

HEATH & HOLMEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY THE 14th OF OCTOBER 2009 AT 7.00 PM.

392-14/10/09 In attendance:

Cllrs Stone, (Chair), Cane – Soothill, Cornwell Ball, Slater, Smith, Sockett, Williams, Clerk K Steele RFO M Buckle, Jackie King - Owen from Enable Housing, and County Councillor Chapman for part of the meeting.

Agenda

Part One Non Exempt Information

393-14/10/09 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

394-14/10/09 Apologies for Absence

An apology had been received from Cllr Glasby.

Resolved: To note.

395-14/10/09 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

Resolved: To note.

396-14/10/09 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Cane-Soothill declared an interest in Planning.

Resolved: To note.

397-14/10/09 Enable Housing – Report from Jackie King – Owen on their work in the parish

Jackie advised the Council that the Enable Group had purchased the former Jolly Farmer pub and said that the group wanted to form links with the community. A local recruitment drive was to be carried out and they would be holding a job fair. Leaflets advertising it would be distributed to the community and the Parish Council offered to advertise it on their website. Jackie advised that the building had been made wheelchair friendly and wheelchair users could stop off there for changing facilities. 15 apprentices had been taken on into permanent positions out of 40 trainees, they would now be going on to complete NVQ level 3. Cllr Cornwell Ball, on behalf of the Parish Council, thanked Jackie for attending the meeting.

398-14/10/09 Police Report and District/County Council Report

Police

There was no police report.

District Council

Councillors were advised of the Operation Relentless and the 25 plus Vehicle Watch

initiative. Information was passed around about the energy efficiency advice that District Council is to be handing out at meetings in the District, the nearest one to this parish being on Wednesday 21 October at North Wingfield Community Centre between 10am and 2pm and 5pm till 7pm. The Clerk was asked to display this information on the website. Warnings were also issued that local council employees will be visiting homes over the next couple of months who have failed to return their electoral roll registration forms. This could be an opportunity for distraction burglaries.

County Council

At this moment Cllr Chapman was not present.

Resolved: To note.

399-14/10/09 To accept the Minutes of the September Meetings

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

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

Proposed: Cllr Cornwell Ball, seconded Cllr Williams that the minutes of the Searston Avenue play area committee meeting held in September be accepted as a true record, all voted in favour.

400-14/10/09 Report from the Clerk including action taken from previous meetings and correspondence received

Action Points:

1. Environmental Health Litter Campaign. The Clerk advised that a letter had been sent to the Team inviting them to the November meeting to assist the Parish Council in a litter campaign. The Clerk has been told there was no one available to attend the evening meetings but that District Council in conjunction with Rykneld Homes had mounted a campaign on Hunloke Road, about the fly tipping etc, a copy of the letter was made available to all councillors. It was agreed that Cllr Williams would pursue the litter campaign with the Environmental Health Team.
2. MUGA Floodlights. The Clerk reported there appeared to be problems with the floodlights. Field Electrical would return and investigate.
3. War Memorial Cleaning and Maintenance. The Clerk advised this would be carried out before the Remembrance Sunday service and Cllr Williams would lay the wreath at the memorial on Remembrance Sunday and the Clerk and Cllr Slater would attend the service on Remembrance Day at All Saints Church, Heath to lay the wreath.
4. Update on CCTV. The Clerk reported that Advance had been contacted to request that the Parish Council has a viewing of the system. The Clerk was told that the Chamber of Commerce was their client and that Gordon Booth was setting up a viewing. The Chair will email Advance and Derbyshire Chamber.

The Clerk also advised that the seat on Shire Lane had been demolished by a car. The insurance company had requested quotes for a new seat. The Clerk would obtain some and send them .

Resolved: To note the above and to report back to November meeting.

Correspondence

1. Traffic congestion and parking near the Twin Oaks car boot sale. A letter has been received from Glapwell Parish Council who were concerned about the traffic congestion caused by the sales and the fatality at one sale where emergency vehicles could not gain access due to illegal parking. Glapwell Parish Council were asking Heath & Holmewood Parish Council and Ault Hucknall Parish Council to support them in a request of a on site inspection during the sales.

Resolved: Cllr Sockett, seconded Cllr Stone, all voted in favour, that the Clerk contacts Glapwell Parish Council and supports their request for an on site inspection during one of the sales.

2. Holmewood Allotments. The Clerk reported that a letter had been passed to the Council from a resident about a consultation on an area in Holmewood earmarked for development and whether residents would like part of the land for allotments. It was presumed the area may be at the bottom of Hunloke Road.

Resolved: To note, Cllr Williams to investigate the letter and consult with District Planning Dept particularly on the compulsory purchase order.

3. NEDDC – District/Parish Liaison Group meeting to be held on 18 November 2009.

Resolved: Cllr Williams to attend, the Clerk to advise District Council.

4. DCC – Young Achiever’s Award 2009. Requests for nominations to be made.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Cornwell Ball, seconded Cllr Stone that the Council nominates Chris Kirk, Laura Spencer and Jayne Turner for their work on the Searston Avenue play area, all voted in favour.

5. DCC - Proposed Speed Limit changes to 30mph on the section of Williamthorpe Road nearest the roundabout at Holmewood and a 50mph limit from Holmewood to the motorway roundabout at Heath due to the poor injury accident record along this route.

Resolved: To note that two councillors are not in favour of the proposed changes, but no comments to be made to DCC.

6. Natascha Engel – Confirmation of signing the Early Day Motion 1545 on behalf of the Parish Council.

Resolved: To note.

7. Parishioner Requests for Co-option onto the Parish Council. Two requests had been received. The Clerk advised that an information sheet had been prepared on the Council and a form for prospective candidates to complete. The Council agreed to invite the parishioners to the November meeting and resolved to form a policy where it CRB checks all its councillors and staff.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Stone, seconded Cllr Smith that the Clerk invite the two parishioners to the November meeting, to ask them to carry out a five minute presentation as to why they wish to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. The Clerk to agenda the co-option item for the November meeting. Cllr Slater to investigate the CRB checks and liaise with the Clerk.

At this point of the meeting County Councillor Chapman advised that the recent flooding at Williamthorpe roundabout had resulted in the gullies being jetted and cleaned. County Councillor Chapman then left the meeting at this point.

Late

8. Parishioners correspondence on the floods near the Enable Housing roundabout and blocked drains on Tibshelf Road, Holmewood. The Clerk reported that County Council had jetted the gullies and the residents on Glebe Close had been given

District Council's emergency flooding advice.

Resolved: To note, and to await further action from County Council.

9. Section 137 grant request for contribution towards the cost of the Holmewood Christmas Illuminations Event on 27 November 2009. Councillors agreed to meet at the Memorial Gardens on Saturday 21 November to put the Christmas tree and lights up.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Slater to donate a section 137 grant of £250 to assist with the cost of the Holmewood Christmas Illuminations Event, all voted in favour.

Items for Information

DALC – General Circulars

DRCC AGM Agenda – invitations already emailed

Resolved: To note.

401-14/10/09 Accounts – Report from RFO.

The RFO passed the accounts to all councillors. The RFO discussed the accounts for September and told the Council that the cash balance at the end of September is £76,674 without any amount on deposit. The second half of the precept amounting to £46,200 had been credited to the Council's bank 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 £10,115 which is £115 above the Council's agreed amount. Section 137 expenditure to date is £1,915. Agreement has been made to pay the £450 to the newly formed football club. This is made up of £200 from DCC and £250 section 137 grant from the Parish Council.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Sockett to accept the accounts for the six months ended 30 September 2009, and to accept the cash book payments for the end of September 2009, all voted in favour.

402-14/10/09 Planning

09/00567/FL Siting of portacabin as office accommodation at Ellen House, Heath Road, Holmewood for Enable Care.

09/00774/FLH Construction of front porch and decking to the rear at Ythan House, Heath Road, Holmewood for Mr Hallett.

Resolved: To note, no objections.

Planning - Conditionally Approved

09/00647/FLH Extension to the side of the property including the demolition of a single storey porch/lobby (conservation area) at 1 Church Cottage, Mansfield Road, Heath for Mr Charlesworth.

Resolved: To note.

403-14/10/09 Update on Searston Avenue Play Area Project – Report from Cllr Cornwell Ball

Councillors were advised that District Council had received the tenders from several playground manufacturers with a budget of between £81k - £83k. Alison was consulting with the local youth groups today (14 October). A meeting of the Searston Avenue play area committee was to take place on the 19th of October when the consultation results and tenders would be presented and a proposal for a final decision on the choice of playground manufacturer could be made.

Resolved: To note and await an update from the meeting on 19th of October.

404-14/10/09 Proposal from Cllr Williams that the Parish Council consider the costings of writing, printing and distributing a parish newsletter. Report from Cllr Williams

Cllr Williams reported that a quotation had been sought and she would chase it up.

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

405-14/10/09 TM Travel bus service 73 through Heath Village

Councillors were told that some parishioners had expressed concern about the number of service 73 buses that run through Heath Village which were empty and were double deckers.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Sockett, seconded Cllr Stone that the Clerk writes to DCC and requests that if there are few people using the service, could they put smaller buses on, all voted in favour.

406-14/10/09 Proposal to consider purchase of new water pump/bowser for the summer of 2010

Quotations had been received from Civic Pride and LBS. The prices were between £935 to £1,325 for a water bowser which could be loaded onto the back of the parish truck. Cllr Sockett agreed to look at a replacement pump he could obtain and report back to the November meeting.

Resolved: Cllr Sockett to bring details of the pump to the November meeting.

407-14/10/09 Parish Council representation at unveiling of War Memorial at Ypres – Report from Cllr Cornwell Ball

Cllr Cornwell Ball told the Council of her forthcoming visit to Ypres to the unveiling of the War Memorial in memory of the Sherwood Foresters Regiment. A wreath and crosses were to be laid on behalf of the Parish Council.

Resolved: The Clerk to write a thank you letter to J Vardy who had obtained a wreath and crosses for the Parish Council to lay at the war memorial in Ypres.

408-14/10/09 Annual Award Nominations 2010

The Clerk advised that one nomination had been received and that the closing date for nominations was 31 December 2009.

Resolved: The Clerk to agenda the item for the January 2010 meeting, once all nominations had been received.

As there was no confidential item to be presented, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.