

HEATH & HOLMEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY THE 11th OF FEBRUARY 2009 AT 7.00 PM.

273-11/02/09 In attendance:

Cllrs Stone, (Chair), Cane-Soothill, Cornwell Ball, Slater, Smith (from 7.20pm)
Sockett, County Councillor Chapman, Clerk K Steele, RFO M Buckle and PCSO
Sweet.

Agenda

Part One Non Exempt Information

274-11/02/09 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

275-11/02/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Glasby and Williams
Resolved: To note.

276-11/02/09 Public Forum

One member of the public was present who had attended the January meeting. As there was a vacancy on the Parish Council which could now be co-opted as an election had not been called, Mr Smith requested to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Stone, seconded Cllr Sockett to co-opt Mr Alan Smith onto the Parish Council, all voted in favour. Mr Smith then duly signed his declaration of acceptance of office witnessed by the Clerk and was requested to stay as councillor for the rest of the meeting.

277-11/02/09 Police Report and District/County Council Report

Police

The crime figures were discussed and PCSO Sweet was pleased to report to the Council that this month's crime figures had been kept to a minimum. PCSO Sweet was thanked for coming to the meeting as councillors were always pleased to have a police presence at their meetings. It was also reported that speed checks were being re-visited in Heath.

District Council

No report available.

County Council

Cllr Chapman reported that he had investigated the weight restrictions signs on Springfield/Mornington Road and has been told that there had never been an official weight restriction sign. He advised there may have been a sign saying no heavy vehicles. He advised that the policy is to do the weight restriction signs first and then the others can be looked at next. He advised that gritting on Devonshire Terrace could not be changed this year and that County Council were running low on salt and grit.

Councillors were told that gritting started in October and then the extreme weather conditions have worsened the situation. Highways Agency were ensuring the motorways had enough grit and the government had called a national emergency and they had taken control of the salt supplies to send it where it is needed. The Clerk reported that all three of the parish grit bins were filled in November and had been used additional grit had been ordered but had not arrived yet. Residents had approached a parish councillor about ordering a grit bin for Heath Common. Cllr Sockett would ask the residents where they want it and the Parish Council can decide at the March meeting as to whether one can be provided by the Parish Council. Cllr Chapman left the meeting at this point.

Resolved: The Clerk to agenda provision of grit bins on the March agenda.

278-11/02/09 Youth Facilities in Holmewood and Heath – Request from PC Rawlinson. PCSO Sweet to give report

PCSO Sweet reported that many of the problems in the parish were on Friday and Saturday nights and it was feared that it was because the youth had nowhere to go on these nights. The police were making it their project for 2009 to try and provide a youth club and were looking for a venue. The Community Centre was not an option as it was not manned at night time and belonged to Social Services. Dave Plant had been approached to see if the Community Pavilion would be available and initial discussions were proving successful. There would be around 20 to 30 people and the Council was asked if there would be any funding available for the hire of the Community Pavilion for a couple of hours a night. It was reported that volunteers would be needed to deal with the youth club. The police would set it up and get the You Project involved. Councillors advised that the County Council Youth Opportunities Fund could be accessed for funding via the youth council and that the Probation Service could be involved. PCSO Sweet left the meeting at this point.

Resolved: PCSO Sweet to complete surveys with the youth of the parish to ask them what they would like. The Clerk was asked to contact Tracey Webster about youth facilities in Holmewood.

279-11/02/09 Declarations of Interests

Interests were declared in Planning - Smoking Shelter at the Elm Tree Inn by Cllrs Cane - Soothill and Sockett.

An interest was declared in Heath Village Community Association application for section 137 grant by Cllr Sockett.

Resolved: To note.

280-11/02/09 To accept the Minutes of the January Meetings

The minutes of the full Parish Council meeting held in January and the minutes of the Searston Avenue Play Area Committee were accepted as a true record. The Clerk would check why councillors receiving minutes by email appeared to have a page missing and would correct this.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Cane - Soothill, seconded Cllr Stone that the minutes of the full Parish Council meeting in January be accepted as a true record, all voted in favour. Proposed: Cllr Cornwell Ball, seconded Cllr Stone that the minutes of the Searston Avenue Play Area Committee be accepted as a true record, all voted in favour.

281-11/02/09 Report from the Clerk including action taken from previous meetings and correspondence received

Action Points

1. A dog bin had now been placed on Devonshire Terrace and the caretaker had litter picked along Railway Cottages.
2. A letter has been sent to Mr Hunter about the annual award presentation for 2009.
3. The Clerk was to meet with Littlewoods along with Cllr Smith to gain a second quote for security fencing around Searston Avenue football pitch.

Update on MUGA Lights

The Clerk reported that a purchase order had been sent to JKE requesting the circuits be tested and any work required be carried out.

Resolved: To await the results of the testing by the electrical contractor JKE.

Risk Register Update – Notification to Committee

The Clerk reminded committee members of the need to assess and update the risk register before the 31 March 2009.

Resolved: The Risk Register Committee would meet and bring updates to the March meeting for full Council agreement. The Clerk to agenda the item for March.

Correspondence

1. Derbyshire County Council – Advising bus shelter repair near Churchland Avenue, Holmewood. The Clerk to report the incident to the police and if less than the policy excess to arrange for the repair.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Stone, seconded Cllr Cane – Soothill for the Clerk to report the crime and to arrange for the repair, all voted in favour.

2. NEDDC – House to House collection for the Tree of Hope Children's Charity 4-15 May 2009

Resolved: To note, no objections.

3. NEDDC – Independent Playground Inspections – notification of repairs required. The playground at Fern Close Heath was deemed to be in a satisfactory condition. Searston Avenue play area needed many repairs.

Resolved: To continue to pursue the funding for the new Searston Avenue play area. The Clerk to arrange the next Searston Avenue Play Area Committee meeting on Wednesday 25 February at 7pm.

4. Holmewood Cricket Club – Invitation to Community Pavilion Open Evening on Thursday 19 February and removal of metal posts surrounding the cricket square. Request for section 137 grant for indoor junior coaching.

Resolved: The Clerk and RFO to attend the Open Evening along with councillors. The Clerk to advise the Cricket Club to report the removal of the metal posts to the police and to advise that if the posts belong to them they should pay for the repair. The Clerk to also advise that section 137 grants are given to clubs once a year and for the Cricket Club to apply from 1 April 2009 specifying how much they would like to receive.

5. Mr R Hunter – Section 137 Grant Request for Junior Football Club Trophy Presentation Evening.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Stone, seconded Cllr Cornwell Ball to award a section 137 grant donation of £200 towards the cost of the Trophy Presentation Evening, all voted in favour.

6. Heath Village Community Association – Section 137 grant request – refurbishment of Laurel Hall and request for mobile post office service.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Cane-Soothill, seconded Cllr Slater to donate a section 137 grant of £200 towards the refurbishment of the floor at Laurel Hall Heath, all voted in favour. The Clerk to write to County Council regarding the idea of a mobile post office service to replace the post office closure in Heath Village.

Late

7. NEDDC – Site Inspections for NED08/326/FL Hot Food takeaway at 28-30 Heath Road, Holmewood.

Resolved: The Parish Council not to attend.

8. Resignations of Cllrs M Holland and Mrs J Holland.

Resolved: The Clerk to write a thank you letter for all their commitment to the Parish Council and the Clerk to advertise the two vacancies on the noticeboards.

Items for Information

DALC – General Circulars

NEDDC – District and Parish Liaison Group Minutes from 8 October 2008 and agenda for 28 January 2009

NEDDC – Ethical Standards Committee- next meeting to be held on 19 March 2009.

Resolved: To note.

282-11/02/09 Accounts – Report from RFO

The RFO passed the accounts to all councillors. The RFO told the Council that the cash balance at the end of January is £41,386. If all outstanding projects are completed as projected, and running costs are as budgeted, the amount in reserves will be £7,988 which is £2,012 below the Council's agreed amount. The RFO advised councillors that if they want reserves to be £10,000 other expenditure would have to be reduced. Section 137 expenditure to date is £1,663.87 which leaves £5,351.13 left for the remainder of the year. Councillors agreed that the amount of money spent on section 137 grants should be reviewed to support local groups. The RFO advised that work would be started on the precept document in July and asked councillors to consider this ready for the meeting in September.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Cornwell Ball, seconded Cllr Sockett to accept the accounts for the ten months ended 31 January 2009, and to accept the cash book payments for the end of January 2009, and to add two more cheque signatories of Cllr Cane Soothill and Cllr Cornwell Ball, all voted in favour. The Clerk was also to place raising the section 137 grant limit on the March agenda.

At this point of the meeting it was proposed to suspend standing orders by Cllr Stone and seconded by Cllr Cornwell Ball, all voted in favour.

283-11/02/09 Planning

08/00326/FL Change of use from retail shop A1 to hot food takeaway including installation of kitchen extraction flue at 28-30 Heath Road Holmewood for Mrs Wong. Notification of presentation to Planning Committee.

09/00068/FL Retention of raised rear garden with retaining wall, stone boundary wall and fence screening and associated planted screening to the rear at plot 4 at Heath field House, Mansfield Road, Heath for Mr J Littlewood.

09/00050/FL Erection of additional fencing consisting of mesh fencing up to 3.5m

and timber fencing up to 2.4m (conservation area), Hazlewood House, Main Street Heath for Partnerships in Care Ltd.

Planning Decisions Granted

08/01034/FL New public footpath and landscaping including drainage retention pond in connection with development of Bolsover Depot (revised scheme of NED07/00979/FL) for Bolsover District Council.

08/00151/FL Application for change of use of Public House to office accommodation at the Jolly Farmer, Heath Road, Holmewood for Enable Care and Home Support – conditionally approved.

08/00498/FL Retention of smoking shelter (conservation area) at the Elm Tree Inn, Mansfield Road, Heath for the Heath Village Pub Company – approved.

08/01175/FL Replacement of existing 15 metre Alifabs Monopole with a 20 metre Alifabs Monopole accommodating Telefonica O2 UK Ltd and Vodafone UK Ltd antennas, ground based equipment cabinets and development ancillary thereto. Flaretec Alloys & Equipment, Hardwick View Road, Holmewood for Telefonica O2 UK Ltd – conditionally approved.

Resolved: To note, no objections, Cllr Sockett given the plans for Hazlewood House fencing.

284-11/02/09 Parish Website – Clerk to present initial design. Proposal to agree on design in order to allow web designer to proceed to further stage

Councillors viewed the initial design and agreed to proceed further with it.

Resolved: Cllr Stone, seconded Cllr Sockett to accept the design and allow the website designer to proceed further with it, all voted in favour.

285-11/02/09 Proposal to study CCTV quotation supplied from Advance – Request from Cllr Stone -b/f from December and January agenda. Response from Sgt Rawlinson

Councillors agreed that the Chair, Clerk and RFO should meet with Advance to ask further questions on the monitoring and the proposed camera on Devonshire Terrace.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact the sales manager at Advance to arrange a meeting with the Chair, Clerk and RFO.

286-11/02/09 Twinning Federation – Report on progress to be provided by Cllr Cornwell Ball

The Twinning Federation met on 6 February 2009. As soon as a response had been received on the future of it, the Parish Council would be informed.

Resolved: To note, the Clerk to put the item on the agenda for March.

The meeting then proceeded to a confidential item.

