

HEATH & HOLMEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY THE 9th OF JUNE 2010 AT 7.00 PM.

516-09/06/10 In attendance:

Cllrs Cornwell Ball, (Acting Chair), Bettney, Bond, Chapman (for part of the meeting), Slater, Sockett, Clerk K Steele, RFO M Buckle and PCSO Harrison.

Agenda

Part One Non Exempt Information

517-09/06/10 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. The Vice Chair was presiding over this month's meeting due to the Chair's work commitments.

Resolved: To note.

518-09/06/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Cane-Soothill, Glasby, Smith, Stone and Williams and PC Rawlinson.

Resolved: To note.

519-09/06/10 Public Forum

There were two members of the public present, Helen Grieg and Stevie Hatton, who were representing Action Housing and Support Ltd and had come to give a brief overview of the company and in particular the project at 120 Heath Road, Holmewood. They advised it had been set up as a charity from the Probation Service to help support offenders leaving prison, who may have complex needs. Support is also provided for people who have been in care. The project on Heath Road has been part of a project where 15 units across the borough had been identified where the charity would work with homeless people until they can prove they can live independently. The charity has leased the house at 120 Heath Road from Rykneld Homes and they have put investment into the property. Meetings have been held with the police, district councillors and direct neighbours. One meeting was held at Devonshire Terrace where around 25 residents attended. The charity has agreed to meet with the residents again in six months to monitor any problems. Helen and Stevie were asked by a parish councilor how successful the unit has been in stopping people re-offending. Councillors were told that there is no guarantee that any issues will not arise, but if they do they assured the Council that they will deal with them. Councillors were advised that the co-option that was due to take place would now be delayed until the meeting in July.

Resolved: The Chair thanked Action Housing for attending.

520-09/06/10 Declarations of Interests

None were declared.

Resolved: To note.

521-09/06/10 Police Report and District/County Council Report.

Police

The crime figures for May had been circulated and PCSO Kerry Harrison was introduced to the meeting. PCSO Harrison advised that the problems on Searston Avenue play area had appeared to have subsided and that the nuisance of little motorbikes was being dealt with. PCSO Harrison was asked to investigate people parking on Searston Avenue on double yellow lines near Hall Farm entrance. PCSO Harrison would pass this on to the traffic enforcement officers for them to investigate and deal with.

Resolved: To note.

District Council

No matters to report.

Resolved: To note.

County Council

Cllr Chapman advised that there had been a Safer Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 8 June which he had attended but the Parish Council had not been represented. The Clerk advised that all councillors had been advised of the meeting by letter or email and asked if a member can attend. Cllr Chapman advised that on Mornington Road, the HGV restriction could not be justified, but they would look at signs saying unsuitable for HGV vehicles. Cllr Chapman advised that a meeting had been held with the police regarding the traffic congestion at Twin Oaks car boot sales and another meeting was planned. The Clerk was asked to chase the Chair on the planning conditions which he was to look at as indicated in the May minutes.

522-09/06/10 To accept the Minutes of the May Meetings

The minutes of the annual parish meeting and the meeting of the annual meeting of the Parish Council held in May were accepted as a true record.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Bond, seconded Cllr Slater, that the minutes of the annual parish meeting held in May be accepted as a true record, all voted in favour.

Proposed: Cllr Bettney, seconded Cllr Bond, that the minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council be accepted as a true record, all voted in favour.

523-09/06/10 Report from the Clerk including action taken from previous meetings and correspondence received

Action Points:

1. Sharley Park Leisure Centre closure – The Clerk reported that the Clerk's assistant at Clay Cross Parish Council had advised that at the moment it was just rumours and the Council would let people know if there was anything concrete to report.
2. Business Advisor – Cllr Cornwell Ball reported that she had spoken to the people involved and was waiting a response. Cllr Cornwell Ball advised that the money may not be available but that it was thought that it may be beneficial to get someone in the local area to help with businesses. An update would be provided at the July meeting.
3. JKE – Quotation received for £318 to seal the MUGA light unit to prevent the problems with the CCTV. The Clerk to order the work to be done asking JKE to use the light the Council already has and to adjust the invoice accordingly.
4. Responses to Council request for "Events Committee members" The Clerk reported there had been no responses to the recent advertisements on the noticeboards and

website and of the seven letters sent to people who had expressed an interest in the committee on the Searston Avenue play area questionnaire, only one had responded advising they were no longer interested in getting involved. The Clerk was asked to report back in July to see if any of the other six, who had been sent letters, come forward.

5. Drainage on the playing fields. Cllr Sockett gave a report on the lease advising that it is for 30 years with Derbyshire County Council and had been renewed in 2008. The Clerk was asked to contact Holmewood Cricket Club about the insurance on the scoreboard and big container on the cricket field as the lease advised that any buildings on the field must be insured. The Clerk was asked to check with District Council about activities on the field being insured. The Clerk was asked to instruct the caretaker to do 4 visits to assess the playing field for risks/issues to anyone using it. It was felt that the next step is to write to Derbyshire County Council advising that it has been brought to our attention that the cricket club and football club have complained on several occasions about the water standing on the field causing them to have to cancel their games. Under the terms of the Parish Council's tenancy agreement councillors considered it was not their responsibility to pay for the huge amount it would cost to alleviate the problems. The Clerk was asked to contact Derbyshire County Council to ask them to send someone to assess the situation.

Correspondence

1. DCC – Parish and Town Liaison Forum. Presentation and survey from meeting held on 22 April 2010. Asking for Parish Council representation at the next meeting to be held on 21 October 2010.

Resolved: Cllr Cornwell Ball will attend the meeting in October.

2. L Herberts – Request for section 137 grant to assist in climb to base camp on Mount Everest.

Resolved: The Clerk to reply advising that the criteria for section 137 grants is set for local groups in the parish of Heath & Holmewood to benefit, so on this occasion a donation cannot be made to a sole person.

3. NEDDC – District and Parish Liaison Group – Next meeting to be held on 21 July 2010 at 6pm at NEDDC offices, Saltergate.

Resolved: The Clerk to advise Cllr Cornwell Ball and Cllr Slater will attend.

4. DCC – Bus Shelters. Request to check which bus shelters have lighting and are working at night.

Resolved: The Clerk to complete forms once nights are darker.

5. Derbyshire Environmental Trust – Landfill Communities Fund – End of project completion and plaque. Letter of thanks for submitting the end of project form and a cheque for £10,000. Plaque also received to display on the play area.

Resolved: The Clerk to advise DET where the plaque has been displayed.

Late

6. Section 137 grant request from Tuesday Friendship Club for costs towards summer outing for the community.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Cornwell Ball, seconded Cllr Bond, to donate a section 137 grant donation of £250, all voted in favour.

7. Rev A Love – Community and Youth Worker interested in the Parish Council.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Rev Love to advise that the Council would be delighted to invite him to the September meeting.

8. Let's Connect – Request for Section 137 grant for summer holiday activities club.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Slater, seconded Cllr Bond, to donate a section 137 grant of £250, all voted in favour.

9. Heath Village Community Association – Request for additional rubbish bin in Heath Village.

Resolved: Proposed Cllr Cornwell Ball, seconded Cllr Bettney that the Clerk agendas the item for July, all voted in favour.

Items for Information

DALC – General Circulars

NEDDC – Eastern Community Partnership and Safer Neighbourhood Team Meeting 8 June 2010 – Agenda for meeting and minutes from 30 March meeting.

NEDDC – Ethical Standards Committee 27 May 2010 meeting.

Resolved: To note.

524-09/06/10 Accounts – Report from RFO. To include review on Fidelity

Insurance Cover

The RFO passed the accounts to all councillors. The RFO discussed the accounts for May and told the Council that the cash balance at the end of May is £65,199 after receiving £47,125 from NEDDC for the first half of the precept. The RFO reminded councillors that if all outstanding projects are completed as projected, and running costs are as budgeted, the amount in reserves will be £18,080 which is £8,080 above the Council's agreed amount. The RFO reminded councillors that a total of £955.74 from the general projects budget has been spent, which leaves £23,988.26 to be spent before the end of March 2011. Any shortfall in spend will be carried into the next financial year. The RFO reminded councillors that he was now preparing the first draft precept for 2011/2012 and all councillors are invited to present projects to the Council. It was noted that seats had an amount unspent and the Clerk was asked to agenda the item for July and Cllr Sockett would check the plaque on the existing one. It was also agreed that Cllr Sockett would look at alternative quotes for the Council's insurance. The Clerk was asked to place this on the February agenda. The Fidelity guarantee was reviewed and left as it was and councillors agreed to review the amount covered just before the year end 2011. The Clerk was asked to place this on the February agenda.

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

525-09/06/10 Planning

10/00382/FLH Construction of first floor extension over existing ground floor (conservation area) at Rose Cottage, Mansfield Road, Heath for Mr & Mrs Milne.

10/00388/FL Construction of detached house with integral garage (plot 4) at land adjacent to the west side of 1 Heath Road, Heath for Hyde UK Ltd.

Resolved: To note, no objections.

526-09/06/10 Proposal to consider painting over graffiti in brick bus shelters

A quotation had been provided by Mr K Burrell to paint all the brick bus shelters at a cost of £470.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Bond, seconded Cllr Slater to accept the quotation of £470 provided by Mr K Burrell, all voted in favour.

527-09/06/10 Update on War Memorial Committee. Proposal to verify to Hoult's Memorials, the final names to be placed on the War Memorial

The Clerk advised that Shirland Band had been contacted about the change of date and they had not yet indicated they could do this. Councillors agreed to save confusion the existing date of Sunday 24 October should be retained. The Clerk was asked to contact the band to advise them of this. The Clerk advised that the school had been contacted about the schoolchildren designing posters for the service and schoolchildren reading war stories at the service. The Clerk hoped to have a reply before the July meeting. The Clerk was asked to order a banner from Chatsworth Signs which could be put across the front of the Pavilion advertising the service. The Clerk advised that the caretaker would be unable to loan his equipment to the Council. The Clerk was asked to investigate if anyone else had a microphone for the day. Councillors agreed that an amount of up to £1,000 be set to pay for the band, printing costs for the posters and a buffet at St Albans. The Clerk was asked to book a caterer for sandwiches and cakes, advising there would be around £250 for the buffet. The Clerk reported that the Council had not been contacted by anyone to make any alterations or additions to the names published. Councillors agreed that Hoult's Memorials should be given permission to start placing the names on the memorial. Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Bettney, seconded: Cllr Slater, all voted in favour that the Clerk advises Shirland band that the original date booked of Sunday 24 October stands. Proposed: Cllr Sockett, seconded Cllr Bond that the Council allows up to £1,000 to pay for the band, printing costs and a buffet all voted in favour. Proposed: Cllr Cornwell Ball, seconded Cllr Bettney that the Clerk write to Hoult's Memorials to authorise the placing of the names on the war memorial as per the definitive list given to them, all voted in favour.

528-09/06/10 Report on Searston Avenue Play Area – Report from Cllr Cornwell Ball on CCTV and litter bin provision

Councillors were told that two extra litter bins had been ordered from NEDDC. They would install them as soon as they arrived from the manufacturer. The Clerk advised the litter situation was still extremely dire on the play area on Searston Avenue. The Clerk advised that the CCTV camera had been ordered but there was a problem with power being provided to the camera. The costs would be provided from Advance to the Council hopefully for the July meeting.

Resolved: To await the quote for power costs from Advance.

The meeting then proceeded to a confidential item.