

HEATH & HOLMEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY THE 10th OF JUNE 2009 AT 7.00 PM.

346-10/06/09 In attendance:

Cllrs Cane- Soothill, (Acting Chair), Cornwell Ball, Slater, Smith, Sockett, Williams, Clerk K Steele and RFO M Buckle.

Agenda

Part One Non Exempt Information

347-10/06/09 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Acting Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. At this point of the meeting the RFO left.

348-10/06/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Chapman, Glasby and Stone.

Resolved: To note.

349-10/06/09 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

Resolved: To note.

350-10/06/09 Declarations of Interests

Cllrs Sockett and Cane-Soothill declared an interest in Planning - application refusal on Heath Common for S Walker and in late correspondence – hire of football pitch applications. Cllr Smith declared an interest in Accounts - seats and notice boards.

Resolved: To note.

351-10/06/09 Police Report and District/County Council Report

Police

No report available.

District Council

Councillors were told that a compulsory purchase order had been made on properties for the Clay Cross regeneration. District Council had been voted 25th out of 388 councils on their performance by the Audit Commission. Councillors were told to look out for special offers with Activo membership for gyms and swimming pools.

County Council

No report available.

352-10/06/09 To accept the Minutes of the May Meetings

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

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded: Cllr Slater, that the minutes of the annual parish meeting and the annual meeting of the Parish Council in May be accepted as a true record, all voted in favour. Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Slater, that the minutes of the Searston Avenue play area committee meeting held in May be accepted as true record, all voted in favour. Proposed: Cllr Cane-Soothill that the minutes of the HR committee be accepted as a true record, all voted in favour.

353-10/06/09 Report from the Clerk including action taken from previous meetings and correspondence received

Action Points

1. The lawn mower had been purchased and was being used by the caretaker.
2. Update on CCTV – The Clerk advised that the Chamber has advised there have been technical difficulties, but hopefully these are resolved.
3. Bus Shelter funding. The Clerk advised the Parish Council that the bus shelters are their assets and are insured for repair and damage. The yearly maintenance costs are minimal.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the bus companies to ask for a contribution towards the maintenance of the bus shelters.

At this point of the meeting the RFO returned.

Correspondence

1. Derbyshire Constabulary – Chief Superintendent Flint’s acknowledgement of Council’s letter of praise for the Beat Team.

Resolved: To note.

2. Derbyshire Environmental Trust – Viridor Credits Searston Avenue Holmewood. £10k funding from Viridor Credits has been agreed with £1k of this amount having to be funded from the Parish Council. £45k funding has been adopted, landfill operators are now being approached to see if they will accept the project for funding.

Resolved: To note.

3. Derbyshire Rural Community Council – Membership 2009-2010.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Sockett, seconded Cllr Cane-Soothill to renew the membership at a cost of £30, all voted in favour

4. DCC – East Derbyshire Greenway Strategy Review – Consultation

Resolved: To note, no comments.

5. Tuesday Friendship Club – Request for Section 137 Grant towards the cost of a summer trip and Christmas party.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Sockett, seconded: Cllr Williams, all voted in favour, to donate a section 137 grant of £250 now and to ask the Club to contact the Council nearer Christmas in order that they may consider another grant. The Clerk to also advise the Club to contact Cllr David Chapman to ask if Derbyshire County Council could consider a donation and the Clerk to ask for feedback/photos of the event and receipts for the expenditure.

6. Lets Connect Project – Request for Section 137 Grant towards the cost of a youth trip open to all in the parish to Skegness.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Sockett, seconded Cllr Williams, all voted in favour to donate a section 137 grant of £250 towards the cost of the day trip. The Clerk to ask the project for feedback and photos of the event and receipts for the expenditure incurred.

Late

7. Heath Primary school – Vehicle access for parents bringing children to school. A letter has been received from the Clerk to Governors at Heath Primary School

expressing concerns that vehicles dropping children off at the school near the stopped up area are unable to turn round due to cars being parked there between 8am and 6pm. The school is requesting a “waiting restriction” in the area and has contacted Highways at County Council and the police. The school is looking for Parish Council support in finding a solution to the problem.

Resolved: The Clerk to re-agenda the item in July, when County Councillor Chapman is present, the Clerk to write to Cllr Chapman with a copy of the letter from the school. The Clerk to contact the Clerk to Governors to ask if the parishioner in the area has been contacted for their views.

8. Shell UK Fuels Guard Card – Insurance against loss or theft of card.

Resolved: The Clerk to action.

9. NEDDC – North East Development Framework – Village Service Provision.

Resolved: The Clerk to write and advise that councillors think that there is a lack of services in the parish, namely diversity of shops eg fruit and veg shop, DIY etc, a community organisation, opticians and dentist.

10. NEDDC – Applications for Hire of Football Pitches. The Clerk advised two users had been notified from NEDDC, a new team from the Elm Tree and the present user of Holmewood Football Club.

Resolved: To note, no objections.

Items for Information

DALC – General Circulars

Eastern Community Partnership and Safer Neighbourhood Team

NEDDC – Members of the Ethical Standards Committee 28 May meeting

Derbyshire Constabulary – Report 2008 “Have your Say”

Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership – Biodiversity for public authorities

Sgt Hagues- email requesting a meeting with the Parish Council about Youth Diversionary Officers.

Resolved: To note, the Clerk to invite Sgt Hagues to the September meeting. The Clerk was also asked re DALC circular to look at locking the grit bins this winter and providing nearby householders with a key.

354-10/06/09 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 May is £66,739. If all outstanding projects are completed as projected, and running costs are as budgeted, the amount in reserves will be £10,500 which is £500 above the Council’s agreed amount. Section 137 expenditure to date is £715.00. The RFO was asked to contact Cllr Chapman to ask if the £200 donation he had given to the drug campaign for the police could be given to another group. The RFO advised that the Clerk had indicated that new notice boards were needed in the parish. Cllr Smith advised he could make some, but it was agreed that the Clerk should contact DALC for guidance on whether it was proper procedure.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Sockett, seconded Cllr Smith to accept the accounts for the two months ended 31 May 2009, and to accept the cash book payments for the end of May 2009, all voted in favour. The Clerk to contact DALC for advice to see whether councillors would be able to make and supply the noticeboards.

355-10/06/09 Planning

09/00394/FL Change of use from dwelling to residential care unit for adult brain injury involving minor alterations to building facades at 46 Heath Road, Holmewood

for M Johal.

0900021/AD Advertisement consent of 1 x free standing pole sign at GK Advance Accident Repairs Hardwick View Road, Holmewood for G Bradford.

Planning Decisions Refused

09/00243/FL Change of use of land at the rear of 8, 10, 12 and 14 Heath Common to garden land for Mr S Walker.

Resolved: To note, the Council to raise an objection to application no 09/00394/FL on the grounds that they have concerns over traffic flow. The Clerk to notify Planning accordingly.

356-10/06/09 North East Derbyshire Development Framework Core

Strategy Request

The Parish Council discussed the document and agreed their responses which were, they would like to see development and jobs in Heath and Holmewood and affordable housing. They disliked option one as little benefit to the community, they are neutral on options 2 and 3 and liked option 4, they favoured a railway station in Clay Cross. The Parish Council also mentioned the flooding problems experienced in Holmewood over the last two years particularly for residents on Tibshelf Road, Holmewood and the nearby roundabout.

Resolved: The Clerk to return the completed questionnaire to NEDDC and the Clerk to write to Cllr Chapman about the dangerous flooding on 10 June on Tibshelf Road and the nearby roundabout.

357-10/06/09 Proposal to purchase litter bin to be placed at the junction of Searston Avenue with Heath Road

The Council discussed the complaint they had received from a parishioner about litter and rats near the chip shop and sandwich shop. The Clerk advised that contact had already been made with the Environmental Health Officer and their investigations were awaited. Councillors agreed to purchase two litter bins and put one on Searston Avenue on the new road at the back of the farm and one outside the chip shop. Councillors also agreed that if future planning applications are received for takeaways, then litter bins/patrols should be considered.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Cornwell Ball, seconded Cllr Williams, all voted in favour to purchase two new litter bins one on Searston Avenue and the other near the chip shop. The Clerk to arrange and ask Steve Bale for advice on their locations.

358-10/06/09 Update on Searston Avenue Play Area Project – Report from Cllr Cornwell Ball

Councillors were told that the Youth Council bid had been sent in and would be considered at their July meeting. The youth project leaders will be invited to the meeting in July to do their presentation of the play area with photos. Biffaward are due to visit the play area on 25 June for a site visit. The Clerk will attend with Alison from District Council and Cllr Williams. Chris from the Youth Council will meet with Cllr Stone and Williams and they will brief him on the project bid which has been submitted. Councillors were advised that more local resident's feedback is required.

Resolved: Councillors to do more consultations with the parishioners and send them to the Clerk.

The meeting then proceeded to a confidential item.