

Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Florence Nightingale Hall Holloway
Wednesday December 4th 2013 at 7.00pm

In Attendance: Cllrs: S Chambers, I Hooker, M Shields, M Taaffe-Finn (Chair), G Thorpe, M Wisser, J Ward
Also 4 members of the public, 2 Police and the Clerk

AGENDA

2014. To receive apologies for absence – Cllr P Robinson

2015. Variation of Order of business – None required

2016. Declaration of member's interests at meeting - Cllr M Wisser declared a pecuniary interest in item 9 TRE/2013/0153 Cowgate Cottage Lea Road Lea Bridge - Remove two conifers and prune birch tree and would leave the meeting – Cllr G Thorpe declared a pecuniary interest in item 11.2 cheque for N Thorpe and would leave the meeting

2017. Public speaking – PC Chambers introduced himself and PCSO Bennet explaining the restructuring of the Police boundaries to bring into line with other agencies and policing is now under Belper not Alfreton, if the Police cannot attend a meeting they will inform the Clerk. PC Chambers also spoke of Japanese Knotweed that it was an offence to introduce or to cultivate the plant. He also spoke of two crime incidents which had taken place within the parish.

A resident spoke regarding the very bad state of the road surface of Little London and asked if they could be considered for receiving some monies raised from the sale of the Woodland site toward the cost of the road surfacing.

The Clerk gave a report regarding Little London from Derbyshire County Council and that they would not surface the road or pay any cost towards this as it is a private road.

At this point it was noticed that a member of the public was sound recording the meeting and was asked to stop by the Chair. There was disagreement from the member of the public and the meeting could not continue. The Clerk offered to call the Police to remove the member of the public if the disruption did not stop as the meeting could not continue and eventually the member of the public ceased the recording and the Clerk is to send a copy of the Parish Council Standing Orders to the resident. There is no statutory right to take photographs or use any means of recording meetings. There was no request made for permission to sound record the meeting and the Chair has powers to make an on the spot decision not to allow recording.

Mr D O'Connor-Parker gave a report regarding the Village Plan, this is an item on the agenda.

The Clerk reported correspondence received from a resident regarding Hollins close and the danger driving on the Mill Lane as there are trees and self setters creating a visual sight line problem as the speed limit is 40mph and the road narrows near the bend creating a further hazard, the Clerk would write to Derbyshire County Council to explain the problem and ask if the trees and self setters could be dealt with and the 40mph could be reduced to 30mph.

The Clerk reported correspondence received from a resident regarding the addition of edging stones to a site where an interment of ashes had taken place and this is against the Parrish Councils policy. The Clerk would write to the resident and to all the Funeral Directors and Stonemasons with a copy of the policy and ask that they make their clients aware.

2018. To approve & sign the Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on November 6th 2013

RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record with the addition of the following to planning application – AVA/2013/0874 “and the reason for objecting was for a change of use for the land and it is outside the village envelope”.

2019. To determine which items, if any of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms (if required): - “In view of the confidential nature of item....to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to

discuss the item.” **RESOLVED** to take Item 10 with the public excluded due to the nature of the business

2020. Report of the Clerk on:

- a) **Village Plan feedback** - Mr D O'Connor-Parker will give information in the public speaking session there was discussion after which it was **RESOLVED** for Cllr M Wiser to create a list of small actions and ask for engagement with the residents through the website and the parish magazine.
- b) **Holloway Toilets** – cleaner advertised for – Contractor cost quote £24 per week, also electricity bill received for October £25.81- **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from the Contractor Keptkleen for £24.00 per week and the Clerk would confirm the electricity contract from British Gas which is being negotiated to reduce the standing charge and electricity costs.
- c) **Woodland site** – discuss monies to be earmarked for projects: - cemetery receiving house – cemetery clearing area – future cemetery provision if required - play equipment at Lea play area – agenda item for the January meeting
- d) **Memorial Gardens Tree Survey and trees identified** – **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Neil Ford for £240.00 for felling of 2 trees and pruning work on 7 others in the Memorial Gardens.
- e) **Lea Play Area** –
- f) – discuss removed Rocking Horse and new replacement quotation – Recommendations from Working Party members regarding new play equipment and correspondence received regarding possible new play equipment on the play area and new goal posts etc. – also correspondence received asking for details regarding the fence the Clerk is to obtain costs for items and two picnic tables and benches Cllrs G Thorpe and P Robinson would look to remove the old swings as they could not be moved as they would not pass any safety inspection. **RESOLVED** for a small group of Cllrs to arrange to meet and remove the large swings, the Clerk would obtain quotations for two picnic tables and benches – Cllrs G Thorpe, M Wiser, P Robinson and S Chambers.
- g) **Confirm quotations for annual contracts** . **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation for the Parish Council’s machinery from N Thorpe.
- h) **Cemetery Fees - RESOLVED** to amend the Cemetery Fees to item iii) Those who would have continued to be residents in the Parish but who have been obliged to leave by reason of ill-health (medically verified). Circulate to all Cllrs.
- i) **Condition of the road at Little London** – report from DCC – previously circulated **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to Severn Trent Water to ask if they would repair round their manhole cover as this area was a safety hazard.
- j) **Parish Council Website & Emails** – Cllr M Taaffe-Finn will contact Mr Sauzier
- k) **Hanging baskets in the Parish - RESOLVED** not to have hanging baskets but the Clerk is to obtain costs for signage for the Parish possible “welcome to” and contact AVBC regarding repairs and cleaning the street signs in the parish.
- l) **Possible erection of railings at Memorial - RESOLVED** the Clerk is to look up previous quotations and obtain updated costs and ideas of the type of railings
- m) **Request for donation to Derbyshire Children’s Holiday Centre - RESOLVED** to donate £50.00 – item for the January agenda
- n) **Discuss Bus Shelter on Church Street, footpath not wide enough to accommodate a bus shelter information from DCC** – the Clerk reported that Derbyshire County Council apologised as they had agreed a bus shelter for Church Street but on checking found that the pavement was not wide enough to meet regulations. The alternative was to put a bus shelter across the road on Church Street further up the road where the pavement is wider, however the residents who live in this area previously opposed this idea.
- o) **Discuss position of where DCC are with the footpath to Lea Wood being designated as a Public Footpath - RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to the chairman of Derbyshire County Council to give a resume of what is happening.

- p) **Japanese knotweed** –what to do, report from the Environment Agency – previously circulated **RESOLVED** the Clerk is to write to the resident asking if he is aware of the plant on his land and explain that a Cllr can give a location of where the plant is growing.
- q) **Annual Grit Bin report from Parish Warden** – copies previously circulated **RESOLVED** to thank the Parish Warden for the report and the Clerk is to ask him to clear around the grit bin on Bakers Lane, also to ask the authorities to fill the grit bins needing replenishment.

2021. **DALC circulars – 21 / 22** (previously circulated)

2022. **PLANNING** Committee or Tree Warden to give their recommendations –

TRE/2013/0157	Kirkvale Church Street Lea - Various tree works in the gardens of Kirkvale No comment
TRE/2013/0158	5 The Hollins Holloway - Fell two Leylandii trees No comment
TRE/2013/0153	Cowgate Cottage Lea Road Lea Bridge - Remove two conifers and prune birch tree No comment
AVA/2013/0980	Blossom Cottage Bakers Lane Lea - Proposed Extension to Dwelling No comment
AVA/2013/0452	Planning Appeal for Proposed new access drive from Yew Tree Hill to Lea Hurst Object as previous and point out to the Inspector that DCC have not understood as this is not an access point at present as stated in the application the Clerk would ask DCC for a site visit – Cllr M Taaffe-Finn would contact the owner of Lea Hurst to discuss possibilities of land for car parking for the surgery and the Memorial Hall

2023. **Reimbursement payment shortfall of Clerk’s holiday entitlement 2006 to 2013 - RESOLVED** to pay the Clerk the underpayment

2024. **FINANCIAL MATTERS** Approve & sign the following cheques - arrange Finance Working Party meeting - date to be arranged by the Finance Committee - information regarding Council Tax Benefit Support Grant

2004.1	Cheque No. 1978/1979/1980 - Employee Costs including HMRC	£3132.40
2004.2	Cheque No. 1981 Norman Thorpe Ltd repairs to strimmer	£21.59
2004.3	Cheque No. 1982 L McCormick – Health & Safety Notice	£10.42
2004.4	Cheque No. 1983 Emery Landscapes work at Memorial Gardens	£384.00
2004.5	Cheque No. 1984 NALC – Publication of ‘Local Councils EXPLAINED’	£59.99
2004.6	Cheque No. 1985 British Gas – Electricity a/c for Public Toilets	£TBA
2004.7	DD AVBC rates for Public Toilets	£65.00
2004.8	Cheque No. 1986 L McCormick – Plastic signs	£17.61
2004.9	Cheque No. 1987 L McCormick – Ink cartridges	£34.00
2004.10	Cheque No. 1988 Ripley Town Council – No Litter signs	£14.28
2004.11	DD BT Telephone	£21.04
2004.12	Cheque No 1989 Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall hire for meetings	£44.00
	TOTAL	£3830.14
	Income	
	TOTAL	£00.00

2025. **Agenda items for January 8th 2014**

2026. **INFORMATION** in the information folder for circulation

2027. **Meeting closed at 9.40pm Date of next Parish Council meeting – January 8th 2014 at 7.00pm**