

HEATH & HOLMEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY THE 14th OF JANUARY 2009 AT 7.00 PM.

258-14/01/09 In attendance:

Cllrs Stone, (Chair), Cane-Soothill, Cornwell Ball, M Holland, Williams, County Councillor Chapman, Clerk K Steele and RFO M Buckle.

Agenda

Part One Non Exempt Information

259-14/01/09 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. There then followed a minutes silence in respect of the sad death of Cllr Brian Cable. The Chair informed everyone of the date and time of the funeral.

260-14/01/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Glasby J Holland, Slater and Sockett, PC Rawlinson and PCSO Sweet.

Resolved: To note.

261-14/01/09 Public Forum

One member of the public was present who had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Council. He wished to sit and observe the meeting. The Chair advised there could then be a co-option at the February meeting.

Resolved: The Clerk to agenda co-option of Parish Councillor under the Public Forum section on the February agenda.

262-14/01/09 Police Report and District/County Council Report

District and County Council

Police

The police had sent their apologies and provided the Clerk with a report which detailed crime within the parish. It was reported that there had been a break in at Heath Village. Cllr Cornwell Ball wished it to be noted that she had enjoyed police presence at previous meetings and wished they would come. Cllr Chapman advised that the Safer Neighbourhood Team meetings were now the accepted venue for police conversations.

District Council

Cllr Williams advised that local community groups in North East Derbyshire had benefited from small arts grants and that interest should be generated in this parish. It was agreed the Clerk should email Tracey Webster on this. Cllr Williams then informed councillors that a ten week dance group had started the nearest being in Clay Cross. Also people aged over 60 and under 16 can swim at the District Council's leisure centres for free from April 2009. Cllr Williams is trying to gather historical pictures of Holmewood to be used on the Holmewood Audio Trail.

County Council

Cllr Chapman was advised of the Williamthorpe roundabout floodings and the tar and chippings on Springfield and Mornington Road and Central Street. Cllr Chapman advised these areas may be re-surfaced in the summer. He advised that the weight restriction signs in these areas were going through the process after notice being served. Cllr Chapman advised that as the law had changed every weight restriction had to be reviewed. It was reported that in these areas grass and weeds were growing at the side of edgings and causeways along with some rubbish. Cllr Williams reported that there were two road sweepers that covered the District Council area but she would ask the road sweepers to clean Springfield and Mornington Road and Central Street. Cllr Chapman agreed to put a request in for a gritter to be sent on Devonshire Terrace in icy weather as in bad weather recently it was noted that two or three vehicles had skidded and it was on the route to Heath Primary School.

263-14/01/09 Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

Resolved: To note.

264-14/01/09 To accept the Minutes of the December Meetings

The minutes of the full Parish Council meeting held in December were accepted as a true record. Cllr Holland said the agreement to get quotations for the proposed security fencing was missing in the minutes. The Clerk advised it was in the Accounts section as that is where the notes from the December minutes had indicated it was discussed and agreed upon.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Cornwell - Ball, seconded Cllr Williams that the minutes of the full Parish Council meeting in December be accepted as a true record, all voted in favour.

265-14/01/09 Report from the Clerk including action taken from previous meetings and correspondence received

Action Points

1. Cllr J Holland had met with the parishioner requesting a dog waste bin on Devonshire Terrace. The parishioner had complained about litter along Railway Cottages.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr M Holland that the Clerk should find out if there is a already a dog waste bin in this area and if there isn't to order one in this area, all voted in favour. The Clerk to ask the caretaker to litter pick the area near Railway Cottages.

2. Website – The Clerk reported that the Clerk, RFO and Cllr Sockett had attended the meeting to prepare the website. The website designer was pressing for photographs and the Clerk was asked to contact the Photography Club to see if they could help. Cllr Cane – Soothill advised that he had the prints from the Club and would pass them to the Clerk.

3. One nomination had been received for the annual award and this was Mr Richard Hunter for his service to the community.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Cane – Soothill, seconded Cllr M Holland that the annual award be given to Mr Hunter, all voted in favour. Cllr M Holland to ask Mr Hunter if he would like to receive the award and if yes the Clerk can write to Mr Hunter with the details.

4. The Clerk advised that Civic Pride a local firm had asked to quote for the hanging

baskets and they were under the impression that the planters, near the shops in Holmewood belonged to the Parish Council.

Resolved: The Clerk to write and advise that the council used a local firm for the hanging baskets and the planters were not the Parish Council's responsibility.

Section 137 Grant for Carers Sitting Service

The Clerk had spoken to the manager about the grant and who to make it payable. The manager advised they no longer needed the £40 grant as the lady it was intended for had passed away.

Resolved: The Clerk to telephone the manager and ask if Cllr Cornwell Ball can contact her to discuss ways in which the Council could help.

Update on MUGA Lights

The Clerk advised that the lights had been changed with the help of a loan of a cherry picker from a parishioner. It now appeared that out of the six, three were not working. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to the parishioner. It was agreed to ask an electrician to check any access points to see if there is a circuit problem.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Cane – Soothill that the Clerk should write a letter of thanks to the parishioner and for the Clerk to contact JKE to ask if they can look at the access points.

Risk Register Update – Notification to Committee

The Clerk reminded the Council that the Risk Register should be studied and updated ready for agreement at the March meeting to satisfy audit requirements. The Committee agreed to meet in February to make any changes.

Meeting with the Clerk and Centre manager for Macintyre

The Clerk reported that contact had been made from the Macintyre Centre Manager who was keen to get the community involved in the work they do. For example regular coffee mornings held at the Community Centre or help in gardening or learning adolescents cookery.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the Centre Manager and advise that due to risk assessments which would need to be carried out it may prove difficult for the Parish Council to allow the centre users to help the caretaker with gardening etc.

Correspondence

1.NEDDC – Small Arts Grant Awards – Request from Cllr Williams.

Resolved: Under District council report.

2.Rev A Love – Lets Connect Community Project.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to Rev Love and say that the Council supports any project that brings benefit to the community.

3. Communities and Local Government – Communities in Control – Code of recommended practice.

Resolved: To note. Cllr Cane – Soothill to study and make any comments.

4.DART – Trainers for the Land Based Sector. Information on using 16 -18 year olds for Horticultural Training.

Resolved: To note and possibly pursue at a later date.

5. NEDDC – District and Parish Liaison Meeting on 28 January 2009.

Resolved: The Chair and Clerk to attend.

Late

6. Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership – Duty for Public Authorities.

Resolved: The Clerk to fill in questionnaire and return.

Items for Information

DALC – General Circulars

NEDDC – Ethical Standards Committee – Next meeting 5 March 2009.

Resolved: To note.

266-14/01/09 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 December is £45,508, of which £46,384 is on deposit. A transfer was made from the deposit account of £7,500 in December and January. If all outstanding projects are completed as projected, and running costs are as budgeted, the amount in reserves will be £8,878 which is £1,122 below the Council's agreed amount. This was due partly to the purchase of the new goal posts on Searston Avenue which had not been budgeted for. Section 137 expenditure to date is £1,413.87 which leaves £5,601.13 left for the remainder of the year. Cllr M Holland advised that the Junior Football club had requested a new kit. The Clerk advised that if they apply for a section 137 grant in writing then it could be considered at the next meeting. Cllr M Holland will advise the football team of this.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Cornwell Ball to accept the accounts for the nine months ended 31 December 2008, and to accept the cash book payments for the end of December 2008, all voted in favour.

267-14/01/09 Planning

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

CW4/1207/207 Proposed section 73 application not to comply with condition 3 of planning permission CW4/399/147, land off Mansfield Road, Doe Lea for UK Coal Mining Ltd- application withdrawn.

08/01225/FL Alteration of planning condition 1 of planning approval 06/00281/FL to allow holding of car boot sales on Saturday afternoons for 40 events per calendar year and 4 Bank Holiday Mondays per year on a permanent basis at the Twin Oaks Motel, Ramcroft, Palterton for Mr Snow.

Resolved: To note, no objections.

268-14/01/09 Proposal to study CCTV quotation supplied from Advance – Request from Cllr Stone b/f from December Agenda

The Chair advised he had not contacted Jon Rawlinson and agreed to ask Jon the questions from the December meeting and would report back to the Council at the February meeting.

Resolved: The Clerk to move this item to the February agenda.

269-14/01/09 Twinning Federation – Report on progress to be provided by Cllr Cornwell Ball

The Twinning Federation was not due to meet until 6 February 2009. If the Federation decides not to continue then it was felt that it was too much work for Cllr Cornwell – Ball and the Council agreed they would not pursue it further.

Resolved: To note and the Clerk to agenda the update on the February agenda.

270-14/01/09 Searston Avenue Play Area – Update from Cllr Cornwell Ball

The Council was told that the committee had had a very enthusiastic meeting on the 13th of January 2009. John Rogers from the Youth Council was in attendance and had advised the committee about the Youth Opportunities Fund. The Council was told that Alison was to get two quotes one for £60k and one for £90k and that lighting would be included. David Smith and Chris Kirk from the Youth Council would be invited to the next meeting in February. Searston Avenue Football Area needed security fencing. One quote had been received from L Carter. The Clerk was instructed to get two more quotes for the security fencing 6 feet powder coating and 6 feet galvanised palisades plus gate for vehicle access one from Joseph Ash, Malatite, one from another firm.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Cane – Soothill, seconded: Cllr Stone for the Clerk to obtain two more quotes for the security fencing, one from Joseph Ash, Malatite and to allow the Searston Avenue Play Area Committee more money from this year's budget, all voted in favour.

At this point in the meeting it was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Stone to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue, all voted in favour.

The meeting then proceeded to a confidential item.

