

MINUTES OF WILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUES 14.7.09 IN THE OLD SCHOOL, CASTLEWAY, WILLINGTON

PRESENT: Mr K. England (Chairman), Mr A. Bamford, Mr M. Coxon, Mrs F. Crocker, Mr K. Gibbs, Mr R. Lipscombe, Mrs L. Oakley, Mr K. Overton. Mrs C. Gow (Clerk).
1 member of the public.

789 APOLOGIES:

Mrs C. Carter, Mr J. Evans, Mr P. Ricketts. C/Cllr M. Ford, D.Cllr A. Hood.

790 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil.

791 POLICE BUSINESS: Nil.

792 MINUTES:

RESOLVE: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9.6.09 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The meeting then closed to allow the member of the public present to speak.

Complaint that the privet hedge on the corner of Green Close/Castleway encroaches onto the footway restricting its width and obscuring the street nameplate which is now deeply set into the hedge.

793 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS: Nil.

794 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:

Etwall Road (B5008) footway up to new Services area. Muddy with occasional flooding in the underpass. **ACTION: CLERK/MF**

Hedges, privet/conifer at the corners of Beech Avenue/Repton Road, Green Close/Castleway and Trent Avenue/Trent Close all encroach onto the footway. DCC to be requested to arrange for these hedges to be cut back. **ACTION: CLERK/MF**

Molly Bridge – date for repairs requested **ACTION: CLERK/MF**

Castleway – Pre school to Vicarage access. Advice on parking restrictions required as dangerous parking at opening/closing of Pre school continues. **ACTION: CLERK/MF**

795 MINUTES/REPORTS FROM SUB COMMITTEES/OTHER GROUPS:

Finance

Notes from the meeting held on 16.6.09 were discussed and the following resolutions made:

RESOLVE: That the Clerk's salary be increased in accordance with the NJC for Local Government Services recommended salary scales backdated to 1.4.08 (2008/09 National Final Salary Award).

RESOLVE: That the purchase of a copier/scanner be investigated.

RESOLVE: That the Toyota sponsorship sign erected in the village centre is retained until Spring 2010 as a goodwill gesture, whether or not sponsorship is received this year. Position to be reviewed in April 2010.

Joint Highways Forum 25.6.09

Attended by Mr Evans, short report given by the Clerk. Clarification on powers of Civil Enforcement Officers to be sought. **ACTION: CLERK**

Recreation & Amenities

Tennis Courts

The Chair of the RAC Group reported on problems/complaints as follows:

- (a) Litter – considerable amount of litter left on the courts and around the perimeter.
- (b) Northern boundary gate – large hole cut in upper half of the chain link.
- (c) Access being gained in some instances by climbing over the gate.
- (d) Eastern perimeter of courts is inaccessible due to overgrown shrubs/trees making recovery of balls impossible.
- (d) Adjacent neighbour's gate – access blocked by parked cycles.

RESOLVE: That the Chair/Clerk arrange urgent repairs to the damaged gate and that anti vandal measures be installed on both gates. Mr McCulloch to be asked to cut back shrubs on eastern boundary of perimeter path sufficiently to allow users access to retrieve balls. Litter bin to be installed adjacent to gate, weekly litter pick to be carried out until bin is installed. Hawthorn to be planted in gaps in hawthorn hedge on northern boundary of courts. Notice to be erected requesting that neighbour's access is left free. **ACTION: RAC/CLERK**

Burial Ground

Lawned area – containers/shrubs on main area of grave. Problem persists, further letter to be sent to last known contact of the six graves in question, advising that if they are not removed forthwith the Parish Council will remove them. **ACTION: CLERK**

A recently bereaved parishioner asked that his thanks be passed on to the Parish Council for the way the burial ground is maintained.

796 PLANNING MATTERS:

9 2009 0449 FH

New vehicular access and creation of block paved parking area at 1 Derwent Court Willington (Yeates-Langley)

Comments – Amount of paved area considered to be excessive. Query if calculations have been carried out to safeguard adjacent properties from potential flooding in heavy rain.

9 2009 0488 FH

Erection of an extension at 35 Beech Avenue Willington (King/Trickitt)

Comments – (a) Fire safety concern, what other means of escape is there if the only entrance/exit is blocked due to fire. (b) Query whether the proposed games room will become a bedroom.

9 2009 0522 FH

Erection of a single storey extension and alterations at 5 Repton Road (Brady)

Query how access will be achieved to allow construction of the north elevation.

797 CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:

Report:

1. Allotments – letters sent to the two tenants whose plots were not being tended. One tenant has terminated his tenancy due to ill health, the other has tidied up the plot. Vacant plot has been re-let.
2. Fencing, Hall Lane play area. At the request of the RAC Chair an estimate has been obtained for repair/replacement of some sections of the chain link fencing. Derwent Fencing have submitted a detailed quotation giving a break down of the costs for the front - £300, rear - £110, and side (rear of Church Close) £440. A copy of the estimate will be brought to the meeting. **RESOLVE:** That Derwent Fence estimate for repairs to the front and rear, total cost £410 be accepted. **ACTION: CLERK**
3. Molly bridge (off Repton Road) badly damaged on 3/7 or 4/7. Damage reported to DCC Structures Section. (See Minute 794)
4. Molly, adjacent to former Calder Factory is thick with weeds, believed to be Himalayan Balsaam. Reported to E.A. two weeks ago, who will inspect and report back.
5. Findern Lane - verbal request from residents of Findern Lane for a planter to be sited on the grass verge. Chair and RAC Chair have checked and consider there to be insufficient room for one of the existing planters. RAC to look at the possibility of erecting a different sized planter in this area.
6. Safer Neighbourhoods Community Funding re Vere Close jitty street light. Application for funding under the scheme approved, awarded £1,406.00 against expenditure of £1,875.00. Order placed for work with DCC.
7. Bargate Lane/Hall Lane junction. Complaint from resident of Bargate Lane re parking by customers using the garage. Proprietor asked to leave junction free, complainant advised.

Correspondence:

1. DCC re Traffic calming Oaks Road/Hall Lane. Site meeting with DCC representative to be sought. **ACTION: CLERK**
2. ROSPA Play Area Safety Inspection Report 2009. Copy to SDDC & RAC.
3. Came & Company – Insurance schedule of cover and policy documents valid from 1.6.09 to 12 months. Noted.
4. DCC Solicitor (24.4.09) re Claim Footpath River Trent confirming (a) they are endeavouring to deal with the new investigation expeditiously and (b) that the evidence which was presented to the Public Inquiry is included in the new investigation.
5. Mencap – request for donation. Noted.
6. Vitalise (Breaks for disabled people and carers) – request for donation. Noted.
7. DRCC – invitation to join for 2009-2010, subs. £30. Noted.
8. DALC – invitation to a workshop on minerals and waste planning, from DCC and Derby City Council, at County Hall, Matlock on Mon 20th July 10am. Noted.
9. East Midlands Regional Assembly – (1) Regional Plan Partial Review: Options Consultation Launch. Details of workshop venues and dates. (2) Results of consultation and changes agreed by Assembly's Housing Planning & Transport Joint Board on 11.3.09. Noted.
10. DCC Environmental Services re Consultation on Transport Goals for Derbyshire. Questionnaire for completion and return.
11. RWE – Proposed Willington C Power Station – acknowledgement of Willington PC's response to the EIA Scoping Report. RWE to contact the Council early autumn to discuss.
12. Victim Support – Request for donation. Noted.

798 ACCOUNTS:

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

799 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

1. Derbyshire Constabulary – ‘Have Your Say’ report 2008.
2. DALC Circulars 22-27. Details of vacancy on the DALC Exec Committee.
3. NALC’s Direct Information Service Issue 707.
4. Copy email J. Orme re Burnaston Cross Inquiry. Inquiry adjourned until 15.9.09.
5. Copy email J. Orme re ‘EU desire for Biomass at Willington’.
6. Derbyshire Childrens Holiday Centre 2009 Newsletter.
7. Repton Area Forum – next meeting at Newton Solney Village Hall on Mon 20/7 at 7pm.
8. CPRE Fieldwork June 2009.
9. DRCC The Playing Field Spring 2009.
10. Cllr M. Ford – details of Repton Road Flood Alleviation scheme (Severn Trent, postponed to 2020).
11. SDDC – Joint Meeting with Parish Councils, next meeting Wed 29.7.09 6.30pm. Agenda to follow. Updated version of the Governance Toolkit for Parish & Town Council’s now on SDDC website.

800 WEBSITE: Nil.

801 EXEMPTIONS:

Proposal by quarry company. Further information to be sought.

ACTION: CLERK

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(Chairman)