

HEATH & HOLMEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY THE 10th OF FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.00 PM.

454-10/02/10 In attendance:

Cllrs Stone, (Chair), Bettney, Bond, Cane-Soothill, Cornwell Ball, Slater, Sockett, Williams, Clerk K Steele, RFO M Buckle and Heather Wesson (Derbyshire County PCT).

Agenda

Part One Non Exempt Information

455-10/02/10 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

456-10/02/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Glasby and Smith and County Councillor Chapman.

Resolved: To note.

457-10/02/10 Public Forum

There was one member of the public present, Heather Wesson from Derbyshire County PCT. Heather attended to make councillors aware that her role is to help community groups with regard to health and well being. Heather advised that she looks at starting groups and activities and then sits in the background and lets people run it, but is there for advice. One of her main tasks is to work at grass roots level for health and well being in the community. Cllr Williams advised she would like to meet with Heather to look at community groups in the parish. Councillors discussed the fact that there were community groups but many had fallen by the wayside, Heather advised that she could help with promotion material, posters etc. It was agreed to advise local groups of Heather's existence. Councillors discussed the lack of a community centre and felt help was needed to set up more local community groups and drive them forward. Heather advised she could explore funding and point the Parish Council in the right direction.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to local groups to inform them of the Derbyshire County PCT's existence and to forward Heather's details on to them. The Clerk to advertise Heather's contact number and email address on the Parish Council's website. Cllr Williams to meet with Heather to discuss driving local groups forward.

458-10/02/10 Declarations of Interests

None were declared.

Resolved: To note.

459-10/02/10 Police Report and District/County Council Report.

Police

The crime figures for January had been circulated.

Resolved: To note.

County Council

County Councillor Chapman had sent his apologies. He has advised that the weight restriction issues on Springfield Road were still being dealt with.

Resolved: To note.

District Council

Cllr Williams advised that Cllr Lee Stone had been elected as the new District Councillor for the ward of Holmewood and Heath. Cllr Williams also advised of notification received about the Elmton and Creswell Village Company setting up training for work for unemployed adults and young people from age 16. The courses will be held in Limestone House, Creswell and free transport can be provided from homes in the North East Derbyshire area. Courses will start on 12 April 2010. Cllr Williams has contacted the Economic Development unit at NEDDC to see if people who are unemployed can be encouraged to attend.

Resolved: The Clerk to advertise the training courses on the website.

460-10/02/10 To accept the Minutes of the January Meetings

The minutes of the full Parish Council meeting held in January, the minutes of the Risk Register Committee meeting held in January and the minutes of the War Memorial Committee meeting held in January were accepted as a true record.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Cane-Soothill, that the minutes of the full Parish Council meeting in January be accepted as a true record, all voted in favour. Proposed: Cllr Sockett, seconded Cllr Stone that the minutes of the risk Register Committee meeting be accepted as a true record, all voted in favour.

Proposed: Cllr Sockett, seconded Cllr Cornwell Ball, that the minutes of the War Memorial Committee meeting be accepted as true record, all voted in favour.

461-10/02/10 Report from the Clerk including action taken from previous meetings and correspondence received

Action Points:

1. CRB checks – all councillors to ensure that their relevant documentation is provided to the Clerk and Cllr Slater ready to check by Friday 12 February 2010.

Correspondence

1. Rev Anette Love - Service in Memorial Gardens on Good Friday 2 April 2010 2010. Request to use the Memorial Gardens and Pavilion.

Resolved: Cllr Slater will open the Pavilion on Good Friday at 10am.

2. Parishioner – Request for Grit Bin on Hunloke Road. Councillors agreed that they would allow six grit bins in the parish. There already was one on Gorse Bank Heath, one on Lilac Close Heath, one on Shelley Street Holmewood and one on order for Central Street Holmewood. It was agreed to install a further two bringing the total up to six and with a budget to fill the bins of no more than £800 per year. The Clerk indicated this was dependant on being able to get the grit as this year the bins were not deemed a priority. The Clerk also advised that the truck was unable to be driven in the icy conditions as several times it had got stuck on the car park and roads.

Councillors agreed that Derbyshire County Council should be requested to fill the bins twice a year. The Clerk would contact Chatsworth Signs to request signs to be made to indicate that the grit was for use on the public highway only.

Resolved: The Clerk to action the above.

3. DCC – Environmental Services – Operation Relentless. A request from DCC about areas which the Parish Council would like to target with regard to fly tipping, graffiti removal etc. It was discussed that the Probation Service could be used for clearance of fly tipping.

Resolved: To advise at the moment that no areas have been identified.

4. Parish computer issues. The Clerk advised that the parish computer was now five years old and problems were being experienced with the speed and freezing of screens. Various issues had been resolved but it was felt that a new one should be considered.

Resolved: Cllr Stone to provide quotations for the March meeting.

5. Heath Village Community Association – Location of grit bins and traffic in Heath Village. The Community Association has provided the Clerk with written details of an exact location for their grit bin near the bus shelter near to the entrance to Heath Common. The Association advised the Clerk they would pass on the Council's reply about steps they had taken previously to try to stop traffic problems in Heath Village. The Clerk had contacted the police who had said that when time permits they will be enforcing speed checks in Heath Village.

Resolved: To note.

Late

6. Heath Village Community Association – Parish Notice boards. Request if they could use the noticeboard in Heath Village and have access to it.

Resolved: The Clerk to advise that only council staff can have access to the noticeboards but if the Association would like to email items to the Clerk, they can be placed on the noticeboard.

7. DALC – Standing Orders for Local Councils. New model standing orders received for the Council to adopt.

Resolved: Cllr Cane-Soothill to look at and advise.

8. Parishioner – Drainage on the Playing Fields near the MUGA. The Clerk advised that Pugh Lewis had looked at the area and could complete the work. The Clerk is still to receive a written quotation. The Clerk was instructed to reply to the parishioner advising that the company who did the initial survey have not responded and the Council will look for alternative suppliers.

Resolved: Cllr Sockett to email the Clerk with alternative suppliers, the Clerk to update the parishioner and to ask for photographs to be taken of the area when it rains heavily.

9. Derbyshire Constabulary – Have your Say.

Resolved: To note.

At this point in the meeting, Cllr Cornwell Ball asked about the police looking at obstructions on Searston Avenue. The Clerk advised that the police have been informed of the times of day and they have advised traffic monitoring officers would be looking at the area and if there was found to be a problem, they would deal with it and issue fines accordingly. Cllr Cornwell Ball was asked to email specific incidents to the police along with photographic evidence.

Items for Information

DALC – General Circulars

East Midlands Fire and Rescue Control Centre

Resolved: To note.

462-10/02/10 Accounts – Report from RFO.

The RFO passed the accounts to all councillors. The RFO discussed the accounts for January and told the Council that the cash balance at the end of January is £30,844. The cash balance has reduced because the invoice for the Searston Avenue play area from NEDDC for an amount of £29,645 has been paid. The Council has already received £15k funding from Derbyshire County Council Youth Fund, with £5k from Rykneld Homes due to arrive shortly. The funding from Viridor of £10k is expected on completion of the project. The RFO reported that if all outstanding projects are completed as projected, and running costs are as budgeted, the amount in reserves will be £10,154 which is £154 above the Council's agreed amount. Section 137 expenditure to date is £2,305. A total of £9,507 from the general projects budget has been spent, which leaves £10,493 to be spent before the end of March 2010. Any shortfall in spend will be carried into the next financial year.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Sockett, to accept the accounts for the ten months ended 31 January 2010, and to accept the cash book payments for the end of January 2010, all voted in favour.

463-10/02/10 Planning

10/00030/FL Construction of warehouse extension to existing industrial unit at Utopia Tableware Ltd Glass Works, Park Road, Holmewood for Utopia Tableware Ltd.

Resolved: To note, no objection.

Planning Decisions Conditionally Approved:

09/1021/FL Siting of two containers to increase storage capacity at Junction 29 Truck Stop Ltd, Hardwick View Road, Holmewood for Mr L Grainger.

Resolved: To note.

464-10/02/10 Update on Searston Avenue Play Area Project – Report from Cllr Cornwell Ball

Councillors were advised that the committee meeting planned for 8 February was cancelled and rescheduled for 17 February. Work was scheduled to start on 1 March 2010. District Council had been clearing the area and the Clerk and Chair had visited the area to look at the piece of land which appears to not be owned by the Parish or District Council. It was suggested to look at a sports court on the land in the future. The Chair advised that there was also a problem with resident's boundaries at the bottom of the play area. One resident had in effect moved their boundary and installed a new fence and left a gap where fly tipping had occurred. This would be an extra cost to the Parish Council to clear. The additional cost quoted in addition to the previous estimate of £3,400 would be an additional £2,000.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded: Cllr Cornwell Ball, to agree that the piece of land in question will be considered to belong to the Parish Council and to agree the additional £2,000 cost in addition to the already estimated charge of £3,400, all voted in favour.

465-10/02/10 Update on progress from the War Memorial Committee – Report from Cllr Sockett. Proposal to agree cost based on estimates and advise on action required on the War Memorial

The Council was updated on the January committee meeting which had agreed to ask the full Council to accept the names provided by Mr Allsop and invite parishioners to make comments by 31 May 2010. The Council was also asked to agree to advertise the names of the fallen provided on the Parish Council website and by a flyer to be placed on the three notice boards and put in the library and doctor's surgery.

Councillors agreed that the names should be placed on a plaque with rank, surname and initials. The Clerk advised that Hoult's Memorials had quoted a price of £1.50 per letter to be placed on the plaque, leaving an approximate estimate of £1,500 plus VAT. The Council agreed that Mr Allsop be commissioned to produce a book of Remembrance on the family history of the names he has researched. Councillors agreed that the expenses Mr Allsop incurred in producing the book will be reimbursed on production of receipts. Councillors suggested using Prontaprint to produce copies. The Clerk to liaise with Mr Allsop and ask which he prefers. The Council discussed an opening ceremony for the memorial, where they hoped to invite schoolchildren, and the Royal British Legion. It was agreed that the next committee meeting be held on 23 February 2010 at 7pm.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded: Cllr Sockett, that the names of the fallen from the two world wars researched and provided by Mr Allsop be accepted by the Parish Council, all voted in favour. These names to now be advertised on the website and on flyers around the parish, asking parishioners to comment by 31 May 2010. Proposed: Cllr Cane-Soothill, seconded Cllr Sockett that a budget of £2,500 be provided to the war memorial project for the cost of the plaque and the cost of commissioning the remembrance book, and that Mr Allsop be re-imbursed for the cost of producing the book, all voted in favour.

466-10/02/10 Update from the Risk Register Committee – Report from Cllr Stone

Councillors were informed that the Risk Register Committee had met on 26 January 2010 and committee members were given tasks to deal with. These tasks would be completed before the next Risk Register Committee meeting which was agreed to be on 17 March 2010. Cllr Sockett has provided the Clerk and Council with an updated risk register document. The Clerk was asked to agenda the item for March.

Resolved: The Clerk to agenda the item for the March meeting.

467-10/02/10 Proposal from Cllr Cornwell Ball to consider support for businesses in Holmewood and Heath

Cllr Cornwell Ball advised the Council of the existence of a business advisor to support local businesses. It was thought that this could be a useful idea to set up in Holmewood. Cllr Cornwell Ball asked if the Council was interested in her pursuing the idea, as the Council will have to find the funding for it. Councillors agreed that she should contact the Economic Development Unit at North East Derbyshire District Council to assist in attracting funding for the programme. It was felt that there was a need to support local people in business and the setting up of their businesses. The Clerk was asked to advertise it on the website to see if local people would be interested in it.

Resolved: Cllr Cornwell Ball to contact the Economic Development Unit at NEDDC to move the idea forward. Cllr Cornwell Ball to inform the Clerk when the item needs

putting on the agenda again.

468-10/02/10 To consider two parishioner requests for the purchase of grit bins in Heath Village and Hunloke Road, Holmewood

The Clerk has received two requests from parishioners regarding two grit bins one for Heath Common and the other on Hunloke Road.

Resolved: Proposed; Cllr Cane-Soothill, seconded Cllr Williams that the Clerk orders two more grit bins making a total of six from Derbyshire County Council upon receiving an exact location from the parishioners and agreement that other residents had been consulted, all voted in favour. The Parish Council agreed not to consider any more requests for grit bins.

The meeting then proceeded to a confidential item.