

DAUNTSEY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING HELD 20th JANUARY 2009

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

Also present: 8 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

A written question was received from Mr. Swainson raising four queries in respect of the budget process, the Chairman stated that the questions would be responded to in writing.

Sheila Wade reported that unfortunately although Greenscape Ltd had offered to install the notice boards, because they were not an accredited contractor WCC would not approve their installation of the one on highway land. Greenscape Ltd would however carry out the installation of the others. It was suggested that the Parish Stewards could be asked to dig the holes for the one on the Highway verge. It was noted that the remaining board might go on the new village green.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Vines reported that the transfer of part of the parish into Bradenstoke had now taken place, the area from Clack Hill to the garage was no longer in Dauntsey parish.

Cllr. Vines reported he had received a letter expressing concern at the report in the parish pump about the road sweeping on Church Lane, the road had been cleaned voluntarily as a good will gesture from FlatLight. It was noted that this Company had no involvement with the works on Olivemead Lane. It was suggested that the letter should be put in the Pump after checking with the writer that this was acceptable.

Cllr. Vines reported on the WCC response to the vehicles, which had been damaged on the Brinkworth road. WCC say they are only legally responsible for the highway itself and not the verges nor a grating in a verge, which was protruding into the rut at the side of the road. Verges were the responsibility of landowners. Cllr. Vines had understood that WCC claim responsibility for maintenance of a metre of verge either side of a highway. Cllr. Sturgis stated it was relatively simple from highway edge to highway edge WCC give utilities permission to carry out work. Cllr. Blacker asked how you define the highway edge. Cllr. Sturgis replied that this would be stated on the definitive highway map as a distance measured from the centre of the carriageway. In the accident incident referred to it appears to be the lorry not giving way that forced the car off the road and into the rut, which was off the carriage way edge.

Cllr. Vines reported that the appeal hearing for Great Middle Green Farm was scheduled for 10th March 2009, NWDC had asked the Parish Council to attend a meeting with their consultant so everyone knew how the case would be presented.

Cllr. Vines reported that the Clerk would be leaving on 31st January 2009. To date there had been three expressions of interest in the post.

60th birthday wishes were expressed to Cllr. Smith.

01/09 APOLOGIES – were received from Cllr. Barnicoat, Cllr. Mrs. Soden (WCC)

Cllr. Vines reported that former Parish Councillor Sheila Clemett had passed away, the funeral would be held the following day. A minute's silence was held in her memory.

02/09 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

Cllr. Potter declared an interest in planning application 08/02775/FUL

03/09 MINUTES

Members had previously been circulated with the Minutes Cllr. Mrs. Blacker proposed, Cllr. Potter seconded and unanimously

RESOLVED: to receive, approve and sign as a true record the

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 25th November 2008

Members had previously been circulated with the Minutes Cllr. Chapman proposed, Cllr. Potter seconded and unanimously

RESOLVED: to receive, approve and sign as a true record the

Minutes of Planning meeting held 22nd December 2008

04/09 PLANNING

Applications – to make observations on Planning Applications received

Cllr. Potter declared an interest in the following item

08/02775/FUL

Erection of new stable block Little Smithcott Farm, Dauntsey

An amended plan had also been received for the above

Cllr. Mrs. Blacker proposed, Cllr. Bond seconded and unanimously

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council had no objections

08/02815/AGN

Erection of agricultural building for the storage of hay, straw and implements, land at Dauntsey Green, Dauntsey.

The Chairman reported the application had been withdrawn

08/2824/FUL

Extension to Existing Commercial premises together with use of hard standing land at the Barn, Sodom Lane, Dauntsey

Cllr. Bond proposed, Cllr. Smith seconded and unanimously

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council had no objections

Cllr. Bond declared a personal interest but contributed to the debate as a neighbour with knowledge of the problem

Discussion on Church Lane in respect of issues, which require Enforcement

Cllr. Vines reported that he had been informed by the Enforcement Officer that he had visited the premises twice where the shot blasting was being carried out, the last time at the beginning of December. The shot blasting business is moving to new premises in Box in January, the Enforcement Officer will be visiting again in early February to see if the move has taken place.

Cllr. Bond reported that the noise is not coming from the shot blasting business. There is another building between the barn and his property and the noise is coming from this area. The area is supposed to be used for car storage but the bulk of the noise is from vehicles coming and going late at night. Cllr. Vines will speak to the Enforcement Officer and ask him to look at the rest of the site. Cllr. Bond re-iterated that the noise was not coming from the shot blasting business.

05/09 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a) Schedule of receipts and invoices for payment

Receipts

NWDC Grant funding for disabled play equipment £1,048.00

Payments

Clerks Salary & Expenses January 09 Final account £ 207.54

Mazars External Audit £ 138.00

Proposed Cllr. Smith seconded Cllr. Bond and unanimously

RESOLVED : That the payments are approved.

b) External Audit Report 2007/2008

The Clerk reported that no issues had been raised by Mazars in the external audit, the Chairman will arrange for the Annual Return to be displayed.

c) 2009/2010 Budget – Councillors confirmed the budget agreed at the 22nd December meeting.

d) 2009/2010 Precept – Councillors confirmed the Precept request of £8,500.00 agreed at the 22nd December meeting.

e) Quality Status update - the Clerk had nothing to report.

Councillors asked if the Asset Register and insurance could be updated to include the new notice boards and play equipment.

06/09 CLERKS REPORT - To note items received for circulation and/or future discussion and items to be updated from previous meeting.

Notification of Decision on appeals on two complaints under the Code of Conduct – no further action the original decision is upheld - **for information**

NWDC Development Control Agendas, 17th December – **not circulated - no items for Dautsey**

Flood Working Group Minutes of 19th December 2008 – **for information**

Rural Facilities Survey – **for completion – Cllr. Vines will complete and return**

Malmesbury Area (1) Committee and Area Board (Pilot) Agenda 21st January 2009 – **for information**

Freedom of Information – Adoption of Publication Scheme – **for discussion and adoption of new scheme at earliest opportunity**

Community First Newsletter – **for information – change of details form**

WALC Newsletter December – **for information**

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

Wiltshire County Council – Winter well being for older people – **2 leaflets for information and distribution**

Fire Stop Project – Malmesbury Area – **for distribution**

Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board Newsletter – **for information**

Consultation on Code of Recommended practice on local authority publicity – **for information and response before 12th March**

Consultation on M&VCAP Community Plan 2009-2013 – **for information and response before 21st February – The Chairman reported that Parish Councils were being asked to look at priorities and pick 3 main issues. It was agreed a sub group consisting of Cllr. Mrs. Blacker, Cllr. Chapman and Cllr. Bond should consider community issues, taking into consideration the Adopted Parish Plan and identify the 3 issues and respond before the deadline, they should also consider the Consultation on Code of Recommended practice on local authority publicity and respond before the deadline.**

Request for Donation

Victim Support

Trade Information

Wicksteed

Cllr. Smith proposed Cllr. Mrs. Blacker seconded and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** : that Standing Orders were suspended to hear from a resident about issues relating to the gathering of information by Cllr. Chapman on behalf of the Flood Working Group.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

07/09

UPDATE ON STANDING ITEMS

Recreation Field Lease /Equipment Update

The Clerk reported that she had written to WCC regarding the long term lease, but she had asked for all future correspondence to be sent to the Chairman until a new clerk had been appointed.

Notice boards Update

This item had been dealt with during public question time.

Flooding Update

Cllr. Chapman reported that WCC had, because of inclement weather, been slow carrying out the works on Clack Hill to install a pipe and settlement chamber. An overflow will discharge into the canal during flood conditions but the main flow will continue to follow its historic route under the canal. The canal spillway blockage near Fairmeadow Farm had been cleared and the riparian owner identified.

Cllr. Chapman had walked the Brook from Union Farm to Dodford Lane, identifying several major obstructions near Dodford Lane (i.e. in Christian Malford Parish). He has had discussions with Christian Malford PC about the problem and they will try to get them rectified.

Cllr. Potter disagreed with the action being taken by WCC and stated that they were making a bigger problem. An exchange took place between Cllr. Potter and Cllr Chapman regarding the problems with flooding and the way that these issues were being handled.

Website Update

There was nothing reported as no one from the Steering Group was present but a meeting was due to be held in the near future.

08/09

PLAYAREA

The sub Committee reported that following actions had been taken in response to the Rospa report.

The slide had been removed.

The trip hazard at the seat had been dealt with.

It was not felt appropriate to site a litter bin.

The suggestion for displaying ownership signs will be actioned.

The movement clash with the swings will be monitored until they are removed.

The gate damage has been repaired.

The log bark has been delivered it just needs to be spread.

Excess weed growth will be dealt with in the spring.

The loose swing eye bolts have been examined and they are rusted so there is no significant movement

The sharp edged bolts have been dealt with

The netball ring has been removed

The trip hazard of the log edging round the swings can only be dealt with by putting in new surfacing.

The final issue regarding the site not being overlooked would need further consideration, as the removal of trees could draw attention to the existence of the recreation ground and create pockets of invisibility, it was suggested that Rospa should be asked what they would recommend.

It was noted that the swings would be removed soon.

Members noted that the £1000 included in the budget will go towards a capital fund which will include the replacement of equipment

09/09

HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Parish Stewards Winter Programme – next visits 5th February & 5th March.

The Clerk reported that the weeds round the signs had been reported to the Parish Stewards co-ordinator and they will be attended to on the next visit.

Mrs. Wade will liaise with Cllr. Potter regarding the request for the Parish Stewards to dig the holes for the new notice board.

b) Rights of Way Improvement Plan

The information on updating priorities had been delivered to Mr. Clemett but it would be unlikely to receive a response in the near future due to his Wife passing away.

c) Parish Improvement grants

This information was circulated to members to consider.

d) Highway condition between Dauntsey and Brinkworth

It was noted that WCC had put scalplings in the rut and a bollard on the grating, it was also noted that Brinkworth PC were lobbying for the area to be put into the maintenance programme.

e) Distribution of Temporary Traffic Orders – this was passed to the Chairman for completion,

10/09

COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cllr. Smith reported that there was a security floodlight at Old Dairy Farm, which is causing a traffic hazard during hours of darkness. Cllr, Vines will have a word with the owner.

Cllr. Chapman reported there is still no wheel wash for the vehicles working on the Olivemead Lane site, apparently there is no space on the site for one to be put, Cllr. Chapman is chasing the site manager for a meeting.

Cllr. Smith reported that the next meeting of the Malmesbury Patients Participation Group will be on 9th February.

Cllrs. Potter and Chapman had a further exchange about the ditch on Sodom Lane - Cllr Potter felt that there had been sewage run off from properties and asked Cllr Chapman why he hadn't asked the riparian owners to clear their ditches. Cllr. Chapman said that everyone had septic tanks, there had been some historic discharge but that there didn't seem to be any current problems. The main riparian owner for the obstructed ditch has been identified by WCC as Highways Agency (HA). HA are still failing to respond to emails - he would bring up at the next North Wilts Flood Working Group meeting.

11/09

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be on 31st March 2009, there will be a planning meeting on 24th February 2009 if required. Cllrs. Bond and Mrs. Blacker gave their apologies for the 31st March meeting.

Councillor

Signed