

HEATH & HOLMEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY THE 8th OF JULY 2009 AT 7.00 PM.

361-08/07/09 In attendance:

Cllrs Stone, (Chair), Cane – Soothill, Cornwell Ball, Smith, Sockett, Williams, Clerk K Steele RFO M Buckle, Laura Smedley.

Agenda

Part One Non Exempt Information

362-08/07/09 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

363-08/07/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Glasby and Slater, PC Rawlinson, PC Allcock, PCSO Sweet and Tracey Webster DCC (Youth Service).

Resolved: To note.

364-08/07/09 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

Resolved: To note.

365-08/07/09 Declarations of Interests

Cllrs Sockett and Cane-Soothill declared an interest in Late Correspondence - Section 137 grant request for Elm Tree FC. Cllr Smith declared an interest in notice boards - DALC. Cllr Cornwell Ball declared an interest in litter bins on Searston Avenue.

Resolved: To note.

366-08/07/09 Police Report and District/County Council Report

Police

The police had sent their apologies and the crime figures for June.

District Council

Councillors were told that a Dance Fit campaign was taking place at various venues across North East Derbyshire, all ability welcome. The Clerk had been approached for a venue in Holmewood and had recommended the Community Pavilion. Work was to start on the coking plant (all details on NEDDC website), the nominations for sporting superstars deadline was 21 August.

County Council

Cllr Chapman advised that re the flooding on Tibshelf Road, Holmewood the engineer had inspected the area and the drains are to be jetted and cleaned out. A survey is also to be done on the road. Cllr Chapman said he would talk to the Headteacher of Heath Primary School about the car parking and that they should refer

to the travel plan. The Clerk was asked to reply to Mr Tye to ask if the resident could note registration numbers of HGV's parking in the area and to contact the Parish Council with these details and a company name and then the Council could write to the company.

Rubbish was becoming an issue on the Five Pits Trail and it was requested if the Parish Council could sponsor litter bins. The Clerk was instructed to ask the caretaker if it was thought that litter was becoming a problem. It was also reported that trees/hedges had been cut at the top of Slack Lane without being cleared and that hedges had been cut on Church Lane and also not been cleared. Cllr Chapman would investigate. Cllr Chapman asked the Clerk to write to Highways about the reported flooding on Main Street Heath.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Mr Tye about the resident's comments. Cllr Chapman to contact the Headteacher at Heath Primary School about the parking problems and also to investigate the grass and hedge cutting, The Clerk to write to Highways about the flooding on Main Street, Heath

367-08/07/09 To accept the Minutes of the June Meetings

The minutes of the full Parish Council meeting held in June and the minutes of the Searston Avenue Play Area Committee meeting held in June, and the minutes of the HR committee meeting held in June were accepted as a true record.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded: Cllr Cornwell Ball, that the minutes of the full Parish Council meeting in June be accepted as a true record, all voted in favour. Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Cornwell Ball, that the minutes of the Searston Avenue play area committee meeting held in June be accepted as true record, all voted in favour. Proposed: Cllr Stone, seconded Cllr Cane – Soothill that the minutes of the HR committee held in June be accepted as a true record, all voted in favour.

368-08/07/09 Update on Searston Avenue Play Area – Report from Cllr Cornwell Ball

Councillors were told that Chris from the Youth Council had been briefed and the bid should be considered at the July meeting. The lease on Searston Avenue had been approved it would be approximately 8 weeks before the Clerk would receive confirmation and the documents for the Council to appoint a solicitor. It was confirmed that Viridor Credits Derbyshire had awarded £10,000 funding towards the play area and that £3,200 was confirmed for the section 106 grant and £3,000 for a feasibility study making a total of £16,200 confirmed to date. The funding from the Playbuilder fund of £50,000 was awaiting confirmation. Laura was then introduced to the councillors and she advised that she has attended two or three of the Searston Avenue Play Area committee meetings and had given reports to Council of how the youth in the parish felt about the present play area. They felt it was run down, with litter and glass everywhere, and that it was generally unsafe to use. It was suggested that the gates on the new play area should be put on timers. Laura was asked by Council if she could gauge youth opinion on the issue of placing CCTV cameras in the area. It was agreed that Laura would return and give a before and after presentation.

Resolved: The Clerk to invite Laura back to a meeting later in the year to give a before and after presentation.

369-08/07/09 Report from the Clerk including action taken from previous meetings and correspondence received

Action Points:

1. The Clerk reported that lockable grit bins would not be an option as the caretaker had inspected them and there was nowhere on the present bins to put a lock as they were plastic. It was agreed to leave them as they were.

2. DALC - The Clerk reported that DALC had advised to use a company with risk assessment and insurance in place to protect the Parish Council against any claims. Proposed: Cllr Stone, seconded Cllr Williams that the Clerk should contact Littlewoods for a quotation for three boards and if the Clerk thought the price was acceptable to go ahead and order them, all voted in favour.

3. The Clerk had not ordered the litter bins yet as the proposed siting of the post mounted litter bins was not acceptable to some of the residents. The Council agreed not to order any for the time being and the Clerk to request an environmental health assessment of the area, with a report for the September meeting.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Environmental Health for an assessment of Searston Avenue near the chip shop and sandwich shop and to agenda the item for September.

Correspondence

1. Sherwood Foresters Western Front Memorial Committee - Invitation to the unveiling of the memorial at Tyne Cot near Ypres.

Resolved: Cllr Cornwell Ball to advise the Clerk before the end of August if she can attend.

2. DCC – Local Transport Plan – Responses required by 31 July 2009.

Resolved: To note, no comments to be made.

Late

3. The Elm Tree Heath FC – Request for section 137 grant to assist in the start up costs for the new football team.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Stone, seconded Cllr Williams to donate a section 137 grant of £350, all voted in favour.

4. Holmewood Cricket Club – Request for section 137 grant to assist with the training and coaching of the junior players from Holmewood and Heath.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Cane-Soothill to donate a section 137 grant of £350, all voted in favour.

5. Mr M Tye – Parking outside Heath Primary School. An email advising that the School has contacted the parishioner about the problems with parked cars and HGV's. The school and resident appear to favour a waiting restriction from 8am to 6pm.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to Mr Tye to advise that if the resident contacts the Parish Council with company and registration names of the HGV's who are causing parking problems, the Parish Council can report the offending vehicles.

Items for Information

DALC – General Circulars

NEDDC – Agenda for District/Parish Liaison Group 24 June 2009.

Resolved: To note.

370-08/07/09 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 June is £55,378. If all outstanding projects are completed as projected, and running costs are as budgeted, the amount in reserves will be £10,271 which is £271 above the Council's agreed amount. Section 137 expenditure to date is £1,215.00. Councillors then discussed the draft precept document. The RFO advised that in view of other outstanding projects and the current recession, his advice to the Council would be to increase it by no more than 2%. This would cover the day to day expenditure and allow £15k for projects. The Clerk was asked to agenda the item for the September meeting when if the Council had no amendments to the precept, the proposal would be to accept the document.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Cornwell Ball, seconded Cllr Smith to accept the accounts for the three months ended 30 June 2009, and to accept the cash book payments for the end of June 2009, all voted in favour. The Clerk to agenda the acceptance of the precept draft document on the September agenda.

371-08/07/09 Planning

09/00507/TPO Proposed felling of five sycamore and one hawthorne covered by NED TPO 184 at the Gables Retirement Home, Gables Close, Holmewood.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Williams, all voted in favour, that the Clerk raises the Council's objection to the proposed felling of the trees and the TPO's being removed. The Council wishes to ask on what basis are the TPO's being removed as 7 years ago TPO's were placed on the trees but now they are seemingly being removed.

Planning Decisions Conditionally Approved

09/00208/FL Erection of security lighting scheme consisting of 5 perimeter lights on 5 metres high posts and the installation of an automated number plate recognition camera mounted on existing post at the main entrance of Junction 29 Truckstop, Hardwick View Road, Holmewood for Mr L Grainger.

09/00021/AD Advertisement consent of 1 x free standing pole sign at GK Advance Accident Repairs, Hardwick View Road, Holmewood for Mr G Bradford.

09/00328/FLH Loft conversion and two storey extension to rear at Clovelly, Tibshelf Road, Holmewood for Mr J Swain.

Resolved: To note.

372-08/07/09 North East Derbyshire Development Framework – Climate Change and Renewable Energy – Proposal to draft the Parish Council's response

The Parish Council agreed that after studying the document they resolved not to make any comments on the paper.

Resolved: To note.

373-08/07/09 Proposal from Cllr Williams that the Parish Council updates the MUGA Floodlights

Cllr Williams advised that the youth meeting had asked why the floodlights were not working, the Clerk advised that the floodlights bulbs and fuses had been repaired on three occasions, but it appeared that the units now needed changing as three of the lights were not working. The Council discussed the options of either having the floodlights checked and then an upgrade on the lights or having wind down poles. They agreed the latter option would be too costly and it was resolved that the option

of having the electrical connections checked with an upgrade on the floodlights would be the best option. The Clerk to contact Field Electrical and Connor Electrical companies to receive quotations. The Clerk would then arrange for the best quotation to be used and the work to be carried out before September.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Cane-Soothill, all voted in favour, for the MUGA floodlights to be upgraded, the Clerk to gain quotes and then arrange for the work to be carried out before September.

374-08/07/09 Proposal from Cllr Williams that the Parish Council writes, prints and distributes a parish newsletter

It was reported that the Parish Council now no longer had a newsletter since the closure of CAPS . Councillors resolved that costings should be investigated before any agreement was made about the preparation and distribution of a newsletter. Councillors thought that it would be a good idea to perhaps circulate a newsletter on a quarterly basis.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Cornwell Ball that Cllr Williams arrange costings for the preparation, printing and distribution of a newsletter in the parish, all voted in favour. The Clerk to place the item on the September agenda.

375-08/07/09 Parishioner Complaint re Bus Shelters – Proposal to adopt a complaints procedure

The Clerk reported that complaints had been made to her via email and telephone calls about the cleaning of the bus shelters one opposite Springfield Road and the other at the end of the Memorial Gardens in Holmewood. The Clerk had consulted with DALC and they had advised to draw up a complaints procedure and set up a committee to deal with any complaints. DALC had provided a model complaints procedure and the Clerk had circulated this to all councillors.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Stone, seconded Cllr Sockett that the complaints procedure be adopted by the Parish Council, all voted in favour. Upon receipt of complaints, the Clerk to issue the forms, advising parishioners that workloads ebb and flow and that some tasks cannot be guaranteed to be completed on set days.

As there was no confidential item to be presented, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.