

MINUTES OF DUNCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Number 672 of the Dunchurch Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Rugby Road, Dunchurch, Tuesday 1st November 2011 Meeting commenced at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillor R T Aird [Chairman] Part Time Councillor P Eccleson [Vice Chairman] Chairman Part Time
Councillor L Beech Councillor B Nesbit
Councillor M Mansfield Parish/Borough Councillor I Lowe
Councillor J Moore Councillor P Twigger
Councillor F Fitzsimons Clerk to the Parish Council Mrs P M Knowles

OTHERS:

Borough Councillor Roberts Mr P Waller
Plus 11 Residents of Daventry Road

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor N Jones County Councillor Hazelton
Borough Councillor Francis Borough Councillor Spiers

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Nesbit item 6a personal interest
Councillor Twigger item 17 personal interest & prejudicial

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A number of Residents of Daventry Road attended the meeting to express their disappointment with the decision by Rugby Area Committee to install double yellow lines the entire length of the north side of Daventry Road. Residents have two concerns firstly the lines will exacerbate the already unacceptable speed of traffic on the road and secondly it will reduce the number of parking spaces available and therefore create additional problems in other areas of the village.

It was pointed out that only Warwickshire Police would be permitted to carry out speed checks on Daventry Road owing to safety considerations.

Residents are concerned that their views were not represented by some Councillors, in particular by the County Councillor, at the Rugby Area Committee. Residents are putting together a petition to Warwickshire County Council to ask that the decision be amended to provide for the partial installation of double yellow lines on the road and removal of the existing bollards. Residents would like the support of the Parish Council for the petition. Once the PC is aware of the actual wording of the petition it will be put to a vote at a PC Meeting to establish if Councillors wish to lend their support to the petition.

Councillor Lowe feels it would be beneficial to write to WCC requesting parking spaces be made available at Southam Road Depot. Councillor Lowe also pointed out the potential increase in traffic through the village if the Crematorium and Cemetery project off Ashlawn Road goes ahead.

Mr Waller confirmed that the WI held a successful afternoon tea in the WI Hall.

A resident enquired why the island at Sainsburys had been left untended by Rugby Borough Council; Councillor Lowe agreed to investigate the problem.

4. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF MEETING NUMBER 671 4th October 2011

Councillor Beech proposed confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting Number 671 as a true record this was seconded by Councillor Mansfield and approved by all present. The Minutes for meeting 671 were signed by The Chairman.

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

None

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

Daventry Road Parking – See item3

Section 106 Agreement for Lime Tree Village Extension - Councillor Lowe has spoken with Richard Holt, Principle Planning Officer at RBC, regarding the Section 106 agreement for the Lime Tree Village Extension; however no satisfactory answers have been given as to how the agreement will benefit Dunchurch Parish. Councillor Lowe will continue to pursue the matter.

Councillor Beech asked if Councillors were aware of the proposal to close Beech Ward at St Cross Hospital at the end of the month. Everyone present was shocked to hear the news and the feeling is that St. Cross is being closed by stealth despite future development plans for Rugby to have an additional 10,800 properties within 15 years.

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

PCSO Holland has not sent a Crime Report The Clerk will ask for the report.

8. TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. Ratify expenditure to register with the Information Commissioners as Data Controller £35- Councillor Aird proposed acceptance of the quotation, seconded by Councillor Beech and agreed by all present.
- b. Budget Considerations – after some discussion it was agreed, in light of the present economic climate, to freeze the Precept for 2012/2013. The PC has grant funding available to carry out the proposed improvements to the Library building and it is hoped that the income from fines and loans will cover the bulk of the running costs of the building with some backup from working capital available to the PC. The saving anticipated by moving the PC Office into the Library will also contribute towards running costs. Councillor Lowe would like to see gateway signs erected at the four main entrances to the village. There may be a small amount of funding available to support suitable projects to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.
- c. Ratify expenditure on replacement hydraulic gate mechanism for Arkwright Field £203+VAT – Councillor Mansfield proposed acceptance of the quotation, seconded by Councillor Twigger and agreed by all present.
- d. Cloud Computing – The Clerk is still awaiting information from IMRE on possible options for cloud computing an estimate has already been received from Edge Designs for this service. The item is deferred until the next meeting.

9. TO REVIEW AMENITIES

Stream Land – The Clerk confirmed that the Environment Agency has confirmed that work to rectify the pollution problem is complete. It was proposed by Councillor Lowe and seconded by Councillor Moore that the PC now accept the land from Taylor Wimpy. Agreed by all present. The Clerk will contact Mandy Wakelin-Lloyd at RBC to set the wheels in motion.

Street Light Number 9 Southam Road – we have received notification from WCC that the entire gear in this lantern has burnt out and the cost of replacement is £266.86+VAT. Acceptance of quotation proposed by Councillor Fitzsimons, seconded by Councillor Lowe and agreed by all present. Expenditure will be ratified at the next meeting.

10. TO DISCUSS SECURITY SYSTEMS & ROAD SAFETY

Speed and Warning Signs – Councillor Eccleson confirmed an engineer from SWARCO had been out to site and reset the radar on the sign in Daventry Road. Councillor Eccleson also confirmed that the SD cards fitted in the signs will record details of vehicle speed but will not identify individual vehicles.

Traffic Lights

Councillor Aird confirmed that Bob Foy, WCC Traffic Signals Engineer, has confirmed that the changing of the priorities on Daventry Road from an early start to a delayed finish would only create problems on Southam Road. Councillor Eccleson confirmed that there is insufficient capacity in the present system to install additional green filter lights.

Councillor Aird has been approached to arrange a meeting with Paul Collett, WCC Community Safety Officer and Keith Newell Community Safety Partnership Manager to discuss the CCTV project for the villages. Mr Collett also confirmed that the Domehawk camera installed at the traffic lights will be removed shortly.

11. PLAY AREAS

Matt Lee's report on playground safety does not highlight any immediate problems. Councillor Aird confirmed he has had a meeting with Matt Lee and reached agreement for the site of installation on the new seat for Arkwright Field.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Councillor Jones sent a report to confirm that the Dunchurch Festival Group AGM is on 21st November.

Councillor Jones also confirmed that the Youth Club facility at the Village Hall has been handed back to the Village Hall Trustees and is being refurbished. The Trustees are also arranging to have the CCTV at the Village Hall upgraded.

13 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Benjamin –forwarded a copy of his objections to the Cawston Extension planning application

NatWest Banking – information on banking with NatWest

HMRC VAT Refund –£ 3062.76

Dunchurch & Thurlaston Community Trust £500 towards training costs of Library volunteers

Queen’s Jubilee Service Warwick – 12th February 2012

Information Commissioners Registration re Data Control

Holiday at Home – thanks for support

Allotment Association – thanks for support

Warwickshire Rural Housing Annual Report

Clerks & Council Direct Magazine

14. TO DISCUSS ANY MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

None

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

COMMENTS

01069 Cawston Extension Site **Objections**
Outline application for residential development of up to 550 dwellings, new access to Coventry Road and Trussell Way, open space, site for primary school with associated infrastructure and ancillary works

01073 Village Hall, Dunchurch **No Objections**
Erection of a storm porch

01074 Land South of Ashlawn Road **Objections**
Crematorium & Cemetery Project

01075 Frankton House, Lime Tree Village **No Objections**
Removal of Juliet balcony and erection of ground floor balcony with steps to ground level

01076 Working Men’s Club **Objections**
Provision of external lighting to front elevation amended plans 14th October - reduce number of lights from 4 to 2

01077 Working Men’s Club **Objections**

Erection of a first floor rear flat roofed extension

01078 Prestleigh, Coventry Road, Dunchurch **No Objections**
Demolition of existing garage and erection of a replacement detached double garage

01079 16 Daventry Road, Dunchurch **No Comment Yet**
Conversion of building from A1 retail shop and 2 flats to 6 flats, including erection of two storey and first floor side extensions, rear terrace and external alterations

DECISIONS

01061	Station Farm Cottage	Approved
01062	Station Farm Cottage	Approved
01064	32 Lime Tree Avenue	Approved
01068	Station Farm Cottage	Approved
01071	16 Waring Way	Approved
01072	18 Waring Way	Approved
01073	Dunchurch Village Hall	Approved

16. TO UPDATE COUNCILLORS ON THE LIBRARY SITUATION

Following on from the WCC Cabinet giving the go ahead for fourteen Community Libraries a workshop was held at Shire Hall to establish how these projects would move forward. It seems that Dunchurch is more advanced with its proposals than the majority of the other groups.

WCC intend to issue an implementation plan for individual libraries together with lease agreements and service level agreements. A meeting with Corrine Harvey was held yesterday where an inventory of items within the library was discussed. It was agreed that all the items listed would be handed over to the Community Library.

There is a good chance that the current Parish Council Office lease can be reassigned which could result in the PC being able to take over the library before 1st April 2012.

A Library Sub-committee meeting will be held on 17th November.

17. QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Councillor Jones sent a report to confirm that the maypole will be repainted free of charge. Councillor Jones also confirmed that the Dunchurch Diamond Jubilee Celebration Group will be circulating costing for their project by 10th November.

20 TO AGREE PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET

Expenditure Transaction – approval list

Transaction No.	Cheque No.	Gross	VAT	Net	Paid To	Detail
1109	300145	284.62	0.00	284.62	Mrs Z P Bennett	Health Walks Co-ordinator Fee and expenses
1110	300146	288.00	48.00	240.00	IMRE	Web Site & Email Hosting
1111	300147	60.00	10.00	50.00	Getspatial LLP	Parish Online Subscription
1112	300148	327.60	0.00	327.60	D Kenyon	PC Office Rental
1117	300149	250.00	0.00	250.00	Royal British Legion	Donation to Poppy Appeal
1113	300150	385.00	0.00	385.00	M Lee	Handyman Salary & Expenses
1116	300151	355.86	0.00	355.86	HMRC	Clerk Tax & NI
1115	300152	35.00	0.00	35.00	P M Knowles	Data Protection registration
1114	300152	1035.21	0.00	1035.21	P M Knowles	Clerk's Salary
TOTALS		3021.29	58.00	2963.29		

The RFO submitted a schedule of payments in the sum of £3212.17 cheque numbers 300145 and 300152 all cheques with supporting invoices. Proposed by Councillor Beech seconded by Councillor Eccleson, Approved by all present. Cheques signed by Councillor Nesbit and Councillor Aird.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.15 PM

Signed Chairman:

Dated: