

DAUNTSEY PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING MEETING HELD 22nd DECEMBER 2008

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

Also present: 5 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 advised the meeting that she had heard that the missing chevrons at the bend in Sodom Lane are likely to be replaced in the next few weeks and she thanked all those involved in bringing the matter to a successful conclusion. Mrs Wade also enquired as to whether there was any news on the possibility of a 30 mph speed limit in Sodom Lane. As no one from WCC was present at the meeting it was not possible to provide an answer but there were views expressed from Parish Councillors that some progress might be made as further traffic surveys were to be carried out, possibly by the M&VCAP/Area Board Pilot Initiative and following the results of Golden River statistics. Councillor Smith asked if it might be possible for the Swallet Gate/St James area of the Parish to be included in any Golden River survey. A request would be made for this area to be included but this decision was in the hands of Police.

Councillor Potter advised that he had noted that there had been a visit from a Ministry Of Transport representative who he had seen taking photographs of various areas.

Concern was again expressed regarding heavy traffic throughout the Parish in particular the Flatlight vehicles who were using Whites Farm as a Depot. The suggestion that this traffic, which was causing considerable damage to highway verges, was connected to the works being carried out at Olive Mead Lakes could not be substantiated, as these works were being carried out by M Church. It was noted that there was a considerable amount of mud on roads in Olive Mead Lane, and that planning conditions regarding lorry wheel washing might not be being adhered to.

The condition of Church Lane was also raised and it was noted that a road sweeper was actually carrying out works prior to this evening's meeting.

Cllr Vines provided an update on Parish Notice Boards and confirmed that authority had now been given by the WCC Highways for the erection of the Notice Boards on Highway Verges in Sodom Lane and at St James subject to the work being carried out by an Approved Contractor. Previously permission had been given by the Landowner to erect the Notice Board at Church Lane and so the work could now proceed. The hardcopy information from WCC Highways was handed to Greenscape Ltd who had offered to carry out the required works.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

There were no Reports.

113/08 APOLOGIES – were received from Mrs P Dobson (Clerk).

114/08 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST – No interests were declared.

115/08 PLANNING
Applications – There were no Planning Applications to consider.

116/08 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a) Schedule of receipts and invoices for payment

Receipts

None

Payments

Nigel D Starr (works at Recreation Ground) £ 2097. 37
Invoice: £ 1785. 00 plus £ 312. 37 vat

Proposed Cllr. Mrs E Blacker, seconded Cllr. A Chapman and unanimously

RESOLVED: That the payment be approved.

b) 2009/10 Budget and Precept

A lengthy discussion on the Parish Council spending requirements for the year, and future years, took place and it was considered that it would be prudent to agree a new Council Policy that the Council should set a budget that would ensure an end of year bank balance equal to half of the Council's Precept. It was noted that this needed to be a target at this stage, as the implications of attaining this for this year would require a substantial increase in Precept.

Proposed Cllr. Mrs E Blacker, seconded Cllr. A Chapman and unanimously

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council should seek to ensure an end of year bank balance equal to half of the Council's Precept.

Following detailed appraisal of the financial details available it was agreed that the Council's Spending Budget would be set at £ 8550. 00 as shown on the attached Financial Spreadsheet that resulted in a Precept Requirement of £ 8500. 00.

Proposed Cllr. V Vines, seconded Mrs E Blacker and unanimously

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council Precept for 2009/10 be £ 8500. 00.

c) DCLG – Communities in Control (Real People, Real Power: Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members and Employees – A Consultation

The Consultation Document had been circulated prior to the Meeting and the contents were discussed in particular how it impacted on Parish Council Members and Employees. Advice was taken of the views of the NWDC Standards Committee who had also considered the Consultation earlier in the month and although they were a much larger Authority it was generally felt that all of the proposals should equally apply to all levels of Local Government.

Proposed Cllr. A Chapman, seconded Mrs E Blacker and unanimously

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council supports all of the proposals, as the principles should apply equally to all levels of Local Government.

117/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be 20th January 2009

The following dates were confirmed for the remainder of the Council Year

Tuesday 31st March 2009 Full Council Meeting

Tuesday 26th May 2009 **Annual Parish Council Meeting** followed by Full Council Meeting

Tuesday 28th April 2009 **Annual Parish Meeting** followed by Full Council Meeting (if required)

In addition the following date is set aside for an Extra Meeting to consider Planning Applications and Matters that cannot await the next Scheduled Full Council Meeting
Tuesday 24th February 2009

Vivian Vines 20. 01. 09

Councillor Vines
Chairman