

**DUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**AT THE PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Councillors M. Drewry (Chair), B. Cockburn, A. Kaye, V. Parkin and A. Pestell

In attendance: Councillor Steve Webber and two members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Devons.

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September were accepted as an accurate record

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1 Land at Middlecliffe**

It was reported that this land, which had been up for auction, had not met the guide price of £25,000. Jo Birch at Barnsley MBC had reported that this had not been designated as a playground. According to the Green Space Strategy it does not have 'green space' status but could still be classed as a play area. The nearby strip of land is however classed as green space, so is unlikely to be sold for development.

**IT WAS AGREED** that the Clerk will contact Barnsley MBC to ask that the plot of land in question be removed from sale.

**3.2 Crowedge Play Area**

It was reported that a boulder has been placed at one end of the 'zip wire', which needs to be removed. The Clerk had attempted to contact Jo Birch at Barnsley MBC, without success, to ascertain the status of the required safety inspections for the play area as concern was expressed that the inspection was overdue. Councillor Drewry reported that a quote for a three metre fence had been received from Lightmain at £21,700 plus VAT and queried if the Banks Foundation would possibly fund this. Councillor Pestell felt that this was unlikely as there is no longer a landfill issue. Councillor Drewry provided contact details for Banks Foundation for Councillor Pestell. There is a possibility that the Area Forum could be approached for a contribution towards the cost of the fencing.

Chair:

Date:

**IT WAS AGREED** that the Clerk will contact Jo Birch again for this information and will also look through previous minutes to establish when the last inspection took place and report back to the next meeting.

#### **4. COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

It was reported that as a letter had been received by Barnsley MBC (Electoral Services) signed by ten or more electors requesting an election, the councillor vacancy could not be filled by co-option and an election would have to take place during mid to late November.

#### **5. DUNFORD PARISH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

It was reported that Lindsey Cooke will be resigning from her post in the near future. There has been no recent progress to report on funding. Hepworths are to increase the lease to 25 years on a peppercorn rent and have agreed to carry out pointing and drainage work and to replace chippings at the front of the building. Lindsey's husband is to provide a quote for fencing. Councillor Drewry asked that Councillor Pestell compile a report documenting the work Lindsey had completed to date, as her post was part funded by the DPRA and Hepworths and there should be an audit trail. There is some confusion around the DPRA bank account which Lindsey and Councillor Pestell are responsible for. Bank statements should be available at the next meeting, which is scheduled to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

#### **6. DUNFORD PARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Berneslai Homes had booked the hall for a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October but this has now been cancelled at short notice. The DPCA agreement has now been signed and copies were distributed.

#### **7. YOUTH CLUB MATTERS**

Nothing to report.

#### **8. WOODHEAD/NATIONAL GRID**

A consultation event, organised by the National Grid, is to take place in the Woodhead Tunnel on 4<sup>th</sup> October to ask local people their views on the control building and the possible impact on the environment. Councillors expressed concern at how effective the event could be in taking the views of local people on board. Councillor Drewry agreed to attend the event and will report back at the next meeting.

#### **9. COMBINED MEMBERS MEETING**

It was agreed that this should remain a standing agenda item.

## **10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No planning applications have been received, despite the clerk having checked with BMBC planning. This will be followed up again as concern was expressed that once again the parish council was not being sent copies of applications.

## **11. ACCOUNTS APPROVAL**

The accounts from the last meeting were approved.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chief Executive of Barnsley MBC had responded to Councillor Drewry's letter about gritting on Don View. Unfortunately the situation remains the same and the Council will not consider gritting non-primary routes as they state it is unsafe for lorries to turn round.

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillors expressed concern that they had not received mail from the CPRE and the LGA, which was unusual. The clerk will write to the organisations concerned giving them the new clerk contact details so that this problem does not arise in the future. The Clerk was asked to send £20 annual subscription to the YRCC.

It was reported that Stagecoach was conducting a survey on several bus routes asking for customer comments. It was felt that this would be a good way for people to report problems they had been experiencing with the bus service.

Councillors Drewry, Pestell and Parkin agreed to meet on 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. in order to finalise the Clerk's contract of employment.

## **14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30 p.m. At the Parish Community Centre.