

DUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

AT THE PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

In attendance: Councillor Steve Webber (BMBC) and one member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor L. Devons

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November were accepted as an accurate record

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.2 – *Crowedge Play Area*: The youth shelter is to be relocated at the request of the Area Forum Officer as this was a temporary feature. There is a possibility of funding from the Area Forum for replacement equipment. Some of the equipment may need replacing when the playground inspections start. Barnsley has been awarded £1.1m to spend on playgrounds but it has not yet been established how the funding will be allocated. It was pointed out that land at Victoria was listed as grazing land, which is not correct.

IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk will find out from Jo Birch when the inspections will start and will write to Martin Fensom at the Parks Department regarding the error in respect of the listing of grazing land at Victoria.

5 - *Dunford Parish Plan*: The Parish Plan, which was produced in 2004, needs to be revised as priorities for the area may have changed. This was funded through Objective 1. There is a charge of £250 per day for consultation work on developing the new plan but it was felt that some of the preliminary work could be done by the Council. There is also a need to produce a regular newsletter to raise the profile of the Council and involve the community more.

IT WAS AGREED that there is a need to think about how consultation around the Parish Plan will be carried out and therefore this item will be a standing item on the agenda. It was also agreed that the Clerk will find out charges for printing the newsletter and will liaise with the Chair to apply for funding from the Area Forum for this.

Joint Strategic Waste Development Plan: It was agreed that the Clerk will find out the current situation and how it might affect the parish of Dunford.

4. NEW COUNCILLOR

Chair:

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Date:

Kath Mitchell of Pennine Cottage, Hazlehead, Crowedge, Sheffield, S36 4HJ, agreed and signed the Declaration of acceptance of office, Code of Conduct and Register of Interests.

5. DUNFORD PARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the DPCA, Doreen tendered her resignation. Barbara Cockburn was elected as Chair, Amos Kaye was elected as Vice-Chair. Lynn Goldthorpe was elected as Secretary and Darren Rothery as Treasurer. There was a good attendance at the meeting, with interest from new members. The association is now looking to move forward and was promised support from the Council as and when it is required. Barbara Cockburn will now report back to the Council on this item at future meetings. Previous problems with the Youth Club have now been resolved and Amos Kaye has the master keys. Cragrats have made a booking for the hall and there is also a booking for a 21st birthday party at the weekend.

IT WAS AGREED that

6. DUNFORD PARISH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

6.1 funding report – this is not available as yet, but every effort will be made to bring details to the next meeting. However, the group is still in existence and some funding possibilities are still being explored. The Chair explored whether DPCA could take over some of DPRA's responsibilities whilst it was inactive, as both groups work for the good of the community. It was felt that this was a capacity issue for DPCA. A question was raised about how funding could be applied for and it was explained that often funders will not let a statutory body, such as the Parish Council, apply for funding but an association linked to the Parish Council (such as DPRA or DPCA) is able to apply. Councillor Webber pointed out that the Parish Council could apply for funding in its own right if it was recognized as a 'Quality Parish Council' and it was felt that this is something which should be considered.

IT WAS AGREED that as no report has yet been produced that the funding report should remain as an agenda item.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2008/1709: Erection of two flats, land adjacent 43 Middlecliffe Drive, Crowedge S36 4HB. Although it was noted that the next door neighbour to this site had not objected to the plans, it was felt that the Council should object to the proposals on the grounds that the development is overlooked by local residents and represents a loss of open land amenity and loss of light to nearby dwellings. It was also felt that it could lead to car parking problems and increased traffic flow on Middlecliffe Drive, which is already problematic.

IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk will tender the Council's objections to the proposals

NP/3/12001036 – Replacement control building, Dunford Bridge S36 4TP. There are no objections to the proposals.

2008/1869 – Conversion of redundant barn into residential unit, Etock Farm, Cliff Lane. There are no objections to the proposals. It was felt that the conversion would be

beneficial, as it will ensure that people remain in the area and will lead to improved safety.

IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk will write a letter of support in respect of these proposals.

8. CRIME AND SAFETY SUB-GROUP

The 'no cold calling' zone project may be cancelled due to lack of interest. It was reported that there has been 27% less criminal activity over the Halloween/bonfire night period, which has been replicated across the borough. Councillors were aware of numerous car crimes across the area and felt that local residents needed to be vigilant and report incidents to the police.

9. FINANCE

A spreadsheet outlining expenditure to date was submitted. Accounts submitted were approved.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Various items of general correspondence had been received from SYPTE, DCLG and CPRE.

The Highways Department have contacted the Council about the location of a village sign for Crowedge. The Clerk will send a reply detailing the most appropriate location.

Robert Blythe, Chair of Thurgoland Parish Council and Vice-Chair of the Penistone and District Community Partnership (PDCP) had written to the Council requesting expressions of interest from Councillors in working in partnership with the PDCP in the future. A Forum will be held in the New Year and it was agreed that this is something that Councillors wish to be involved in.

An e-mail had been received from a resident of Lower Maythorne Farm asking for the Parish Council's help with the poor broadband service in the area. The Clerk will liaise with other parish councils to establish what can be done.

A questionnaire has been received from the Peak District National Park Authority asking about electronic planning consultation. The Clerk will complete this and return.

A consultation is underway on the draft policy for home to school transport in the 2010-11 school year. Councillor Mitchell expressed concerns about the safety of a child being dropped off at Hazlehead and then walking home. Councillor Drewry agreed to raise this issue at the next meeting of the EPIP on 14th January.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair had experienced problems with the No. 20 bus recently. Information dating back to September has been compiled and sent to SYPTE, Stagecoach, local MPs and the press.

As the Clerk will have been in post for 6 months in February, a personal development review must be completed and agreed.

Saltboxes are required at Townhead, Victoria and Carlecotes. The Chair agreed to take this forward.

Councillors were given a copy of the draft Freedom of Information publication scheme and asked to consider it for approval at the next meeting.

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th February 2009 at 7.30 p.m. at the Parish Community Centre.

Chair:

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