

DUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

AT THE PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Councillors B. Cockburn, L. Devons, M. Drewry, A. Kaye, K. Mitchell, V. Parkin and A. Pestell.

In attendance: Councillor Steve Webber (BMBC) and three members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Following a proposal from Councillor Parkin, seconded by Councillor Kaye, Councillor Drewry was elected as Chair unopposed.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

Following a proposal from Councillor Devons, seconded by Councillor Cockburn, Councillor Parkin was elected as Vice-Chair unopposed.

4. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR 2009/10:

The following appointments were agreed:

YLCA (2): Cllrs Drewry and Pestell

YRCC: Cllr Pestell

DPCA (2): It was agreed that this would be removed from the list of appointments

Hadfield Trust (3): Cllrs Pestell, Devons and Kaye. In addition, Councillors felt that this fund should be mentioned in the newsletter in order to encourage applications for needy children in the Parish.

CPRE: Cllr Parkin

Peak Park Parishes Forum: Cllrs Drewry and Pestell.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND APRIL 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April were accepted as an accurate record, subject to minor amendment.

6. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON 2ND APRIL 2009

The minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 2nd April were accepted as an accurate record, subject to minor amendment. Any matters arising will be discussed at the next Annual Assembly which will be held in April 2010.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Flouch access: This problem has now been resolved by the owner.

Dunford Parish Residents Association – funding report: Councillor Devons will pass Lindsey Cook's e-mail address on to Councillor Mitchell in order to obtain the information.

8. CROWEDGE PLAY AREA

Councillor Pestell had contacted a workman to carry out repairs to the playground. An invoice was presented for payment which will be sent out when Councilor Devons has

inspected the playground to check that the work has been done. Councillor Drewry reported that £1.1m of funding for playgrounds is available through BMBC. As Crowedge is the only playground to the west of Millhouse Green it was felt that funding should be available as this is in line with BMBC's Green Space Policy and the playground would benefit from repairs and improvements. There are omissions for some age groups – there are no swings – and it was emphasized that Dunford Parish Council has limited resources and it would be a shame if the playground had to be closed due to deterioration and associated health and safety risks. Councillor Webber (BMBC) also agreed to support any applications for assistance.

9. DUNFORD PARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Councillor Cockburn gave an update on the DPCA. Mary Smith has resigned due to personal circumstances. The Health and Safety Risk Assessment is now complete. The website is up to date and Pete Goldthorpe will change the site's registration details. The notice board is also up to date and Darren Rothery remains as Treasurer. Councillor Cockburn asked that if anybody was interested in helping at the Gala, which is to be held on 25th July, to come to the meeting next Tuesday, 12th May, at 7.00 p.m. Printed raffle tickets have been ordered and a schedule drawn up detailing raffle prizes donated by sponsors. There are to be many attractions, including a classic car rally, and all were encouraged to help make the Gala a success.

10. TYAS QUARRY BINS

Councillor Drewry reported that a complaint had been received about the state of the horse trough at Townhead and the rubbish dumped in the concrete structure at Tyas Quarry. Neighbourhood Pride had been contacted to clear this up. The Area Board will provide four new litter bins and four dog bins for the area to be sited where Neighbourhood Pride have a priority, which Neighbourhood Pride will then empty on a regular basis. If the quarry doesn't meet the criteria then the Area Board may fund one 50/50 with DPC.

11. WOODHEAD TUNNEL

Councillor Drewry reported that there have been reports in the press recently about the possibility of a high speed rail link through the Woodhead Tunnel. Councillor Drewry will try to attend a breakfast meeting in June with Angela Smith MP about this and will report back. Councillor Mitchell had attended a meeting at Penistone about this but reported that there appeared to be a lack of information and responses to questions were not forthcoming. Councillor Mitchell expressed concern about the residents in the properties which have been built at the side of the railway lines, as high speed trains would be passing them at 130/140 m.p.h. every 10 minutes. Councillor Drewry is awaiting confirmation that the first of the Liaison meetings with National Grid will take place on 3rd June 2009 at the Community Centre.

12. DOG WARDEN SERVICE

Councillor Devons reported that BMBC's dog warden service is only available 9 – 5, Monday to Friday. The Police should be contacted outside of these hours, but it was reported that they are not interested and no longer have a procedure for lost or stray dogs. Councillor Devons has emailed Regulatory Services as it was felt that this is not acceptable, particularly in a rural area where there are livestock considerations and dogs can be dumped largely unnoticed.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

NP/B/0409/0296 – Erection of 6kw wind turbine on 15 metre mast at Junction House, Dunford Road, Hade Edge, Holmfirth: No objections were raised

2009/0444 – widening field access, land off Lee Lane, Millhouse Green: Councillor Webber reported that this matter may be put before the Planning Regulatory Board as there are concerns about the proposal.

IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk will write a letter of objection in respect of this application as it is retrospective; the access is on a fast road in a 'dip' and there is already an access which could be used.

2009/0275 – Erection of barn and stable block, Martins Nest Cottage, Grime Lane, Hepworth: No objections were raised

2009/0572 – Erection of three wind turbines, land at Spicer Hill, Whitley Road, Whitley Common, Ingbirchworth.

IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk will write a letter of objection in respect of this application on the following grounds:

- There will be an adverse visual impact on the surrounding area of Crowedge and the Peak Park.
- There will be an adverse cumulative effect as there are already a number of wind turbines in the area.
- The development will leave 'gaps' between the existing wind farms, which will lead to future developments to fill the gaps.
- There is a danger of bird strikes and wildlife will be adversely affected.

14. CRIME AND SAFETY SUB-GROUP

Councillor Kaye reported that a youth from Worsbrough Dale had admitted to stealing over 250 vehicles in a 12 month period. The Police had already been informed about the stray dog, which belonged to a local farmer.

15. FINANCE

15.1 Monthly accounts: These were considered and approved. The Clerk proposed that £10 per month should be paid as re-imburement of telephone and broadband costs, as no claims had been made for this.

IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk will be reimbursed retrospectively for telephone and broadband costs at a rate of £10 per month.

15.2 Audit report: A copy of the external audit report and governance statement for 2007/08 were considered and signed by the Chair. It was reported that Irene Gorsden will be carrying out the internal audit of the accounts, as in previous years, and this will then be sent to BDO Stoy Hayward (External Auditors) by 1st June 2009, in accordance with the financial regulations.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence have been received:

- South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority Member briefing for April 2009
- Public Sector Equality Duties
- Invitation for Cllr Drewry to attend Mayor's Civic Service on 11th June 2009.
- Letter from Stagecoach stating they are to test a full size vehicle on the school route to include turning into Middlecliffe Drive at Crow Edge so as to avoid children crossing the main road.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Cockburn had completed the map indicating the proposed location of the Crowedge village sign and this will be sent on to BMBC as requested.

Councillor Drewry gave an outline of the new neighbourhood governance arrangements for BMBC.

Members of the public present at the meeting were invited to speak.

A member of the public expressed concern about the speed limit on the road through Crowedge from the Flouch/Millhouse side and the positioning of 40 m.p.h. signs.

IT WAS AGREED that the issue of road safety and speed limits will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

18. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Due to the European Elections, the meeting scheduled to be held on 4th June 2009 will now be held on **Thursday 11th June 2009 at 7.00 p.m.** at the Parish Community Centre. Yorkshire Ambulance Service will be contacted to reschedule.