

MINUTES OF DUNCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Number 649 of the Dunchurch Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Rugby Road, Dunchurch, 5th January 2010 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillor R T Aird [Chairman] Councillor P Eccleson [Vice Chairman]
Councillor A J Gilbert Councillor I Lowe
Councillor B Nesbit
Clerk to the Parish Council Mrs P M Knowles

OTHERS:

County Councillor R Hazelton Borough Councillor H Roberts
Mr Waller Anne Wright

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor L Beech Councillor K Wells
Councillor R Carlton Councillor N Jones
Councillor M Mansfield Borough Councillor S Ravenhall
PCSO Judy Haydon

Councillor Aird paid tribute to the late Borough Councillor Ravenhall for all his help and support for Dunchurch village over many years. The Councillors all send their condolences and best wishes to Sally Ravenhall and the family.

Borough Councillor Howard Roberts also paid tribute to Borough Councillor Ravenhall.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Nesbit – Item 9b - prejudicial
Councillor Lowe – Item 10 - personal

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Anne Wright attended the meeting to express her concerns about parking and other traffic issues in Daventry Road. Councillor Aird advised that WCC are almost certainly going to install an additional lighting column which will allow them to extend the 30mph zone down to the A45 island. A number of other measures are being considered by WCC in Daventry Road to improve the current problems with speeding traffic and parking. Councillor Nesbit has agreed to keep Mrs Wright informed of any information received by the Parish Council relating to Daventry Road.

Mr Waller asked if the PC had any knowledge of what the problem was with the Church Clock winding mechanism. Councillor Aird has no specific information but will speak to Gordon Collett.

Mr Waller enquired if the PC was responsible for the CCTV camera which has been installed on the lighting column in Rugby Road. Councillor Aird explained that the camera had been installed by the Community Safety Partnership and was not the responsibility of the PC. Unfortunately the CSP had the camera installed on the wrong lighting column because they did not consult with the PC – the camera is due to be moved shortly.

Mr Waller advised that there is a problem with the top dressing of stones on the Daventry Road – The Clerk contacted WCC Highways before the New Year and the road and pavements have now been swept.

Mr Waller wished to pass on his thanks to everyone involved in the rededication service for the bus shelter. Councillor Aird, in turn, thanked Mr Waller for all his efforts in making the day a great success.

Councillor Lowe confirmed that he has received a verbal agreement from Mark Widdows to extend the bollards outside of Phoenix Cottage. Councillor Lowe asked if the PC would consider paying for an additional four bollards as the problem is a road safety issue. Initially The Clerk will investigate the costs involved.

4. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF MEETING NUMBER 648 – 1ST DECEMBER 2009

Councillor Eccleson proposed confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting Number 648 as a true record this was seconded by Councillor Nesbit and approved by all present. The minutes were signed by The Chairman.

5. TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT ON THIS AGENDA [FIO]

Councillor Aird asked if Borough Councillor Roberts had produced a list of the Committees he serves on as a Borough Councillor and likewise County Councillor Hazelton for the committees he serves on at WCC. The Clerk has not received the information as yet. Both Councillors agreed to email the information to The Clerk.

Councillor Eccleson confirmed that he will draft a letter to the WCC Traffic Signal Engineers with a copy to County Councillor Hazelton within the next few days.

Councillor Aird asked County Councillor Hazelton if WCC had come back with any information on the proposed bus shelter for Southam Road. County Councillor Hazelton agreed to speak to Roger Bennett at WCC to chase him for information.

Councillor Aird confirmed that a meeting had taken place with RBC representatives Nicky Grange and Jan Dunseith regarding the positioning of the Welcome to Dunchurch Notice board. Both Nicky and Jan apologised for the lack of consultation with the PC before the notice board was installed. It was suggested by the PC that as the parking arrangements on The Green are being revised it may be possible to site the notice board close to the tree in the car park. It may also be possible that the notice board being donated to the PC from outside of The Clock Towers could be placed back to back. Negotiations will continue with WCC and RBC to resolve the matter.

The Clerk confirmed that so far the Christmas Tree Display in the village had cost significantly less to provide than in previous years – final figures will be available by the next meeting.

Councillor Aird asked if any progress had been made with applying for Listed Building Consent for alterations to the bus shelter on The Green. The Clerk confirmed that Craig Beech had very kindly produced photographs and a plan for the PC so the planning application can now be progressed.

6. TO DISCUSS WITH BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS ANY MATTERS OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST

Children's Centre

Councillor Aird confirmed that there is still confusion surrounding the location chosen by the WCC Children and Young Families Directorate for the site of the Children's Centre. Councillor Hazelton has no knowledge of what is being planned by the Directorate. Councillor Lowe proposed that The Chairman write to The Chief Executive of WCC to express the concerns of the PC over the lack of communication from the Children and Young Families Directorate. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Eccleson and agreed by all present. It was also agreed to include in the letter a request for information as to the progress with the Review of Library Services which seems to have stalled.

Adkinson Avenue

Paul Collett has submitted an action plan on curbing antisocial behaviour to Warwickshire Police for their approval. Mr Collett will not discuss the plan with the PC as apparently the Community Safety Partnership is not obliged to consult with the PC.

Locality Panel Review

Councillor Aird raised concerns at the recent Locality Panel Meeting regarding the reluctance of RBC and to a lesser extent Warwickshire Police to deal with antisocial behaviour problems.

RBC Scrutiny Reviews

After discussion with the Borough and County Councillors it was agreed the PC would respond to RBC by asking for Scrutiny Reviews of RBC Housing Department and also The Community Safety Partnership.

County Councillor Hazelton advised the PC that discussions are in progress to resolve the problem of finding a replacement CEO for RBC it could be that one CEO will cover RBC and Nuneaton & Bedworth Councils.

County Councillor Hazelton reminded the PC of the Rugby Rural Link transport service facilities.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM LOCAL POLICE, THE MAKING DUNCHURCH SAFER GROUP AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPRESENTATIVES

PCSO Judy Haydon did not attend the meeting but had sent a crime report which, fortunately, contained fewer incidents than the November Report, however the number of incidents is still at a worrying level.

8. TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL MATTERS

Annual Playground Safety Inspections – Digley Associates who are approved by our insurers quoted £90 + VAT to carry out inspections at Arkwright Field and Done Cerce Play areas. Playsafe quoted £144 + VAT for the same inspections. Councillor Gilbert proposed the PC accept the quotation from Digley Associates, seconded by Councillor Eccleson and agreed by all present.

Annual Subscription to CPRE £29 – Proposed by Councillor Nesbit, seconded by Councillor Lowe and agreed by all present.

9. TO REVIEW AMENITIES

Parking in Dunchurch

Councillor Aird confirmed that the PC still has concerns regarding the lack of parking in the village and these concerns have been exacerbated having received the report from Dunchurch Division Community Forum. The report indicated that any monies received by WCC from the future sale of the Southam Road Depot will be required for the new Paynes Lane Depot and also to maintain general services. The PC will continue to put pressure on all parties to ensure the village will, at the very least, get some extra provision for parking when the sale takes place.

Web Site - The Clerk confirmed that IMRE have started work on the web site update and Councillors are requested to supply details of ideas, photographs etc that would be suitable for inclusion on the site.

10. TO DISCUSS SECURITY SYSTEMS & ROAD SAFETY

CCTV – See item 3.

11. PLAY AREAS AND YOUTH INITIATIVE

Councillor Carlton was not present at the meeting - The Clerk will chase playground safety reports.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

No Reports

13. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

RBC Playing Pitch Strategy Consultation

Norton Foundation Grants

WCC - Ling Hall Quarry cancelled planning application submitted in 2007

Warwickshire Rural Community Council – free register of supporters

Warwickshire Rural Housing Association – Annual Report

Thanks from Royal British Legion for donation to plaque, wreath and poppy appeal

Planning Inspectorate hearing on 13th January

14. TO DISCUSS ANY MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Councillor Aird asked if there was any progress with obtaining the new lease from WCC for Done Cerce play area. The Clerk confirmed that WCC had, through County Councillor Hazelton, asked what area of land the PC was referring to – County Councillor Hazelton will chase the matter again.

Councillor Gilbert mentioned that there is a problem with trees in the WCC Depot in Southam Road overhanging resident's gardens. County Councillor Hazelton will action this matter with WCC Highways.

Councillor Eccleson enquired if anyone had any information on what has happening with the vacant retail premises on Daventry Road.

Councillor Aird mentioned that RBC has postponed the consultations on conservation areas in order to amend the format.

15. TO REVIEW CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS, PERMISSIONS, REFUSALS ETC.

COMMENTS

- 00993 Bilton Grange, Dunchurch** **No Objections**
Listed Building Consent for re-roofing the existing building
- 00994 Lime Tree Village** **Objections**
Extension to Lime Tree Village to form a continuing care retirement community [use class C2] incorporating a 30 bed care home, 47 extra care cottages [use class C2] 12 extra care apartments [use class C2] and associated communal facilities, open space and care parking.
- 00995 164 Coventry Road, Dunchurch, CV226RF** **General Observation**
Erection of a first floor rear extension
- 00996 3 Medhurst Close, Dunchurch, CV226QQ** **No comment yet**
Alterations to front elevation and addition of pitched roof to front dormer windows

DECISIONS

- 00959 Rye Hill Farm, Halfway Lane, Dunchurch** **Approved**

16. TO AGREE PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET

Expenditure Transaction – approval list

Cheque No.	Gross	Vat	Net	Paid To	Detail
002620	1345.50	175.50	1170.00	IMRE	Deposit for PC Web Site
002621	99.24	n/a	99.24	D Kenyon	PC Office Buildings Insurance
002622	171.83	22.41	149.42	BT	PC Office Telephone & Broadband
002623	826.85	107.85	719.00	Cadeby Tree Trust	Village Christmas Trees
002624	273.61	n/a	273.61	Mrs Z P Bennett	Health Walks Co-ordinator fees & Expenses
002625	28.75	3.75	25.00	County Electrical	PAT Testing for PC Office
002626	50.26	2.29	47.97	Severn Trent	PC Office Water Rates
002627	200.00	n/a	200.00	Phil Freeman	Putting up Village Christmas Trees
002628	273.98	13.05	260.93	E-ON	PC Office Electricity
002629	500.00	n/a	500.00	WNAA	Contribution to Air Ambulance
002630	539.00	n/a	539.00	M Lee	Handyman Salary & Expenses
002631	403.85	n/a	403.85	HMRC	Clerk Tax & NI
002632	39.95	n/a	39.95		
002632	1133.63	n/a	1133.63	P M Knowles	Clerks Salary
DD	1010.45	131.80	878.65	E-ON	Unmetered Supply – Street Lighting - November
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TOTALS	7907.35	588.45	7318.90		

The RFO submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £7907.35 Cheque numbers 2620 to 2632 inclusive plus two direct debits and supporting invoices, signed on 5th January 2010 by Councillor Aird and Councillor Gilbert. Proposed by Councillor Eccleson seconded by Councillor Lowe, Approved by all present.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.05 PM

Signed Chairman:

Dated: