

DAUNTSEY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING HELD 23RD SEPTEMBER 2008

Present: Councillor Vines (Chair) and Councillors Mrs. Blacker, Barnicoat, Bond, Chapman, Potter, Smith

Also present: Cllr. T. Sturgis and 7 members of the public

The notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12 para. 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs. Wade asked if there was any update on the replacement of the chevrons? Cllr. Sturgis reported that he had spoken to Steve Cross at WCC Highways today and he required evidence that someone had gone off. This evidence will be sent to Mr. Cross and copied to Cllr. Sturgis.

Mrs. Huck asked what was happening about the speed limit, Cllr. Vines explained that speeding in general and methods of tackling speeding were being discussed by the M & V CAP and pilot Area Board, he would report on this more fully in his report.

Mrs. Chapman asked if the Internal Audit Report on the 2007/2008 accounts had been received, the Clerk reported this had been delayed due to her incapacity but will be available for the next meeting.

Mr. Embling gave a short report on the changes to his planning application, which was to be discussed later in the meeting.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Sturgis reported that discussions were underway on the procedures for development control and call in under the unitary council, the guidance issued by the DCLG was unworkable, but they were pretty close to getting a system agreed close to the current North Wilts system based on the Chippenham hub.

A discussion took place on the clearing of the brook and the work that Mr. Kidner had undertaken on clearing up to the M4 culvert through Union Farm. There is ongoing investigation into who is responsible for the section up stream of the little bridge at the play park, the main growth appears to be on the WCC side.

Cllr. Vines reported that Mr. Dixon had agreed to continue as Community Emergency volunteer, an article is being written for the next edition of the Pump and website to encourage other volunteers to assist.

The Area 1 Committee had met on 17th September and the first meeting of the pilot area board had been very well attended. The Area Board had adopted speeding as one of its sticky issues and M & VCAP are being asked to establish a community safety sub group. Dauntsey are one of the villages being included where they will looking for volunteers to be trained to operate speed cameras to collect data.

M & VCAP are still updating the community plan but they are also examining their terms of reference in consideration of the changes, which will inevitably come from Unitary council.

Cllr. Vines reported that the Great Middle Green Farm plans had been refused, the details were in the items to be circulated by the Clerk. A public meeting held last week had suggested that the District Council should issue a stop notice on the development until the issues surrounding the infrastructure, public open space, public footpaths etc had been agreed. The meeting had also agreed the underground tanks as their preferred option to the open pond.

Cllr. Sturgis reported that it was very unlikely the District Council would pursue stop notice whilst negotiations were ongoing. Concern was expressed at the removal of the topsoil from the proposed village green area as it is totally within the flood plain and will need replacing before winter. There is also concern, which has been passed to the Environment Agency, that the pond which has been filled in had newts in it and that they are discharging water upstream of Sodom Lane bridge when it should be downstream.

87/08 APOLOGIES – were received from Cllr. Mrs. Soden WCC and Mr. Reynolds Dauntsey Vale Transport Group.

88/08 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest.

89/08 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 14th AUGUST 2008
Cllr. Mrs. Blacker proposed, Cllr. Potter seconded and unanimously

RESOLVED: to receive, approve and sign as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting held 14th August 2008.

90/08 PLANNING

Applications – to make observations on Planning Applications received
08/02064/FUL

Erection of temporary Dwelling (Revision to 07/01348/FUL) Woodside Farm, Field 3262, Idoover Lane, Dauntsey

Proposed Cllr. Mrs. Blacker, seconded Cllr. Smith and unanimously

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council had no objections.

08/02157/FUL

Erection of replacement Dwelling & Garage The Old Dairy, Sodom Lane, Dauntsey
Proposed Cllr. Barnicoat, seconded Cllr. Bond and unanimously

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council had no objections.

Decisions

08/00940/LBC

Take down & rebuild gable wall 59 Dauntsey

GRANTED

08/01481/FUL

Single Storey Extension Homefield Barn Dauntsey

REFUSED

08/01690/FUL

Extension to Dwelling May Cottage 9 Dauntsey

GRANTED

08/01742/LBC

Extension Homefield Barn Dauntsey

REFUSED

Notice of Determination at Development Control Committee

08/00294/FUL

Erection of 4 Employment Units Associated Access Road, Construction of Attenuation Pond etc Great Middle Green Farm. Dauntsey – determined 3rd September 2008 – notice of refusal awaited.

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a) Schedule of receipts and invoices for payment

Receipts

NWDC Grant funding	£ 5,000.00
NWDC 2 nd Instalment precept	£ 3,500.00

Payments

Clerks Salary & Expenses September 2008	£ 173.39
Wiltshire & Berkshire Canal Trust subs	£ 10.00
Harry Stebbing Workshop - Notice boards	£4,684.73
Sovereign - Play equipment	£ 898.62
Sovereign – Play equipment	£ 186.66

Proposed Cllr. Barnicoat seconded Cllr. Potter and unanimously

RESOLVED: That the payments are approved.

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CLERKS REPORT - To note items received for circulation and/or future discussion and items to be updated from previous meeting.

NWDC Development Control Agendas 3rd September & 24th September - **circulated – re Great Middle Green Farm**

Community First Notice of AGM – **for information**

Clerk & Councils Direct September – **for information**

North Wilts Citizens Advice Bureau – Annual Review and request for donation - – **for information**

Hills Waste – Annual Service Review – **for information**

WALC Newsletter September – **for information**

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – Annual Plan & Customer Charter & Free Home Safety Check & Smoke alarms – **for information and dissemination of information**

BT Proposal to adopt or sponsor a Kiosk – **for information**

Trade Information

Glasdon litter bins and seating

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UPDATE ON STANDING ITEMS

Recreation Field/Equipment Update

Cllr. Barnicoat reported that the defective slide will be removed by the weekend, one of the outside rails will be adapted to replace the corroded foot rail on the swing, and additional bark chippings will be laid to bring the surface back to the required level. It was suggested that photos should be taken of the removal of the slide for use on the website and in the pump. Cllr. Mrs. Blacker reported that the Recreation field would be closed for one week from next Monday to allow the installation of the new equipment, other members of the sub committee will assist with the positioning. A discount had

been negotiated on the equipment but this would be needed for the new gate as the price had gone up. Cllr. Mrs. Blacker also reported that a further application had been submitted to Area 1 Committee for funding to install a disabled friendly piece of equipment and to build the sides of the bench up to remove the step and make it accessible for disabled people.

Notice boards Update

The new notice boards had been delivered today, (an example was on display), it was confirmed that the front was acrylic not glass. Cllr. Vines reported that having been tasked with getting approval to site the notice boards on the various verges, he had discussed this with Sally Barnett from Highways and there was differing opinions on the extent of the Highway verge. There is also an ongoing discussion on whether planning permission will be required, and there were differing views dependent on which officer you speak to. Cllr. Vines confirmed his intention to hold a site meeting to try and resolve all the issues so that the boards can be sited before the next meeting. It was noted that the Highways Department would require the installation to be carried out by approved contractor. It was also noted that the cork board in the notice board at the Peterborough Arms requires re-fixing, Cllr. Vines will attend to this.

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Flooding Update

Cllr. Chapman gave a report on the current position (copy attached) A lengthy discussion took place about liability and riparian land ownership, it was agreed the Dauntsey Drainage Board should leaflet all residents with watercourses to advise them of their responsibilities for keeping ditches etc. clear.

It was noted that Danny Everett will be reporting back to the next flooding meeting on questions of responsibility for various areas, it had also been suggested that the Parish Council should not adopt the public open space at Great Middle Green Farm if the underground egg box solution for water tanks was used by the developer as there were serious issues with long term maintenance.

Website Update

It was noted that Jane Oddy had requested all Councillors to supply photographs for display on the website, could any councillors who have not done this do so as soon as possible. Everything had been e mailed to Jane Oddy and minutes etc would be updated in due course.

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HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Parish Steward Autumn Programme – for information

The Clerk reported that the next parish steward visits were scheduled for 2nd October, 30th October and 1st December any items should be passed to Cllr. Potter. Cllr. Sturgis reminded that grids on any critical drains should be checked every visit.

b) Rights of Way Improvement Plan – request for updated priorities.

The document will be circulated and the request for priorities will be placed on the next agenda.

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COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

There were no reports but it was noted that there was an ongoing enforcement issue relating to land opposite Chestnut Farm

The next meeting will re-visit the in principle decision to pursue quality status to ascertain what progress has been made and what is still required.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be 25th November 2008.

Councillor Vines
Chairman

Vivian Vines
25.10.2008