

HEATH & HOLMEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY THE 9th OF DECEMBER 2009 AT 7.00 PM.

424-09/12/09 In attendance:

Cllrs Stone, (Chair), Bond, Cornwell Ball, Slater, Smith, Sockett, Williams, Clerk K Steele RFO M Buckle, County Councillor Chapman and Mrs S Bettney, a member of the public for part of the meeting.

Agenda

Part One Non Exempt Information

425-09/12/09 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

426-09/12/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Cane – Soothill, Glasby, and the police.

Resolved: To note.

427-09/12/09 Public Forum

There was one member of the public present who had applied to be co-opted onto the Council. It was agreed to co-opt Mrs S Bettney onto the Council. Mrs Bettney signed her declaration of acceptance of office form and code of conduct form, witnessed by the Clerk.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Slater that Mrs S Bettney be co-opted onto the Parish Council, all voted in favour.

428-09/12/09 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Sockett declared a personal interest in Planning.

Resolved: To note.

429-09/12/09 Police Report and District/County Council Report. District Report to include item on Derbyshire Film Club

Police

The crime figures for November had been circulated.

County Council

Parking on double yellow lines and obstruction issues were discussed Cllr Chapman advised that depending on the offence, County may be able to deal with it.

Obstruction issues were a matter for the police. Councillors agreed to email the Clerk with all of the locations that the offences were happening in and the Clerk would contact PCSO Sweet for advice. Cllr Chapman was advised of the many complaints about the potholes on Old Colliery Lane and in particular at the entrance to the library car park.

Resolved: All councillors to email the Clerk with details of parking and obstruction

issues. Cllr Chapman to look into the progress on the potholes.

District Council

Cllr Williams reported that through the North East Derbyshire Accessibility, funding was available for health projects in the parish along with clubs associated with Drama, Arts and Crafts, Easter Camps and Keep Fit Clubs. It was agreed that if any councillors knew of any projects where the funding could be sought, they should bring their ideas to the January meeting and funding could be looked at. Cllr Williams reported that she attended the Community Safety Partnership meeting held on 8 December and that issues discussed relating to our parish were speeding on Chesterfield Road, Holmewood and snares near Williamthorpe pond. It was agreed to put the Derbyshire Film Club on the January agenda where the DVD could be viewed. At this point the Council was reminded about the investigation of a mobile post office service since the post office had closed in Heath, it was agreed that funding could be pursued for this under the North East Derbyshire Accessibility Partnership and would be considered further at the January meeting.

Resolved: That the mobile post office service be considered for this type of funding at the January meeting.

430-09/12/09 To accept the Minutes of the November Meetings

The minutes of the full Parish Council meeting held in November and the Searston Avenue play area committee meeting held in November were accepted as a true record.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Smith, seconded: Cllr Bond, that the minutes of the full Parish Council meeting in November 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 meeting held in November be accepted as a true record, all voted in favour.

431-09/12/09 Report from the Clerk including action taken from previous meetings and correspondence received

Action Points:

1. Update on MUGA floodlights. The Clerk reported that JKE had repaired a broken seal on one of the floodlights, this appeared to be the problem, and all six were now working. JKE had supplied the Council with a quote to replace all six lights at a cost of £406 excluding VAT, the quotation would be referred to if the lights do not work in the future.
2. CRB checks- Cllr Slater distributed the forms. It was agreed that all councillors and staff should complete and return with two forms of identification to the January meeting.
3. CCTV – The Clerk advised councillors that the letters had not been prepared from the November meeting as it was unclear as to what had happened. The Chair agreed to draft a letter of his understanding of the issues.
4. DCC – 73 Bus Service – Cllr Sockett to report on discussions with DCC. Councillors were advised that after consulting with DCC it appeared that the bus operators could charge additional costs if the restrictions were imposed on the service provider.
5. Replacement pump for water bowser. Cllr Sockett advised that he had a tank and that a little engine pump/generator would cost around £200 approx.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded: Cllr Stone that the pump/generator be purchased and Cllr Sockett to supply the tank, all voted in favour. Cllr Sockett to

email the Clerk with the contact details to enable an order to be placed.

Correspondence

1. NEDDC – Application for hire of cricket pitches for 2010 season.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Stone, seconded Cllr Sockett, that the Parish Council continues to approve the use of the cricket pitch by Holmewood Cricket Club for the 2010 season, all voted in favour.

2. Anderson Partnership - Lease of land lying to north of Searston Avenue, Holmewood. Confirmation that the embossed lease has been received from DCC along with the bill and breakdown of the conditions of the lease. Councillors were advised that the lease had been signed on 7 December 2009 and the cheque passed across to the solicitors.

Resolved: To note.

3. Derbyshire Environmental Trust – Grant from Viridor Credits agreements. The draft agreement had been accepted at the November meeting, the final version had now been received for the Chair's signature, it has now been signed and returned.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Cornwell Ball that the agreement is fully accepted, all voted in favour and that the Clerk has made the Parish Council aware that no publicity is to be given to the award without the Council liaising with Derbyshire Environmental Trust .

4. Allianz Cornhill Insurance – Addition to the Council's insurance policy of street furniture in the parish.

Resolved: To note the amendment.

5. Viridor Credits – Third party contributor acknowledgement of £1,000 from the Parish Council.

Resolved: to note.

6. Tupton Hall School – Details of Holiday Activity programme for 2010 and request from the school, where a high proportion of children from Heath & Holmewood attend, for the Parish Council to provide funding for the children who attend the activities, to do so free of charge.

Resolved: Councillors resolved not to make a donation towards the activity, the Clerk to advise the school accordingly.

7. The Clerk advised that a parishioner had been in contact about names for the war memorial.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the parishioner to invite them to the January meeting to discuss matters.

Late

8. Holmewood Cricket Club – One nomination received for the Annual Award. The Clerk reported two nominations had now been made for the award, and the closing date for nominations is 31 December 2009. It was agreed that Council would make a decision on the recipient of the award at their January meeting.

Resolved: The Clerk to thank the Cricket Club for their nomination and to agenda the item for January.

9. DALC – Parish Councillors Members Allowances. Notification has been received from DALC that parish councillors are allowed a basic allowance of up to 10% of the District Council basic allowance of £5,081 at the time of recommendation.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Smith that the Parish Council agrees not to receive any allowances in relation to their role as parish councillors, all voted in favour.

10. Anderson Partnership – Lease of land lying to north of Searston Avenue, Holmewood. Confirmation from the solicitors that the lease has been signed and arrangements to formally complete the lease were being arranged.

Resolved: To note and await solicitor's confirmation of completion of lease.

11. Audit Commission – Completion of the Annual Audit.

Resolved: The Clerk to display the completion of the annual audit notice at a cost of £2.50 per copy for any elector who requests it and to write to the External Auditor for advice on reviewing the level of fidelity insurance cover.

12. Derbyshire Environmental Trust – Searston Avenue Play Area – Agreement for grant and progress forms. Request for no publicity to be given to the award without liaising with DET.

Resolved: The Clerk to complete end of progress forms and to forward estimates for approval as per clause 3.5 (b) of the agreement and to contact NEDDC advising no publicity to be given to the grant unless liaising with DET first.

Items for Information

DALC – General Circulars

Derbyshire Bio Diversity News Volume 5 Issue 4

NEDDC – Temple Normanton Parish Council Playscheme information

NEDDC – Community Partnership Eastern – Agenda for 8 December meeting.

Resolved: To note.

432-09/12/09 Accounts – Report from RFO.

The RFO passed the accounts to all councillors. The RFO discussed the accounts for November and told the Council that the cash balance at the end of November is £77,483 with an amount of interest in the deposit account which would be transferred to the current account. The RFO reported that if all outstanding projects are completed as projected, and running costs are as budgeted, the amount in reserves will be £10,034 which is £34 above the Council's agreed amount. Section 137 expenditure to date is £2,305. The Council has received £15,000 from the DCC Youth Funding for the Searston Avenue play area and the £1,000 third party contribution has been paid and forwarded to Viridor Credits. Councillors agreed to pay the £6k invoice it had been holding to Advance for the Council contribution to the CCTV system.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Stone, seconded Cllr Cornwell Ball to pay the invoice for £6k plus VAT to Advance Monitoring, all voted in favour. Proposed: Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Sockett, to accept the accounts for the eight months ended 30 November 2009, and to accept the cash book payments for the end of November 2009, all voted in favour.

433-09/12/09 Planning

09/00947/FL Use of land for concrete batching plant incorporating cement storage silo- associated storage enclosures – aggregate bins –site cabins and concrete hard standings at land and building to the rear of Baldwins Crane Hire, Park Road, Holmewood for Mr J Turner.

09/00246/FL Appeal by S Walker against refusal of planning permission in change of use of land at the rear of 8,10,12 and 14 Heath Common to garden land.

Resolved: To note, no objections.

Planning Decisions Conditionally Approved:

09/00643/FL Construction of detached property including boundary treatments –

construction of double garage and stone shed and formation of hardstandings (conservation area amended plans) at land adjoining the north side of Ledum House, Main Road, Heath for Mr and Mrs Aram.

09/00880/CAPTO Notification to fell one leylandii and one birch in the rear gardens at Denhams, Main Road, Heath for Mr A Curtis.

434-09/12/09 Update on Searston Avenue Play Area Project – Report from Cllr Cornwell Ball

Councillors were advised that the lease had been signed and that the order would be placed week commencing 15 December 2009 with Proludic. Alison had advised that the invoice would be sent for District Council's consultancy/administration charges. The invoice would be approximately £2k plus VAT. Another meeting would be arranged in the New Year to report on progress and publicity coverage.

Resolved: The Clerk to arrange a meeting in February after the work has commenced.

435-09/12/09 Proposal from Cllr Williams for Council to accept the finished article

Councillors agreed that the newsletter could now be circulated.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Stone, seconded Cllr Williams that the newsletter be printed and circulated and the invoice be paid when received.

436-09/12/09 Proposal to consider purchase of grit bin to be placed on Central Street, Holmewood. Request from parishioner

A parishioner had contacted the Clerk with a location of where residents would like a grit bin placed on Central Street, Holmewood. The Clerk advised the cost from County Council is £252.50, councillors considered the request and agreed to purchase one for this location.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Slater to purchase a grit bin at a cost of £252.50, to be placed near or on Central Street, Holmewood, all voted in favour. The Clerk to order one after consultation with the resident.

437- 09/12/09 Proposal from Cllr Stone to consider purchase of new furniture for the meeting room in the Pavilion

Councillors agreed that the Chair and Clerk be allowed to look at various office furniture and bring the costs back to the Council. Cllr Sockett advised the Clerk to contact him once a cost had been obtained at Frank Berry as he knew of another local firm who may be cheaper.

Resolved: Proposed; Cllr Stone, seconded Cllr Sockett that the Clerk and Chair look for office furniture and the Clerk contacts Cllr Sockett for the alternative supplier.

As there was no confidential item to be presented, the meeting closed at 8.15 pm, with a request from Cllr Cornwell Ball to agenda an item concerning businesses in Holmewood for the February meeting.