Minutes 15.6.09.
9. DALC – Notice of AGM 5.9.09, Matlock, Agenda, Minutes 6.9.08, Annual Report 08/09.
10. EMDA News Summer/Autumn 09.
11. ‘What’s On’ – Autumn/early Winter 09.
12. SDDC – Copy of Zurich play equipment inspection 2009.
13. J. Orme to SDDC re Forum boundary to match Safer Neighbourhood boundary – request for change.

831 WEBSITE:

Willington WI have requested a link to the WI web site. No objections.

ACTION: CLERK

832 EXEMPTIONS: Nil.

Meeting closed 9.40pm.

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(Chairman)