

DAUNTSEY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING HELD 22nd JANUARY 2007

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

Also present: Cllr. T. Sturgis (NWDC) 10 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. S. Wade asked if there was any movement on the 30 mph speed limit and the missing sign on Sodom Lane – Highways will be contacted

Mrs. S. Wade asked if the Garden Competition would be held and if so it would be the wheelbarrows again.

Councillors agreed in principle that the wheel barrow competition would be held again but that the decision on prize money would have to be considered during a meeting.

Mrs. S. Wade asked if there was to be a litter clean up – the parish council confirmed this would be held in late April or early May to coincide with the Best Kept Village judging.

Mrs. T. Chapman asked if the Parish Council would be allowed to pay for ditch clearance where landowners had not carried out their responsibility. There had also been flooding by Idoover and the Church which had not happened before where it would be helpful if flexible markers could be put out to show the depth of water and could the Parish Council pay for these. It was explained that the Parish Council would exceed their authority if they paid for ditches to be cleaned as this would clearly be a Highway responsibility, likewise there could be liability implications if the Parish Council put markers indicated the water was a particular height which implied it was safe to enter with a vehicle.

The Chairman reported a written question which had been e mailed to the Planning Authority for a response as the Parish Council were not aware of the latest position with relation to the negotiations on the application for Great Middle Green Farm.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Sturgis reported on the Wiltshire Compact – which at this stage has agreement in principle for a protocol to be established for how voluntary and local government sector will work together.

01/08 APOLOGIES – were received from Cllr. Barnicoat, County Cllr. Mrs. Soden

02/08 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

Cllr. Vines declared a prejudicial interest in item 04/08 – 07/03330/COU

03/08 MINUTES

Members had previously been circulated with the Minutes, amendments were made to Minute 38/07 to add “backdated pay for Mrs. Pile” and 43/07 Notice board discussion Cllr Potter proposed, Cllr Blacker seconded and unanimously that with the amendments

RESOLVED: to receive, approve and sign as a true record the Minutes of the following Meetings

Parish Council Meeting held 27th November 2007

04/08 PLANNING

Cllr. Vines declared a prejudicial interest on the next item and left the room

The Vice Chairman took the Chair

Applications – to make observations on Planning Applications received 07/03330/COU

Change of Use of Barn to Form Dwelling with Associated External Works at Land & Buildings at Peterborough Farm, Dauntsey Lock

No Objections

Cllr. Vines returned to the room and took the Chair

07/03339/FUL

Erection of rear single storey extension 11 St James, Dauntsey

No Objections

07/03148/FUL

Erection of Temporary Dwelling Field 4857, Brinkworth Road, Dauntsey

No objections

RESOLVED : That the Parish Councils Comments are submitted to the Planning Authority.

Decisions

07/02890/S73A

(Part Retrospective) Erect Outbuilding for Agricultural Storage (Re-submission of 07/00827/S73A) Homefield Barn, Dauntsey

REFUSED

07/01857/FUL

Change Use from Agriculture to B1 at Barn 2 at Idoover Demesne Farm, Dauntsey

GRANTED

RESOLVED : That the NWDC Planning Authority decisions are noted.

05/08 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a) Schedule of receipts and invoices for payment

Receipt

Sale of Parish Plan £ 5.00

Payments

Clerks Salary & Expenses January 2008 £ 192.29

Wiltshire & Berkshire Canal Trust £ 10.00

Brinkworth ED's CE School room hire 15.11.2007 £ 10.00

Mazars External Audit £ 164.50

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

RESOLVED : That the payments are approved

b) Parish Notice Boards – it was noted that an application for funding had been submitted to the Area Committee which would be discussed on 23rd January 2008, the outcome will be reported to the next meeting.

c) Draft Budget 2008/2009 – After lengthy discussion on the draft budget it was Proposed Cllr. Chapman seconded Cllr. Potter and unanimously

RESOLVED : That the 2008/09 budget as attached is adopted

d) Precept Requirement 2008/2009

Proposed Cllr. Chapman seconded Cllr. Potter and unanimously

RESOLVED : That the 2008/09 Precept requirement will be £7,000

f) Discussion took place on the timing of draft minutes, the Clerk responded that she would get the draft minutes circulated as soon as possible but bearing in mind that she was only contracted for 4 hours a number of factors such as the length of meetings had to be considered.

06/08

CLERKS REPORT – To note items received for circulation and/or future discussion and items to be updated from previous meeting
NWDC Development Control Agendas 21st November, 12th December, 9th January – **not circulated - no items for Dauntsey**

Register of Electors 2008 – **for information not circulated**

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service Invitation to attend Focus Group on Consultation for Annual Plan – **Can anyone attend 25th January Headquarters Potterne 10.30 a.m. ?**

Malmesbury Area (1) Committee Agenda – **Meeting 23rd January 2008 – DPC’s application for funding the new notice boards is on the agenda – it was also reported that there is to be a major presentation on flooding - Cllr. Vines and Councillor Mrs Blacker will attend.**

Shadow Transitional Executive Draft Report – **for information from C. Cllr. Mrs. Soden**

Draft Amendments to NWDC Licensing Policy - **Comment if required by 14th February 2008**

“Store is the Core” Community Owned Start Up Programme for Village shops – **for information**

Minutes of the Foxham & Lyneham Branch of the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust – **for information**

Community First Newsletter – **for information**

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

Community Arts Training – **for information**

CVS Newsletter – **for information**

Xmas Card NWDC

Trade Information from
Queensbury Shelters
Glasdon
Earth Anchors

07/08

PARISH WEBSITE

The Parish Council had received a further report from the website steering group which took on board some of the previous concerns. The Clerk reported that if the Parish Council were to agree to be the owners of the site, the Parish Council's current insurance would cover aspects of public liability, and libel and slander. However, Penny Bell of Community first suggested that by accepting this responsibility the Parish Council should retain an element of control, over the editorial content by drawing up an agreement whereby a member of the Parish Council is a member of the Steering Group.

Proposed Cllr. Mrs. Blacker, seconded Cllr. Bond, for Cllr. Vines, Cllr. Potter, Cllr. Smith against Cllr. Chapman

RESOLVED : That the Website proposal be accepted with the proviso that a member of the Parish Council is a member of the Steering Group with delegated authority and who would refer back to the Council if there was a concern.

It was agreed that the appointment of a Councillor to the Steering Group will be discussed at the next meeting.

08/08 HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Road Closure at St James in February – it was reported that a road closure would be in place for the next 4 – 5 weeks although official notice had not been received.

b) Parish Stewards – Winter dates are 6th February and 10th March it was noted that grips between Dauntsey and Great Somerford on the left hand side are badly silted up

c) Consultation on Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan – this will be circulated and any comments reported to the next meeting

RESOLVED: That the information is noted and action taken as required.

09/08 NEGOTIATION WITH WCC REGARDING THE RECREATION FIELD LEASE

Members discussed the current offer made by the County Council and after discussion it was

Proposed Cllr. Smith seconded Cllr. Chapman and unanimously

RESOLVED : that the Chairman should be delegated to have further negotiations with the County Council in respect of the two options being offered for the 99 year lease.

10/08 UPDATE ON FLOODING ISSUES

Members noted the earlier discussions regarding the cleaning of ditches and it is understood that Highways will respond to written complaints.

It was reported that the bases for the motorway sign had been allowed to block the ditch but it was not signed off by Highways and they can refuse to sign off until remedial work has taken place.

11/08 PARISH PLAN

Members had all received copies of the Parish Plan which it was agreed should be adopted as working document which should be consulted and updated periodically to take account of changing circumstances

Proposed Cllr. Vines seconded Cllr. Smith and unanimously

RESOLVED : That the Parish Council adopt the Parish Plan and that it be reviewed annually at the Annual Parish Meeting.

12/08 QUALITY COUNCIL

The Clerk had previously reported on the changes which would be required to ensure a successful move towards Quality Status, some of which were already underway with the establishment of the asset register etc.

Proposed Cllr. Vines seconded Cllr. Potter and unanimously

RESOLVED : That the Parish Council should pursue Quality Status at the earliest opportunity.

13/08

COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The following items will be placed on the next full council agenda

Noticeboards

Website Steering Group

Rospa Play Area Report

14/08

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full Council meeting will be held on 25th March 2008 a planning meeting may be held on 26th February if required.

Councillor Vines
Chairman