

SHUTTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th OCTOBER 2008

1. PRESENT/ APOLOGIES

Present: Cllr J Tattersall in the Chair, Cllrs B Frost, E Wood, J Savage & N Perry. Parish Clerk: Mrs A Allsopp. Also in attendance Matthew Melnitschuk – WCC Traveller's Site Manager & four members of the public.

Apologies: Borough Cllrs Tilly May & Richard Jenkins.

2. OPEN FORUM

Residents raised concerns about the bad language, anti-social and intimidating behaviour being experienced in Alvecote, as well as the almost constant noise from barking dogs and lack of respect shown for private property.

Matthew updated those present about the current situation and promised to liaise with Rob Leahy – WCC Gypsies & Travellers' Liaison Officer, and if necessary contact Environmental Health, Noise Abatement and the RSPCA.

Concerns about water leaking outside the Wolferstan Arms were raised again. The Clerk agreed to contact South Staffs again.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th September were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. TRAFFIC CALMING – TO DISCUSS CHRIS LAMBERT DRAFT DOCUMENT

After some discussion Cllr Wood proposed that the footpath extension, gateways and signage be accepted so that work can commence. It was agreed that the Clerk should also send a covering letter requesting sight of detailed plans and raising a couple of queries. This was seconded by Cllr Perry and unanimously agreed. Councillors expressed disappointment that the railings and bollards had been rejected, but agreed that once the approved work had been done, this could then be reviewed.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - UPDATE

Carol Cotterill reported that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme is now running smoothly and information posted in the shop as it becomes available.

7. COMMUNITY SPEED AWARE PROJECT - UPDATE

Cllrs Savage and Tattersall reported that the Alvecote project is now complete.

The training for Shuttington will take place on Wednesday 15th and then be implemented on about five sites in Shuttington.

8. ALVECOTE TRAVELLERS SITE - UPDATE

This was covered under the Open Forum.

9. PLAY AREAS

Carol Cotterill reported that the Kick Wall is a huge success with the youth and has now been ROSPA checked. The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Drayton Manor Youth about the removal of the tyres from the Playing Field and agreed to request that the Kick Wall be added to the NWBC monthly Inspection Report. Councillors thanked Carol again for all her hard work. Carol agreed to further liaise with the youth and then arrange for photographs and a splash in the Herald. The youth have asked if the Kick Wall area could be lit. As there is still some money left from the Youth Opportunity Fund for Young People, Carol agreed to enquire whether this might be used for some low level lighting that would come on at dusk and go off at 9pm, and also to approach the Parish Hall to see if some agreement might be possible for the electricity required.

The football teams are still using the one pitch, but Rob Allton will erect the new goal posts soon on the repaired pitch so that the second pitch can be repaired before the winter and so that both pitches can be used by the end of the year. Cllr Wood proposed that the accumulated monies from the William Ferber Trust since 1992 (namely the sum of £114.73) should be put towards the purchase of the goal posts and that all future dividends (currently £7.60 per annum) should be put towards the cost of the annual inspection to keep the play equipment safe.

Cllr Tattersall is still liaising with Rob Leahy to refurbish the Play Area at Alvecote.

10. BUS SHELTER & BENCHES – UPDATE

The Jim Harding Memorial Bench now awaits delivery and will be in position as soon as the ground has been prepared for the bus shelter. With all funding now in place the bus shelters should be up before the bad weather commences.

11. TO FINALISE NEWSLETTER

Carol kindly provided a rough draft for Councillors to view. Councillors thanked Carol and agreed a few minor amendments. The Clerk agreed to arrange for CVS to photocopy the Newsletter, which will be delivered by Councillors.

12. REPORT FROM AREA FORUM NORTH MEETING

The Area Forum Fund awarded Shuttington the money requested for two bus shelters, noticeboards and litter bins. Mike Wylde reported that Police are working hard to deal with the nuisance youth and that CPSOs have volunteered to extend their shift by 2 hours to run until 12pm without additional pay. Concerns were raised by Councillors and the Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Inspector for clarification.

13. REPORT FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AGM

Carol reported that CPSO Julie Arbuckle had been nominated for an award for being pro-active in promoting and supporting Neighbourhood Watch in the area. WCC is funding Mike McGuire to work with some of the hard-core problem youth to try and improve the anti-social behaviour situation.

14. PLANNING

Councillors didn't foresee any problems with the Planning Application for a two-storey extension proposed for Shuttington Field's Farm, Main Road, Shuttington.

15. COUNCILLOR VACANCY – STRATEGY TO FIND A COUNCILLOR FOR CO-OPTION

Cllr Perry proposed Mark Blackburn from Coronation Crescent to fill the Councillor vacancy. This was seconded by Cllr Wood and unanimously agreed. Mark accepted the position and Councillors welcomed him onto Shuttington Parish Council. Shuttington now has a full complement of Councillors once again.

16. TO VOTE ON “FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT NEW MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME”

After a short discussion Cllr Frost proposed that the Model Publication Scheme be adopted without modification. This was seconded by Cllr Wood and unanimously agreed. It was agreed that the idea of setting up a Shuttington Web Site should be placed on the November Agenda for discussion.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was dealt with as per the October Correspondence List.

The Clerk agreed to confirm attendance at Jeff Brown's Planning Meeting in November. Cllr Frost will attend on 20th November, whilst Cllr Tattersall along with the Clerk will attend the 26th November meeting.

17. INVOICES

Invoices were approved for payment as per the October Correspondence List. A cheque was also raised for £385.65 as per the proforma invoice from Harewood Products for 2 x noticeboards.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Wood agreed to pursue the implications of the Draft Mineral Core Strategy, whilst Cllr Tattersall promised to progress the Parish BAP.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 10th November, 2008

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17th October, 2008