

HEATH & HOLMEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY THE 9th OF SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.00 PM.

376-09/09/09 In attendance:

Cllrs Stone, (Chair), Cane – Soothill, Cornwell Ball, Slater, Smith, Williams, Clerk K Steele RFO M Buckle and one member of the public.

Agenda

Part One Non Exempt Information

377-09/09/09 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting after the summer break.

378-09/09/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Glasby and Sockett.

Resolved: To note.

379-09/09/09 Public Forum

There was one member of the public present who had come to assist Cllr Williams with the presentation of the newsletter agenda item.

Resolved: To note.

380-09/09/09 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Cane-Soothill declared an interest in Planning.

Resolved: To note.

381-09/09/09 Police Report and District/County Council Report

Police

There was no police report.

District Council

Councillors were advised of correspondence from Sir Jeremy Beecham of the Local Government Association advising that means testing for concessionary bus fares is not the solution and bus fare concessions are popular with pensioners and encourage people not to use their cars, thereby easing congestion. Details were passed to councillors of the Place Survey 2008 in North East Derbyshire. Cllr Williams would be attending the Derbyshire Film Club meeting on Friday 20 November and would report back to Council at the December meeting.

County Council

There was no County Council report.

Resolved: To note.

382-09/09/09 To accept the Minutes of the July Meeting

The minutes of the full Parish Council meeting held in July were accepted as a true record.

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

383-09/09/09 Parishioner Complaint – Bus Shelter on Heath Road, opposite Springfield Road

The Clerk advised that a written complaint had been received about the bus shelter. It stated that the shelters were being used as a toilet and that the method of cleaning does not remove the smell and the walls are messy. The Clerk had also received another written complaint about the bottom of Hunloke Road becoming flooded when it rains due to blocked drains and the fly tipping and overgrown grass near the public footpath along with moss growing on the pavement at the bottom of Hunloke Road and overhanging trees from the car park.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the parishioner advising that the Council will continue cleaning the bus shelters once a week with the strongest disinfectant they are able to use under COSHH regulations. They agreed that the shelters should be inspected during the week, and if it was felt they were in need of another clean, this would be carried out on an ad hoc basis. Regarding the second complaint, the Clerk would write to District and County Council to ask them to investigate the complaints and to the parishioners to advise who the Parish Council had contacted and to await the findings of the investigation.

384-09/09/09 Report from the Clerk including action taken from previous meetings and correspondence received

Action Points:

1. Parking outside Heath Primary School. The Clerk advised that a letter had been sent to the school governors asking them to provide names of the offending companies on the HGV's parking in front of the school. The Clerk advised a reply had not yet been received.
2. New parish noticeboards. These were now almost complete.
3. Environmental Health Assessment Report on Searston Avenue. The report concluded that the area was spotless with no sign of rubbish or vermin. It was indicated that placing bins in the area was pointless as previously they were either stolen or smashed up. The Clerk would forward the report to Cllr Cornwell Ball for her to advise the parishioner accordingly.
4. Caretaker report on litter and suggestions for seating. The caretaker has confirmed that litter is becoming a big problem in the parish. The worst areas are Heath Estate, outside the chip shop on Searston Avenue and outside the new Pizza takeaway on Heath Road. Councillors agreed that a litter campaign should be mounted in the parish and the Clerk should write to Environmental Health Team and invite them to the November meeting to discuss starting the campaign, and also invite the community police beat team to this meeting also. The caretaker suggested that new seats were needed one near the Gables Home, mounted into the grass area, the side of the bus stop, near Railway Cottages and at the top of Springfield Road, Holmewood. Councillors agreed that replacement of seating should be considered as a project and budgeted for next year.
5. MUGA floodlights – all now operational, the old units have been replaced with new ones by Field Electrical.

Correspondence

1. Hoult's Memorials – Quotation for the maintenance of the war memorial of £300 plus VAT for the first visit and then at an annual cost of £175 plus VAT.

Resolved: Cllr Cane Soothill, seconded Cllr Stone to accept the quotation, all voted in favour. The Clerk to contact Hoult's Memorials to ask them to clean and maintain the war memorial.

2. DCC – Surface water – Main Street, Heath. Advising that the Highways Manager could not find standing water or drainage problems. They would monitor the situation under inclement weather. Residents were asked to provide photographs of the flooding incidents.

Resolved: To note, Cllr Sockett to review.

3. East Midlands Regional Assembly – Regional Plan Partial Review.

Resolved: To note, no comment to be made.

4. DCC – Surface water- Tibshelf Road, Holmewood. Advising that arrangements had been made for the gullies to be jet cleaned.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to County Council to advise that on Friday 4 September after heavy rain private drives were flooded again as a result of excess/heavy rain on the highway.

5. British Youth Council – Local Councillor Shadowing.

Resolved: Councillors agreed that the Parish Council not to take part at the moment.

Late

6. Holmewood Cricket Club and Elm Tree FC – Letter of thanks received for section 137 grant donations.

Resolved: To note.

7. NEDDC – Chair's Appeal – Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice Fund.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Stone to donate a section 137 grant of £100 to the NEDDC Chair's Appeal, all voted in favour.

8. Derbyshire County PCT – AGM to be held at the Winding Wheel at 5pm.

Resolved: To note, the Parish Council not to attend.

9. NEDDC – Eastern Community Partnership and Safer Neighbourhood Team Meeting. Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 16 September at Temple Normanton Parish Church at 6.30pm.

Resolved: Cllr Williams to attend, work permitting.

10. Local Works promoting the Sustainable Communities Act – More powers for Parish Councils. A campaign to involve Parish Councils in government action to promote or protect thriving communities.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr Stone, all voted in favour that the Clerk write to Natascha Engel asking her to sign early day motion no 1545 in support of the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill.

11. NEDDC – Ethical Standards Committee Meeting – 10 September 2009.

Resolved: To note.

12. Letter from parishioner re dog dirt outside Heath Primary School and hedge cutting on Slack Lane. The Clerk advised contact had been made with the dog warden and they would be patrolling the area to attempt to catch offenders.

Resolved: Councillors agreed that the letter could not be given further consideration and replied to as there were no contact details provided.

Items for Information

NEDDC – 51st North East Derbyshire Brass Band Festival

DALC – General Circulars

Derbyshire Constabulary – Damage to seat at top of Masefield Avenue- crime ref no
Resolved: To note.

385-09/09/09 Accounts – Report from RFO. Proposal to accept the draft Precept document 2010/2011

The RFO passed the accounts to all councillors. The RFO discussed the accounts for July and August and told the Council that the cash balance at the end of August is £34,539. If all outstanding projects are completed as projected, and running costs are as budgeted, the amount in reserves will be £10,128 which is £128 above the Council's agreed amount. Section 137 expenditure to date is £1,915. Councillors then discussed the draft precept document. Councillors agreed that in view of the amount in outstanding projects and the current recession, it would be prudent not to raise the precept by more than 2%. This increase would cover the day to day expenditure. A proposal was therefore made by Cllr Cane- Soothill, seconded Cllr Cornwell Ball to increase the precept by 2%. The RFO would send off the request to District Council with all the associated documents. The RFO also informed Council that the Audit Commission had been in contact with him to inform that the Council needed to make an amendment to the March 2008 accounts to amend the comparative figures.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Cane – Soothill, seconded Cllr Smith to accept the accounts for the four months ended 31 July 2009 and for the five months ended 31 August 2009, and to accept the cash book payments for the end of July and August 2009, all voted in favour. Proposed: Cllr Cane – Soothill, seconded Cllr Cornwell Ball to increase the precept for 2010/2011 by 2%, all voted in favour. The RFO to send the request and associated documentation to NEDDC by 28 December 2009. Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Stone, seconded Cllr Smith to agree the amendment to the March 2008 comparative figures on page two of the Audit annual return, all voted in favour.

386-09/09/09 Planning

09/00394/FL Application for advertisement consent for display of an illuminated sign at St Alban's Church, Heath Road, Holmewood for the Parochial Church.

09/00499/AD Application for advertisement consent for the erection of one non-illuminated board sign advertising two residential developments near the site Elm Tree Inn for Mr D Fisher.

09/00647/FL 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 E Charlesworth

09/00643/FL Construction of a detached property including boundary treatments – construction of double garage and stone shed and formation of hardstandings (conservation area) at land immediately to north of Ledum House, Main Road, Heath for Mr and Mrs Aram.

09/00499/AD Application for advertisement consent for the erection of one non illuminated sign board advertising 2 residential developments near the site(conservation area) at the Elm Tree Inn Heath for Mr D Fisher – **application withdrawn.**

Resolved: The Clerk advised that one councillor had raised concerns over application 09/00394/FL the display of an illuminated sign and Planning had been notified of the councillor's concerns.

Planning - Conditionally Approved

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.

09/00484/AD Application for advertisement consent for display of an illuminated sign at St Alban's Centre, Heath Road, Holmewood for Heath Parochial Church.

Planning - Refused:

09/00507/TPO Proposed felling of five sycamore and one hawthorne covered by NED TPO 184 at the Gables Retirement Home, Gables Close, Holmewood for Mr O'Brien
Resolved: To note.

387-09/09/09 Update on Searston Avenue Play Area Project – Report from Cllr Cornwell Ball

Councillors were advised that funding had been achieved of £10k from Viridor Credits (£9k from Viridor, £1k from Parish Council). £15k from Derbyshire County Council Youth Capital fund. £6,200 from the section 106 grant and feasibility study, £50k from the Playbuilder fund and £5k from Rykneld Homes, making a total of £86,200. Councillors thanked the Clerk for all the hard work carried out in gaining the funding. District Council could now go out to tender for the work and gain the youth club's opinions on design etc. It was anticipated that the work could start possibly at the end of November. Councillors were told that the work had to be completed by the end of March 2010 and County Council had approved the lease on the play area.

Resolved: To note, to await the result of District Council's tenders.

388-09/09/09 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 circulated a draft newsletter to all councillors and it was agreed that Cllr Williams would produce 100 and bring the cost of producing and printing a newsletter to the October meeting.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Cane – Soothill, seconded Cllr Stone that Cllr Williams looks at the cost of producing say 100 and brings the cost to the October meeting, all voted in favour.

389-09/09/09 CCTV – Consideration of extra costs provided by Derbyshire Chamber of Commerce

Councillors were told that some extra work needed to be done on Devonshire Terrace as the lamppost sign had failed its windage test, this was now being addressed by the Chamber of Commerce. The third CCTV camera was to be placed on the MUGA floodlight but it required a permanent electricity supply rather than the timer that was on now. The Clerk reported that JKE were in the process of preparing a quote for the Chamber of Commerce and it was suggested that the cost would be approximately £500. The Clerk was instructed that if no progress is being made to contact Advance and ask what work is required to bring it up to standard. When Advance have advised the work that needs completing, the Clerk should then contact electrical contractors to provide quotations of the cost of any work which needs to be carried out. The Clerk also reported that correspondence had been received from Derbyshire Chamber asking the Council to consider the on demand monitoring at a cost of £150 per month plus VAT.

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Cane – Soothill, seconded Cllr Williams, that if further progress is not made, the Clerk is authorised to contact Advance and ask other electrical contractors for quotations for any work required to bring the CCTV up to standard, and not to go ahead with the on demand monitoring service for the time being, all voted in favour.

390-09/09/09 Proposal to consider purchase of new water pump/bowser for the summer of 2010

The Clerk explained that during the summer watering season, the bowser had broken down and Richards Nurseries had repaired it. Councillors agreed that a larger water bowser was required possibly to hold 1000 litres. It was agreed that Cllr Smith would obtain quotes and bring them to the October meeting for further discussion and possible agreement.

Resolved: Cllr Smith to obtain quotes, the Clerk to put this item on the October agenda.

391-09/09/09 Proposal by Cllr Cornwell Ball to nominate Council member to provide a report of Parish Council meeting/minutes in the Derbyshire Times Local News Column

Resolved: Proposed: Cllr Cornwell Ball , seconded Cllr Stone that the Clerk provides a report to the Derbyshire Times of council meetings/minutes, all voted in favour.

As there was no confidential item to be presented, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.